



MINUTES OF THE

Boiling Spring Baptist

ASSOCIATION.

1889.

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—OF THE—

Thirtieth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Boiling Spring Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

Christiana Church, Randolph County, Ala.,

SEPTEMBER 21, 22 AND 23, 1889.

OFFICERS:

T. H. HOWLE, Moderator,	- - - - -	Delta, Ala.
J. C. BEAN, Clerk,	- - - - -	Heflin, Ala.
T. J. McCLINTOCK, Treasurer,	- - - - -	Delta, Ala.

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Saturday, September 21, 1889, the Boiling Spring Baptist Association convened its Thirtieth Annual Session with Christiana Church, Randolph County, Alabama, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The introductory sermon was preached by the Rev. W. H. Preston, from Hebrews, 2d chapter, and 1st clause of the 3d verse: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

Adjourned for refreshments.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Messengers assembled in the church were called to order by the Rev. T. H. Howle (former Moderator), and after singing "There is a Land that is Fairer than Day," were led in prayer by the Rev. J. A. Shadix.

Brothers W. G. Preston and J. A. Kennedy were requested to receive the church letters, and Brethren A. J. Preston, W. M. Garrett and J. C. Taylor to read them.

The Moderator appointed a Committee on Credentials as follows: E. Miller, Isaac Haynes, J. A. Shadix.

Devotional Committee appointed Revs. W. A. Brown and John Barrett to preach at the arbor at 3 and 6 o'clock p. m.

Messengers were enrolled as follows:

Bethlehem—William Humphries, J. M. Camp, W. D. Hood, I. T. Henderson, J. M. Snow, S. L. Maning, and Thomas Collins; W. N. Bean, alternate.

Ebenezer—G. N. Banister, R. R. Hughes, J. R. Nowland; W. F. Wade, alternate.

Providence—B. Millsops, W. H. Patterson, J. B. Patterson.

Salt Creek—E. A. Stansell, Albert Adams, T. J. Carden, A. J. Adams; Oliver Adams, alternate.

Union—W. J. Davis, J. A. Dover, G. B. Shadix, H. W. Thompson.

Mt. Pisga—W. F. Reeves, T. P. Chandler, E. Jarrell; E. W. Banister, alternate.

Lime Hill—J. W. Bowling, G. E. Roper, S. Vinson; A. J. Denham, alternate.

Good Water—S. V. Hughes, J. T. Hughes, R. F. Clark.

Liberty—John Davis.

Hepzibah—T. J. Strong, J. H. Howle, J. W. Thrasher, Thomas Morrison.

Bethel—W. M. Daniel, C. D. Phillips, W. G. Slaughter, J. A. Kennedy, H. W. Armstrong, A. J. Lenerett, J. H. Armstrong.

Bethsaida—E. T. Abel, F. A. McWaters, Jacob Pirkle; J. C. Abel, alternate.

Pleasant Hill—S. W. Stuart, D. A. Johnson, B. V. Denmon, N. G. Campbell, J. M. Campbell; William Boggs, alternate.

New Harmony—T. J. Pernell, A. W. Williams, S. I. McDowell; E. J. Reid, alternate.

Heflin—J. C. Bean, J. L. McClintock, A. H. Edmondson.

Corinth—J. M. Hendon, C. M. Campbell, J. T. Thrower; J. E. McDowell, alternate.

Mt. Moriah—W. G. Preston, F. M. Dempsey, J. W. Lester, J. A. Preston, E. F. Lester; J. F. Preston, alternate.

Ramah—J. H. Fullerton, T. J. McClintock, J. K. Hardy, S. B. Smith, G. F. Ingram; J. J. Whitley, alternate.

Christiana—G. W. Bairfield, J. T. Thompson, J. D. Knight, Henry Taylor.

Pleasant Grove—W. J. Lake, W. H. Hardy, C. H. Mason, L. Graben, H. J. Price; T. J. Moore, alternate.

Good Hope—A. P. Jenkins, Isaac Haynes, R. C. Miller, W. W. Denman.

Permanent Organization.

Brethren W. A. Scott and W. H. Smith, of Cary Association, were requested to act as tellers. The Rev. T. H. Howle and J. C. Bean were re-elected Moderator and Clerk.

The Moderator, on accepting, announced the body organized and ready for business.

Read the Rules of Decorum.

Appointed a Committee on Devotional Services as follows: John M. Snow, Bethlehem; Isaac Haynes, Good Hope; J. A. Preston, Mt. Moriah, and J. A. Kennedy, Bethel, to confer with the deacons of Christiana Church.

An invitation was given for churches desiring membership with this body. Brethren J. G. Brimer, M. V. Stidem, J. W. Huett, J. D. Timmons and Z. T. Booser presented a letter from New Hope Church, and Brethren C. M. G. Smith, J. T. Mitchell, G. W. C. Waits, W. D. Gann and D. H. Stephens, from New Home. Both churches produced evidence of being Scripturally organized upon the abstract principles of this association, and were received as members of this body.

Called for correspondents, and received from Coosa River Association E. A. Aderholt; Arbacochee, I. N. Daniel, J. M. Prestage, F. L. Miller, W. M. Miller; Cary, W. A. Scott, W. S. Jones, W. H. Smith, W. A. Brown, Z. Jourdon.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the body.

On motion, suspended the regular order of business for the Moderator to appoint some one to preach the missionary sermon on the Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m., and Rev. A. J. Freston was appointed to preach the sermon.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren to fill the vacancies on the standing committees: Temperance, G. W. Fairfield, J. T. Thompson; Publications, J. A. Shadix, A. H. Edmondson, S. B. Smith; Answer Queries, W. G. Preston, J. W. Lester.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows: To preach at early candle light, Rev. S. P. Brown and Rev. J. C. Taylor; Sabbath at 9 a. m., Rev. W. M. Garrett; at 2 o'clock p. m., Rev. James Jourdon.

Sabbath Devotion.

The stand at the church was occupied at 9 o'clock a. m. by the Rev. W. M. Gar-

rett; at the Arbor at 11 o'clock by the Rev. A. J. Preston; at 2 o'clock p. m. by the Rev. James Jourdon, and at night by the Rev. W. H. Wright.

A collection was taken up for missions after the missionary sermon, which amounted to \$16.35. Also after Brother Jourdon had finished his sermon the brethren and friends made up about \$11 for him.

The congregations were large and attentive, and good order prevailed throughout the day.

Monday, 9 O'clock A. M.

The Messengers assembled at the house and after singing, "How Firm a Foundation," were led in prayer by Brother J. C. Taylor.

The weather being bad the marking of absentees was omitted.

Renewed the call for correspondents. Received from Cary Association the Rev. J. G. Robertson, and W. H. Wright from the Arbacoochee Association.

Called for reports of Standing Committees.

Report on Destitutions was read and adopted. See Appendix (A).

The Committee on Home Missions, being not ready to report, was excused.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted. (B.)

The report on Sabbath Schools was read, and, after a short discussion, the regular order of business was suspended, to take pledges from the churches in regard to the work of Sabbath Schools. The churches were called separately, and the messengers pledged that they would use more energy and influence to organize and keep up a Sabbath School at their churches in the future than they had in the past. Report was adopted. (C.)

The report on Temperance was read and adopted. (D.)

The Committee on Publications, not being prepared to report, was excused; also excused the Committee on Obituaries.

Brother J. C. Taylor was added to the Committee to Answer Queries.

Appointed Committee on Finance as follows: James Preston, Mt. Moriah; William Humphries, John M. Snow, Bethlehem; T. J. Pesnell, New Harmony; S. W. Stuart, Pleasant Hill.

Called for resolution.

A resolution was offered concerning Christiana Church, and on motion was committed as follows: W. M. Garrett, J. A. Shadix, W. H. Hardy, J. A. Kennedy, F. M. Dempsey. (See Resolution 2.)

The report of the Committee to Answer Queries was read and adopted. (E.)

Adjourned one hour for refreshments.

1 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Messengers reassembled in the house and were led in prayer by Brother I. N. Daniel in behalf of the churches.

Appointed an Executive Committee as follows: John M. Snow, Bethlehem; W. H. Hardy, Pleasant Grove; J. H. Howle, Hepzibah.

Correspondents were appointed to sister associations as follows:

Cary—H. C. Knight, J. W. Stephens, T. H. Howle.

Arbacoochee—W. H. Preston, J. C. Taylor, G. M. C. Smith, W. M. Garrett, E. Miller, T. J. Strong, D. B. Hicks, J. H. Howle.

Coosa River—T. H. Howle, J. C. Bean, J. A. Kennedy, W. M. Garrett, C. D. Phillips, W. D. Hood, W. H. Preston, William Daniel, J. T. Timmons, J. M. Camp, E. A. Stansell, C. Ingram, S. B. Smith.

Harmony—J. A. Shadix, John Barrett, J. C. Taylor.

On motion, this body hold its next session with Bethel Church.

On motion, Brother Davis be received as a delagate from Liberty Church.

Sardis and Mt. Olive were considered out of order, according to the 4th Article of the Constitution, and the Moderator appointed the following brethren to visit those

churches and ascertain why they have been absent for two sessions and report at the next meeting of this body:

Mt. Olive—S. B. Smith, Isaac Haynes.

Sardis—E. A. Stansell, B. Millsops.

The report of the Financial Committee was read and adopted. (F.)

Adopted the 7th resolution in the last Minutes as a standing resolution.

Adopted the change of the 8th article, as requested in the 5th resolution of last minutes.

Committee on Devotional Services reported that Revs. T. H. Howle and W. J. Campbell had been appointed to preach the next introductory sermon, and the Revs. W. M. Garrett and J. A. Shadix the missionary sermon.

Report of the treasurer was read and adopted. (G.)

Report of the Executive Committee was read and tabled.

On motion, the treasurer be instructed to send the money for missions immediately to the Board.

After singing a hymn, extending the parting hand, and prayer by the Rev. J. G. Churlafson, the body adjourned to meet with Bethel Church, five miles south of Chulafinnee, on Tuesday after the fourth Sabbath in September, 1890, at 11 o'clock a. m.

J. C. BEAN, CLERK.

T. H. HOWLE, MODERATOR.

Resolutions.

Resolved 1st. That the Churches be called and pledges be given from each church of how much they will try to raise for missions by the next session of the body:

Bethlehem.....	\$5 00
Ebenezer.....	1 00
Providence.....	1 00
Salt Creek.....
Union.....	2 50
Mt. Pisga.....	1 00
Lime Hill.....	2 00
Good Water.....	1 00
Hepzibah.....	5 00
Bethel.....	20 00
Bethsaida.....
Pleasant Hill.....	5 00
New Harmony.....	5 00
Heflin.....	6 00
Corinth.....
Mt. Moriah.....	5 00
Ramah.....	10 00
Christiana.....	2 00
Pleasant Grove.....	1 50
Good Hope.....	1 00
New Home.....	3 00
Total.....	\$77 00

P. S.: The above is not considered binding at all, but to get an expression from those churches that are willing and will try to do something for missions, each church reserving the right to say what field she wants her money sent to.—[Clerk.

Resolved 2. That the Association advise the excluded minority of Christiana Church to ask the majority to reclaim them, and further advise the majority to do so without any concessions from the minority.

W. M. GARRETT, }
 W. H. HARDY, }
 J. A. KENNEDY, } Committee.
 J. A. SHADIX, }
 F. M. DEMPSEY. }

Resolved 3. That the clerk of the Association be requested to order a sufficient number of the Abstract of the Report of the Home Mission Board for 1889, to furnish one with each Minutes of the Association.

Resolved 4. That our Clerk and Brother J. C. Taylor be requested to draw up a short form of a letter from the churches to the Association and have printed in the Minutes.

Resolved 5. That the next session of this body meet on Tuesday after the fourth Sabbath in September, 1890.

Resolved 6. That this body tender their thanks to this church and community for their kind hospitality shown us during our stay with them.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved 7. That we allow the Clerk \$10 for his services, and the balance be appropriately apportioned for Minutes.

Resolved 8. That this Association is in profound sympathy with all movements which look to the suppression of the sale and drinking of intoxicating liquors.

Resolved 9. That we recommend our churches to exclude from their fellowship any member who in any way aids in the making, selling, or licensing of any one to sell ardent spirits.

Resolved 10. That it is the sense of this Association that the reported desecration of the Sabbath day by members going to and from market is totally at variance with the Sacred Scriptures and should not be tolerated.

Resolved 11. That each minister of this Association be requested to have as many as two appointments each month during the next Associational year.

Ordained Ministers and their Postoffices.

A. F. Allen, De Armanville, Ala.
W. U. Alman, Heflin, Ala.
Wylie W. Adams, Kentuck, Ala.
S. P. Brown, Oxford, Ala.
C. C. Barrett, Hope Hull, Ala.
J. M. Barrett, Renfrae, Ala.
J. W. Chandler, Oxford, Ala.
W. J. Campbell, Chulafinnee, Ala.
E. Y. T. Davis, Hope Hull, Ala.
J. T. Damron, Kentuck, Ala.



W. M. Garrett, Delta, Ala.
T. H. Howle, Delta, Ala.
J. C. Heptinstell, De Armanville, Ala.
H. C. Knight, Black's Store, Ala.
E. Miller, Oak Lone, Ala.
W. H. Preston, Rocky Mount, Ala.
J. A. Shadix, Shinbone, Ala.
J. W. Stephens, Black's Store, Ala.
J. J. Teague, Arbacoochee, Ala.
C. H. Venerable, Chulafinnee, Ala.

Licentiates.

James Buckhannon, Oakfuskee, Ala.
Scott Bird, Chulafinnee, Ala.
W. L. Brown, Chulafinnee, Ala.
A. R. Baker, De Armanville, Ala.
P. L. Chandler, Oxford, Ala.
Henry Humphries, Oxford, Ala.
D. B. Hicks, Heflin, Ala.
L. P. Hardnett, Christiana, Ala.
Adam Garmon, Oxford, Ala.
Monroe Garrett, Oxford, Ala.
J. D. Johnson, Chulafinnee, Ala.



J. S. Moore, Black's Store, Ala.
A. P. Key, Chulafinnee, Ala.
William Odell, Oxford, Ala.
J. Ray, De Armanville, Ala.
M. V. Stidham, De Armanville, Ala.
H. H. Stephens, Delta, Ala.
J. C. Taylor, Heflin, Ala.
J. M. Williams, Chulafinnee, Ala.
J. A. Wright, Kentuck, Ala.
R. J. Wade, Kentuck, Ala.

Committees to Report Next Session.

Destitution—D. B. Hicks, S. P. Brown, R. R. Hughes.

Home Missions—W. M. Garrett, J. M. Barrett, S. W. Stuart.

Foreign Missions—W. J. Campbell, J. D. Johnson, Monroe Garrett.

Sabbath Schools—W. H. Preston, M. V. Stidham, S. Vinson.

Temperance J. C. Taylor, E. Miller, E. A. Stansell.

Publications—H. C. Knight, C. C. Barrett, E. T. Abel.

Obituaries—J. A. Shadix, A. F. Allen, W. G. Preston.

Answer Queries—W. H. Hardy, J. A. Kennedy, Isaac Haynes.

The third district meeting will convene with Mt. Moriah Church on Friday before the second Sabbath in August, 1890.

The Committee on Obituaries failed to make a report this session. Since our last meeting one of our Deacons, Brother A. Colclough, of Ramah Church, has died, but we are satisfied that our loss is his gain.—[Clerk.]

Form of a Letter to the Association.

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The Baptist Church of Christ at..... to the Boiling Spring Baptist Association:

DEAR BRETHREN: We send as Messengers, Brethren who will aid you to the best of their ability.

Rev. has served us as Pastor this Associational year.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCH.

Membership last reported.....
Increased by experience and baptism.....
Increased by letter.....
Increased by restoration.....

Total.....
Diminished by letter.....
Excluded.....
Dead.....

Total.....
Present membership.....
Minute funds.....
Home missions.....
Foreign mission.....
Associational missions.....
Time of meeting.....

} Ordained Ministers.

} P.O. Address.

} Licentiates.

} P.O. Address.

We have Sabbath School.

Remarks: Brethren, we conclude by soliciting your prayers and co-operation in the cause of our Master.

....., Moderator.

....., C. C.

P. S.: If any church has a query, or wish the body to convene with her, or desire any information, add it under "Remarks" with as few words as possible. In the statistical table avoid using the different items when the number is blank. To illustrate: Don't say excluded none, dead none, missions none; but leave off entirely when blank. —[Clerk.

The Baptist State Convention will convene at Selma, November 8. Hon. Jno. Haralson, of Selma, president; William A Davis, Anniston, Secretary.

The next session of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held at Fort Worth, Texas, beginning Friday, May 9, 1890. Hon. Jno. Haralson, Selma, Ala., president. Lansing Burrows, D. D., Augusta, Ga., and O. F. Gregory, D. D., Baltimore, Md., secretaries.

APPENDIX.

Report on Destitutions.

[A]

We, your Committee on Destitutions, make the following report: We know of no destitutions except Liberty and Sardis churches.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Report on Foreign Missions.

[B]

This is a subject in which every redeemed soul should feel deeply interested. Yes, every child of God is and should be interested in the salvation of others, and as it has pleased God through the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe, we feel anxious that all men should hear the Gospel, believe, and be saved. Our Savior was interested in the salvation of mankind, and not only this but even the angels of Heaven rejoice when a sinner repenteth. Yes, Heaven is interested in this work, and it is the will of God that all should hear the Gospel and live. Christ says, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." Matt. 24.14.

This Gospel which is to be preached unto all nations is the good tidings of great joy which shall be to all nations. Our Lord's last commandment was "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel unto every creature, and lo, I am with you all way even to the end of the world." Now Christ teaches us to pray "thy will be done," and we have seen from Christ's own words that it is His will that all should hear the Gospel. Brethren, do we pray "thy will be done," and if we do, do our acts show that we mean what we pray? Judging from our contributions, we are obliged to conclude that we do not mean what we say when we pray "thy will be done." But let us look at some of the facts concerning the work of the Foreign Mission Board. The work lies in five great continents, Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America. Our work in Europe is in Italy, where we began in 1871 in the city of Rome. The work is under the supervision of G. B. Taylor and J. H. Eager. Under their direction are twelve excellent station pastors besides a number of colporteurs; about 14 churches at least. Then, we say, success in Italy. Our work in Asia is located in China, where three main stations, extending along the eastern coast from the center, from which the work is extended towards the interior. The stations are Tientsin-Chow in the North, Shanghai in the Center and Canton in the South. We have about 750 members in China, and they pay \$1.00 per member. We have no Mission Station in Japan, as yet, but the Board has appointed two first-class young men to go there, Rev. J. H. Brownson, of South Carolina, and J. W. McCollum, of Alabama, to open up a mission there. Our

work in Africa has suffered for want of men, but several have been appointed to that field and will begin work soon. Our work in South America is confined to Brazil. We have five organized churches, besides a number of stations with native workers. Our Mexico missions began in 1880, and we now have 19 churches with over 600 members besides a constant increase. We have 20 American missionaries, besides over that number of natives.

Respectfully,

W. H. PRESTON, Chairman.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

[C]

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report: The Sabbath School is a great power for good. 1st. It is a power for good in moralizing our children. 2d. In preventing the desecration of the Sabbath. 3d. In learning them to think and to think right. 4th. In Christianizing them. We understand that the American Baptist Publication Society, by its mission and colporteurs, have organized an average of 300 Sabbath Schools every year for the last twenty years, and when we call to mind the fact that there are about eight million of Sabbath School students in the land who assemble every Sabbath, studying God's word, we can begin to realize the great good it is accomplishing. But, alas! we see many of our churches and neighbors that have no Sabbath School, yet we are glad to note the fact that the enterprise is on the increase in our country and we hope soon to see all our children under the influence of the Sabbath School. We hope to hear at the next session of this body that all the churches composing the same will report a Sabbath School organized in them and by them.

W. M. GARRETT, Chairman.

Report on Temperance.

[D]

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report: Whereas, temperance is greatly needed in our bounds, we urge the brethren of this Association to teach it more than we have heretofore, and heed the Word of God where it says, "Be temperate in all things."

G. W. BAIRFIELD, }
H. J. TAYLOR, } Committee.
J. T. THOMPSON, }

Report on Answering Queries.

[E]

We, your Committee to Answer Queries, make this as our report: What ought to be done with an ordained minister that has been excluded from the Church for departing from the faith, and refuses to give up his credentials? Answer.—He should be published to the world.

F. M. DEMPSEY, Chairman.

Report of Finance Committee.

[F]

We, your Committee, make the following report. We find for:

Minute Fund.....	\$35 00
Foreign Missions.....	9 50
Home Missions.....	3 80
Missions.....	26 75

\$75 05

J. A. PRESTON, Chairman.

Report of Treasurer.

[G]

September 24, 1888—By amount on hand.....	\$85 15	
September 24, 1889—By interest on \$9 80 twelve months.....	80	
	85 95	\$85 95
September 24, 1888—Paid for minutes.....	31 85	
June 11, 1889—Sent to State Mission Board.....	43 50	
	75 35	
September 24, 1889—By balance on hand, Indigent Mission fund		\$10 60
Received on Sabbath.....		16 65
Received of Finance Com. Minute Fund...		35 00
Received for Foreign Missions.....		9 50
Received for Home Missions.....		3 80
Received for Missions.....		26 75
Total.....		\$102 30

T. J. McCLINTOCK, Treasurer.

As requested in Resolutions (3d) I wrote to Brother Crumpton, and he wrote to the Home Mission Board. They replied they were short of the Abstracts, but would furnish me a few with some other work. But I failed to receive them up to the time my manuscript went to press.—[CLERK.]

Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage 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 decisions 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 time, without leave from the Association.
6. The Moderator, when addressed for leave to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject 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 that made it.
8. Every case taken up by the Association shall be first decided or withdrawn before another is offered.
9. When anything 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 during the services of the Association without leave.
12. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in our addresses to each other.
13. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.
14. No brother shall be allowed to indulge in any practice that has a tendency to interrupt in time of 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 is equally divided.
16. Any person breaking this Decorum shall be reprov'd at the discretion of the Association, but only on the day 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 in our union which shall be unanimous.
18. The Rules of Decorum shall be read at the opening of each session of this body.

Constitution.

ARTICLE I. The ordained and licensed ministers, together with the lay members who are regular chosen delegates, and who are in good standing in our union, shall compose this Association. Ministers are not considered as delegates, but are considered as members, and have the same privilege of debate and vote as other members and of performing any other duty assigned them by the body.

II. The members so chosen shall produce letters or other evidences from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with the state of their churches since their last representation.

III. The members thus chosen and convened shall be called the Boiling Spring Baptist Association.

IV. The Association shall sit as an advisory council, and shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe on the internal right of the Churches, but shall have power to withdraw from any church proved to be unsound in faith and practice according to the Scripture; and any church that fails to represent itself for two associational meetings shall be deemed in disorder. It shall then be the duty of the Association to appoint two or more brethren to visit said church to ascertain the cause of its delinquency, and to report the same to the next Association.

V. If one church commits an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender; and if it fails to obtain satisfaction, it shall call the aid of two or more sister churches; and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, the aggrieved church may lay the case before the Association for advice; and if a serious difficulty should arise in an individual church, which after due labor, it cannot reconcile, it may call to its aid two or more churches of its union; and if the difficulty be not then removed, it shall be the duty of the church to bring the case before the Association, to be acted upon as above prescribed; but the Association shall take cognizance of no case unless a due course of procedure shall have been taken.

VI. Any church desiring admittance into this union shall petition by letter and messengers, and, if found orthodox, shall be received by the Association through the Moderator's giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

VII. Each church in our union shall have three delegates until it has fifty members, and then one additional delegate for every twenty-five members after the first fifty.

VIII. Any church has a right to authorize any brother over whom it has jurisdiction to exercise in public, if, in its judgment, it may deem him worthy; but in licensing we recommend the churches to call to their aid experienced members from other churches. In case of ordination we recommend that two or more ordained ministers be called to aid in the same and that a report be made at the next Association.

IX. This Association may correspond with any Baptist benevolent institution she may deem expedient, and shall be considered a co-worker with all the missionary enterprises of the day, as far as authorized or required by the Scripture.

X. This Association shall have power at the convening of each session to elect a Moderator and Clerk, who shall hold office until the next regular election.

XI. Any amendment may be made to this form of Constitution at any time when two thirds of the Association may deem it expedient.

XII. Any church wishing a letter of dismission shall make application therefor by letter.

Abstract of Principles, Proof.

1. We believe in only one true and living God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, these three in one.—Cor. 8.4; Isah 44, 6, 45 5.21; "Thou hast created all things." Rev. 4.11; Gen. 1; Heb. 3.4; Jer. 10.12; Ex. 15.11; Isa 6.3.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only true rule of faith and practice.—Proof: 2 Pet. 1.21; Acts, 1.16; 3. 21; Rom. 3. 2; 2 Tim. 3.16; Heb. 1.2; 2 Pet. 3.16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.—Proof: Rom. 5.12; 14.19; Gen. 3.6-24; Ps. 51.5.

4. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and holiness.—Proof: Eph. 2. 1-3; Isa. 53.6; Gal. 3. 10-22. Rom. 3.19.

5. We believe in the doctrine of election through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truths.—John 3. 16; Eph. 2. 4-10, 1 John 4.10; Phil. 2. 6-7; Heb. 2. 15-16.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the merits of Jesus Christ.—Proof: Tit. 3.7; Phil. 3.9; Rom. 5, 1-5-9; Gal. 2, 16-19.

7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and not finally fall away.—Proof: Matt. 10.22; John. 10.28-29; 4. 14-17; 2.7.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church of Christ and that believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion only is baptism.—Proof: Matt. 28.10; Acts 2. 42; Mark, 1. 4-9.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment.—Proof:—Acts, 24.15; Luke, 14.14; John, 5.28; Matt. 13.49; 24.31; 25.32.

10. We believe that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.—Proof: Matt. 25.26; Ps. 9.17; Dan. 12.2.

11. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as has been called of God, and regularly baptized and approved by the church, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.

12. We believe that none but believers have a right to the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK'S ADDRESS.	Received.				Dismissed.				Sabbath of Meeting	Minute Fund.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Missions.	Churches Having Sabbath Schools	
					By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	From Anti Church Missionaries	By Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Membership							Total
Bethlehem	Cleburne	A. F. Allen	De Armanville	J. M. Snow, Oxford	1	17	2		5	2	2	158	2	\$3 40			\$2 00	\$	24
Sardis	Cleburne	Not represented	Buckeye	H. V. Garden, Kentuck	2	5			2			36	1	1 00					2
Blazer	Talladega	W. W. Adams	Munford	D. J. Harr, White Cloud	7	1			13	2	1	63	3	1 50					3
Providence	Talladega	C. C. Barrett	Shimbone	E. A. Stansell, Kentuck	1	2			6		1	75	3	1 50					3
Salt Creek	Talladega	T. H. Shadix	Buckeye	W. J. Davis, Shimbone	1	1					1	63	2	1 50					3
Union	Clay	W. W. Adams		W. Odell, Oxford							2	19	3	1 50					3
Mt. Pisga	Cleburne	J. W. Chandler		S. E. McChoskim, Oxford	7	4			5	2	1	42	3	1 50					4
Lime Hill	Talladega	S. P. Brown	Oxford																
Liberty	Talladega	J. G. Nall		C. C. Barrett, Munford	4	5			3			28	4	1 00					2
Good Water	Talladega	J. C. Heppinstell		J. D. Thomons, De Armanville	16	19			8	2		33	3	2 50			2 00		17
New Hope	Cleburne	W. H. Wright		J. H. Howle, Oakfuskee	10	6	1		7	1		108	2	2 50					3
Henzbah	Clay	W. M. Garrett	Delta	W. G. Slaughter, Oakfuskee	20	3			2			11	1	1 50					3
Bethel	Clay	S. P. Brown	Oxford	H. H. Abel, Abel	17	8	2		10	6	1	101	1	2 00					3
Bethsaida	Cleburne	W. J. Campbell	Chattahome	Wm. Rogers, Chattahome	5	4	1		6	1	1	57	3	1 50			3 80		3
Pleasant Hill	Cleburne	W. J. Campbell	Chattahome	J. T. Fennell, Hehn	17	6			10		1	38	4	2 00			4 00		3
New Harmony	Cleburne	T. O. Gann	Oxford	J. C. Bean, Hehn	5	4			6		1	57	3	1 50					3
New Hehn	Cleburne	H. C. Knight	Black's Store	J. M. Hendon, Chattahome	10	6		6	4	1	1	36	4	2 00					3
Corinth	Clay	W. M. Preston	Rocky Mount	J. T. Smith, Rocky Mount	19	6	2		9	2		101	1	2 00					3
Mt. Moriah	Clay	W. M. Garrett	Delta	J. T. McClintock, Delta	1	2			4	1	1	101	3	2 00					3
Ramah	Clay	W. M. Garrett	Shimbone	G. W. Bairfield, Christiansa	1	2			14	3	1	100	1	3 00					3
Christiana	Randolph	J. H. Shadix	Black's Store	T. J. Moore, Limeville	13	5	4		12	4		30	2	1 50					3
Pleasant Grove	Clay	H. C. Knight	Delta	W. E. Keagon, Delta		1			5			32	4	1 00					3
Good Hope	Clay	T. H. Howle	Rocky Mount	J. T. Mitchell, Delta		1							2	1 50					3
New Home	Randolph	W. H. Preston			11														3
Mt. Olive	Clay	Not represented.																	3
Totals					144	116	16		6 124	22	12	1482	2	\$35 90		\$3 80	\$8 00	\$26 15	



