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Baptist Association

HELD WITH  
Bethlehem Church

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# MINUTES.

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BETHLEHEM CHURCH,  
*October 26, 1897.*

THE BOILING SPRINGS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Thirty-eighth Annual Session this day, with the above-named church.

Prayer service was held at 10 A. M.—conducted by Brother James Jinkins.

After reading the fifth chapter of Matthew, and singing the hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," and prayer by J. C. Wright, D. D., the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. M. Garrett, from Matthew v., 16: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven;" followed by Rev. Mansel Garrett. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Shadix.

Adjourned for refreshments.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 P. M the messengers reassembled in the church. The Association was called to order by Rev. W. M. Garrett, former Moderator. After singing, "How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord," were led in prayer by Rev. M. B. Garrett.

The Moderator requested Brethren J. W. Lester and Frank Clark to receive, and Revs. J. E. Barnard and W. T. Davis, and Brother F. J. Ingram, to read the church letters.

Messengers were enrolled, as follows:

*Bethlehem*—Henry McDowell, T. C. Waters, Wm. Moore, E. M. Pinson, W. P. Humphries, Florence Parnell, J. T. Henderson.

*Bethsaida*—Stephen Nixon, J. A. J. Robertson, T. J. Dulin, D. R. Duffie.

*Bethel*—W. W. Payne, W. M. Armstrong, J. M. Leverett.

*Christiana*—J. D. Knight, S. B. Ingram, M. L. Davis, C. H. Mason, Wilson Johnson, F. J. Ford, T. M. Cofield.

*Good Hope*—W. E. Reagan, J. C. Stansell, J. L. McClintock, C. C. McGlintock.

*New Home*—

*Mt. Moriah*—G. F. Ingram, W. G. Preston, J. A. Preston, E. F. Lester, A. M. Smith, J. W. Lester.

*Pine Grove*—J. G. Mitchell, J. A. Seagers, M. M. Dempsey.

*Jenifer*—Mat. Wheeler, W. S. Clark, L. L. Dameron, P. W. Cotton, J. R. Ruff, T. J. Martin, W. M. Clark.

*Ramah*—J. H. Fullerton, T. H. Howle, Jr., Clinton Garrett, H. C. Willingham, I. H. Garrett, S. B. Smith.

*Salt Creek*—J. A. Adams, J. F. Clarke, J. W. Wade, R. F. Clark, J. H. Murner.

*Union*—J. T. Shadix, T. C. Strickland, E. A. Stansell, W. G. Shadix, J. A. Shadix.

*Providence*—J. J. Gaither, G. W. Gunter.

*Ebenezer*—J. T. Hughes, L. L. Conn.

*Pleasant Grove*—Joseph Graham, Timothy Orr, P. D. Atchison, W. B. Greggs, H. H. Reeves, J. R. Atchison.

*Mt. Olive*—J. A. Dover, D. G. Bowling, F. C. Fulton, Lime Hill.

Called the roll. The Moderator announced a quorum present, and permanent organization in order.

On motion of Rev. T. Howle, the vote of the Association was cast by Rev. J. A. Shadix, for Rev. W. M. Garrett for Moderator and for J. H. Fullerton for Clerk of the Association; and they were declared elected.

In a few brief and appropriate remarks the Moderator accepted, and announced the body duly organized and ready for business.

On motion of T. H. Howle, reading the rules of decorum was passed.

Received correspondents as follows:

From Cary Association—Revs. W. T. Davis, W. O. Jenkins, J. B. Garrett, Brethren J. J. Smith, F. J. Ingram.

From Calhoun County Association—Rev. J. E. Barnard, representing Howard College; and Ministerial Education, J. J. Smith, D. D.; Dr. B. D. Williams, Thos. M. Draper, W. D. Snow and Abner Williams, representing the Alabama Baptist and Mission Journals.

Received visiting brethren as follows: Rev. Mansel Garrett and James Jenkins.

Gave an invitation to churches desiring membership with this body.

Appointed a Committee on Devotional Service, viz: J. A. Preston, J. R. Atchison, John Dover, with the pastor and messengers of Bethlehem church.

Vacancies on standing committees were filled as follows: On Publications, W. G. Preston; on Sabbath Schools, T. H. Howle; on Home Missions, W. P. Humphries, Stephen Nixon and S. J. Ingram.

Brother F. J. Ingram, from the Carey Association, was requested to assist the Committee on State Missions.

Fixed hours of meeting at 8:30 A. M. and 1:30 P. M.; adjournment at 12 M. and 4 P. M.

On motion of Rev. T. H. Howle, set the hour of 1:30 P. M. for Brother Barnard to address the Association in behalf of Howard College and Ministerial Education, to be followed by Brother Abner Williams in behalf of the Alabama Baptist and Mission Journal.

Set the hour of 11 tomorrow to preach the Missionary sermon.

Brother J. D. Knight was excused, on account of sickness.

Called for reports of Sabbath School, Home, State and Foreign Missions. Committee not being ready to report, were granted further time.

Committees on Temperance, Publication and Obituaries, asked further time; which was allowed.

The Devotional Committee was requested and empowered to select some one to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this body, and to elect messengers to the State and Southern Baptist Convention.

Heard remarks of Dr. B. D. Williams on the subject of Missions.

Brother J. W. Snow read the report from Bethlehem Church on assigning homes to the messengers.

Devotional Committee announced Révs. Jas. A. Shadix and Dr. W. O. Jenkins to preach at the church tonight; and Revs. T. H. Howle and W. T. ——— to preach the Missionary sermon tomorrow.

On motion of Stephen Nixon, the Association adjourned, after benediction by W. O. Jenkins.

## SECOND DAY.

### MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 8:30 o'clock, after singing "How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord;" reading the twenty-third Psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Were led in prayer by W. O. Jenkins, from the Cary Association.

There not being a quorum present, held devotional service, consisting of singing, "O happy day, that fixed my choice;" prayer by W. D. Snow; song, "Alas, and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die;" prayer by M. B. Garrett.

The Moderator announced a quorum present, and the Association in order for business,

Appointed a Finance Committee, viz: Stephen Nixon, W. G. Preston, T. C. Waters.

Called for report on Obituaries, which was read by Rev. S. J. Ingram, and adopted.

Report on Destitution was read by F. J. Clark, and adopted.

On motion of J. D. Johnson, adopted the report on the Orphans' Home—read by Brother Abner Williams, of Calhoun County Association—after being discussed by J. A. Shadix, J. D. Johnson, W. T. Davis, Mansel Garrett, Abner Williams.

Took up a collection, amounting to \$5.23, for said Orphans' Home.

Report on Sabbath School was read by S. H. Howle. Discussed by T. H. Howle, J. D. Johnson, W. T. Davis, Jas. Jenkins, Mansel Garrett, J. E. Barnard, and adopted.

Suspended the order of business, and received correspondents from Cedar Creek Association, viz: J. H. Howle, W. Z. T. Chatman.

The Moderator announced the hour of the day in order.

Adjourned, to hear preaching.

Sung "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound;" and were ably entertained on the subject of Missions, by Revs. T. H. Howle and W. T. Davis, from the eighth verse, first chapter of Acts: "But ye shall receive power from on high." Sung, "We shall meet in the glad forever;" prayer by M. B. Garrett. Sung, "Leaning on the everlasting arms," and adjourned, after benediction by Rev. J. J. Smith.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator at 2 o'clock. Sung, "In the sweet bye-and-bye," and were led in prayer by T. M. Draper.

Suspended the order of business, and heard the letter from Bethel Church.

Read and adopted report on Publications.

Heard remarks of Brother Abner Williams in behalf of the Alabama Baptist and Mission Journals.

The Association was addressed in behalf of Howard College and ministerial education, by Rev. J. E. Barnard. Took up a collection for ministerial education, amounting to \$4.03.

Report on Home Mission was read by Stephen Nixon.

Report on State Mission was read by Brother F. J. Ingram.

Report on Foreign Mission was read by J. D. Johnson.

The Missions reports were to be discussed collectively.

A motion of W. G. Preston, to limit the speeches tomorrow to fifteen minutes each, was carried.

A motion of J. D. Johnson, to hold a night session and discuss the Temperance report, was lost, by a rising vote.

Devotional committee announced Brethren S. J. Ingram and W. Z. T. Chatman to preach tonight, at the church; Brother J. E. Barnard to preach tomorrow, at 11 o'clock.

On motion of W. G. Preston, adjourned—after benediction by J. D. Johnson.

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 THIRD DAY.

## MORNING SESSION.

The Association having assembled at 8:30 o'clock, were called to order by the Moderator. After reading the ninth chapter of Corinthians, sung "Come, angel bands, around me stand," and were led in prayer by Brother W. Z. T. Chatman.

Suspended the order of business, and heard the report on Temperance, which was read by T. H. Howle. Discussed by T. H. Howle, A. F. Allen, W. D. Snow, J. E. Barnard, and adopted.

Agreed, that the next session of this body be held with Christiana Church.

Appointed correspondence to sister Associations, as follows:

To Cary Association—J. D. Johnson, J. A. Shadix, S. J. Ingram, J. A. Dover, J. A. Preston, W. M. Garrett.

To Cedar Creek Association—J. M. Leverett, T. H. Howle, W. W. Payne, S. J. Ingram, M. S. C. Dover.

To Calhoun County Association—A. F. Allen, W. P. Humphries, J. D. Hood, T. H. Howle, W. M. Garrett, J. D. Johnson.

To Arbacoochee Association—F. J. Ford, J. A. Shadix, H. H. Stephens, C. M. Smith.

To Harmony Association—A. F. Allen, J. D. Johnson.

To State Convention—W. M. Garrett, J. A. Shadix, P. W. Cotton, J. D. Johnson, L. L. Dameron, T. H. Howle, T. F. McCollough.

Devotional committee announced Rev. J. D. Johnson to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this body; Revs. W. M. Garrett and T. H. Howle, messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Resolution of thanks, offered by T. H. Howle, was read and adopted.

On motion of W. B. Gregg, resumed the regular order of business.

Pending the discussion of the Mission reports, adjourned, to hear preaching by Rev. J. E. Barnard.

Sung, "We plead thy promise now, oh Lord," and were led in prayer by Rev. W. M. Garrett.

After preaching, adjourned for refreshments.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 2 P. M.

Sung, "When the judgment day is come." Prayer by F. J. Ingram.

Read and adopted the report of Finance Committee.

Ordered, that the delegates of the churches, with the pastors, take up a collection to defray the expenses of the messengers to Southern Baptist Convention, and forward it to the treasurer of the Association.

The Mission reports were further discussed, by W. T. Davis, James Jenkins, J. E. Barnard, Thos. M. Draper, W. M. Garrett, J. A. Shadix, W. O. Jenkins and F. J. Ingram.



The previous question was called for by the Clerk, when the Mission reports were adopted as read.

Heard and adopted the Treasurer's report.

Took up a collection to supplement the minute fund.

The business of the Association being finished, sung "God be with you till we meet again," took the parting hand.

After prayer by J. E. Barnard, the Association adjourned, to meet with Christiana Church, Randolph county, Alabama, beginning on Tuesday after the fourth Sabbath in October, 1897.

W. M. GARRETT,  
*Moderator.*

J. H. FULLERTON, *Secretary.*

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RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—PREACHING.

Tuesday—11 A. M., Rev. W. M. Garrett; 7:30 P. M., J. A. Shadix, W. O. Jenkins.

Wednesday—11 A. M., Revs. T. H. Howle, W. T. Davis; 7:30 P. M., S. J. Ingram, W. Z. T. Chatman.

Thursday—11 A. M., J. E. Barnard.

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COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT SESSION.

*Foreign Missions*—Jas. A. Shadix, J. A. Wright, W. P. Humphries.

*Home Missions*—T. H. Howle, T. F. McCollough, F. J. Ford.

*State Missions*—J. D. Johnson, Stephen Nixon, W. G. Preston.

*Temperance*—S. J. Ingram, J. F. Clarke, P. D. Atchison.

*Sabbath Schools*—J. M. Leverette, J. M. Snow, Clinton Garrett.

*Obituaries*—L. P. Hodnett, W. G. Shadix, L. L. Dameron.

*Publications*—H. H. Stephens, Samuel Taylor, J. J. Gaither.

*Orphans' Home*—H. C. Knight, J. L. Hughs, G. F. Ingram.

*Destitutions*—J. W. Bales, J. R. Ruff, E. A. Stansell.

*Executive Committee*—W. E. Reagan, W. W. Payne, J. A. Dover.

## SABBATH SCHOOL.

The Sabbath School is an auxiliary, a helper; it is the church at work. Its existence is at the instance of the church, and immediately under its auspices and supervision—organized and officered by the church. The good already accomplished cannot be over-estimated. Much more might be done to increase the interest. There is a want of interest in some of our churches and membership.

How can interest be increased? It might be done by appointing a General Superintendent, who could be devoted to the work, and supported by contribution.

T. H. HOWLE, *Chairman.*

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 TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is one of the Christian graces. The aged men are taught to be sober and temperate. The aged women, likewise, not to be given to much wine. Teach, also, the young women to be sober—young men, likewise, to be sober-minded. All are exhorted to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world. Titus, second chapter.

Temperance means moderation, discreteness, evenness, smoothness—not unbalanced or extreme, but tenable ground. Paul told Timothy to use a little wine for his stomach's sake and his oft infirmities. First Tim. v., 23.

The scripture seems to tolerate a little strong drink, for medicine. Must not be given to wine; must not tarry long at the wine—for they that tarry long at the wine will have redness of eyes. They will have woes and contentions, revelry and banqueting. Belshazar's experience is enough to convince the unprejudiced mind against the folly of wine banqueting. Belshazar is not the only victim of his extreme folly; but many, both in ancient and modern times, have seen the handwriting on the wall.

Temperance should be observed in every department of life.—in every calling, duty and undertaking of life. Temperance calls for patience and perseverance: not to overdo propriety, consistency or conscience in all our deliberations—spiritual, temporal or otherwise.

I am not specially treating upon any one feature of this subject. I am viewing temperance as one of the

graces that adorn the Christian, the lady or the gentleman, the boy or the girl. To be temperate in eating, drinking, sleeping, walking, riding, talking, and driving: that we may not be caught knapping when we ought to be awake; that we ought not to be spinning yarns, when we should be silent; that we should not be gone abroad, when we ought to be at home; that we should not be swindling each other, but dealing fairly: that we should not be found drunk, when we ought to be sober and temperate. I believe the best way is to taste not, handle not the unclean thing.

There are other things, when considered in connection with this subject, becomes an anomaly: And that is the rapid growth of young people since the war—how quick they become men. It once took a boy twenty-one years to get his majority. He now is current at eighteen or twenty. Then there is another thing new in this day and generation, and that is this: that the young people lead dissipation, in the indulgence in strong drink. Before the war, old men led. But this is an advanced age, and the world is on wheels, propelled by steam and electricity; hence, they get there the sooner. I do not admire the advance in this direction.

There is another slack-twisted thing since the war, and that is, family government. "Spare the rod and spoil the child." Numbers have been hurried on to untimely death, and entailed ruin on the world, for the want of home discipline. Some instances might be referred to, of old—the case of Eli's sons, the prodigal, and others. Prodigality to law and order has precipitated the sons and daughters of Washington and his compatriots to a point in their history that is overcast with mist and cloud.

And further, there is another feature that is prominent, and that is, a predisposition to idolatry—both the *church* and *world*. Pride is seated on the throne. We like to worship men and dress, rather than God and his Christ.

Let us take warning, and flee idolatry. Tighten up the screws, adjust ourselves to the situation, grow wiser and better, and correct our irregularities, and be more conformed to the will and government of God. We should learn the lesson taught by the wise man: Train up the children in the way they should go, while the mind is as impressible as wax.

In the language of Jean Paul Richter, "We scarcely realize the momentous possibilities that lie all about us, folded up in the heart of childhood, as the blushing petals of the beauteous flower yet to be lies folded closely within its sheltering calyx. We know not whether the little boy who plucks flowers by our side may not one day, from his island Corsica, descend as a war-god, to play with hurricanes for destruction, or to purify and plant the world with harvest." As the Lord tempers the wind to the shorn lamb, so let our lives be tempered to our children's wants. Avoid the frigid and torrid and dwell in the temperate zones.

As it is custom to put in round numbers the cost of strong drink to the nation, suffice it to say, that it is estimated to be sufficient to run another government like this, and grease the wheels of a school locomotive. If such a sum could be wisely expended in support of missions, it would soon evangelize the world, if money could do it. "The opposite of temperance," quoth Webster, "has destroyed more lives than wars, famines and pestilence;" hence, to be temperate would be a huge saving of human life and suffering. The sum total amounts to the destruction of soul and body in hell.

In conclusion, let us avoid strong drink as we would the poison of the asp.

T. H. HOWLE, *Chairman.*

### HOME MISSIONS.

We, as your committee, beg leave to submit to your honorable body our report, as follows:

There has been only slight difference made in 1896 and 1897. We don't prefer to make a long discourse of our report; but in our weak examination, find that our State Board has within its limits an enormous field of need of Home Missions:

Now, my dear brethren and sisters, let us under all circumstances administer to the wants and needs of our home and sister churches, and so many other things that tend to spread the gospel in our land, which come under our own knowledge, before sending to places which we know less about.

In our examination, we find that our Home Mission Board has received, up to May 1: In merchandise, \$1,595.88; in cash, \$2,964.58; making a total of \$4,560.46, and had paid missionaries \$1,307.29; leaving a balance for the State, etc., of \$3,253.17.

Summary of connected States on Home Missions, as reported in our past conventional year, is as follows:

Missionaries, 372; weeks of labor, 11,075; churches and stations, 1,963; sermons and addresses, 48,508; prayer meetings, 11,237; religious visits, 62,175; baptism, 4,709; receivee by letter, 4,746—total additions, 9,455; churches constituted, 139; houses of worship built, 57; houses of worship improved, 129; amount expended on houses of worship, \$52,040; Sunday Schools organized, 313; teachers and pupils, 10,725; Bibles and Testaments, 2,837; tracts distributed (pages), 645,346.

State Boards of Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Indian Territory, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma Territory, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Western Arkansas, Western North Carolina, are in co-operation with us in part or the whole of their work.

We also find in the State of Alabama, that the Woman's Home Mission Society has reported as collected in cash, \$502.47; in box, etc., \$1,595.88—making a total of \$2,098.35.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN NIXON, *Chairman.*

#### STATE MISSIONS.

The State Board of Missions is the organ of the Baptists of Alabama:

1. In collecting and remitting contributions for Foreign and Home Missions.

2. In helping infant churches in important points, where otherwise Baptist churches could not be established.

3. In prosecuting evangelistic work in the State at large, for the further evangelizing and enlisting of our people in Christian work.

4. In doing missionary and colportage work, where such is needed.

5. In caring for aged and disabled ministers, and their widows and orphans, against want.

6. In seeking to foster a spirit of fellowship and co-operation between churches in the Master's service, and bringing them to contribute to each other's upbuilding and mutual usefulness.

It will therefore be seen that the work of this Board is far-reaching, and of the most vital importance. It calls for your money, your hearts, and your prayers.

The State Mission Board is composed of brethren from various parts of Alabama. It has headquarters at Montgomery, with W. C. Bledsoe as Corresponding Secretary. He is the only salaried member. Six men work as State evangelists, and two Associational missionaries, and nine Missionary pastors, with some colportage work besides, constitute the principal working forces.

In the State, there are: Associations, 77; churches, 1,722; baptisms, 6,929; total membership, 118,876; Sunday Schools, 736; number of pupils, 37,956; value of church property, \$1,185,883; contributions for missions and education, more than \$40,055.79.

This table shows that for expenses at home, we gave \$1.28 per each member; and for missions and education, .33 per each member, average. Some gave nothing, while many gave more than the total of \$1.61.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FULLERTON, *Chairman.*

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee, make the following report:

We have missionaries in six foreign countries, and the statement below gives the work of these missionaries up to this date, as per last report:

In China there are 39 missionaries, 43 native helpers, 20 churches, 1,364 members, 167 Baptisms. Africa—7 missionaries, 7 native helpers, 6 churches, 284 members, 29 Baptisms. Italy—3 missionaries, 28 native preachers, 21 churches, 490 members, 93 baptisms. Brazil—10 missionaries, 11 native helpers, 18 churches, 1,022 members, 250 baptisms. Mexico—15 missionaries, 17 native helpers, 26 churches, 1,116 members, 112 baptisms. Japan—6 missionaries, 4 native helpers, 6 churches, 48 members, 8 baptisms.

We have a total of 80 missionaries in the six foreign fields, 110 native helpers, 95 churches, out stations 145; 4,324 members, 660 baptisms.

The Foreign Board receipts, \$125,681.99; contributions from native churches, \$6,658; and began this year's work out of debt.

Brethren, it is our duty to pay liberally to this Board and keep it out of debt, and go forward with the work to other fields now white to harvest. If we will work, and contribute to the Lord's work, he will give the increase.

The old sayings, "Missions are a failure," and "Nothing has been accomplished," are evidently untrue, in view of what has been accomplished by our Board in foreign fields.

Less than one hundred years ago, the nations were inaccessible. Pride, lust, and iniquity joined with ignorance, superstition and idolatry, to keep out or destroy the missionary. Today this has greatly changed, and the missionary goes everywhere. The harbinger of peace, light and life, the door of access has been opened to over 700,000,000 people. Formerly ignorance of language stood out against us. Now, 360 languages and dialects join in cadence of praise to Jehovah, and the confusion of Babel is giving way, to unison with the note *Jesus*.

Judson prayed that he might be able to translate the scriptures, and see one hundred converts. He not only translated the scriptures, but saw 7,361 converts. That was not a failure. In Africa, it is estimated that there are over 17,000 converts annually, and the work is only fairly begun. That is not a failure. India formerly furnished forty women a day to be burned with their dead husbands. All this has been done away with, and the religion of Christ has gone into thousands of hearts and homes. That is not a failure. In 182, the first church was organized in Japan. Twenty years after, there were 365 churches, 35,000 members, 359 theological students, and 233 ordained native preachers. That is not a failure.

Whoever may say that foreign missions are a failure, can be but a failure themselves. Brethren who charge our Boards with misusing the money sent up, should be called on for the proof.

J. D. JOHNSON, *Chairman*.

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### PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee on Publications, submit the following report:

We recommend that our brethren read the *Alabama Baptist*, the *Foreign Mission Journal*, and especially the Bible. We advise Baptist periodicals for our children, as the best religious literature for them.

Brethren, we should be more concerned and make ourselves more conversant with Baptist history, Pilgrims'

Progress, and other Bible helps. It is also our privilege and duty to make ourselves more familiar with the history and principles of other denominations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. G. PRESTON, *Chairman.*

### ORPHANS' HOME.

The first steps taken towards the establishment of the "Louise Short Baptist Widows' and Orphans' Home of Alabama" was in November, 1890, when Mrs. M. L. B. Woodson made known to the Baptist State Convention that she would give all her real estate for the maintenance of the institution.

The Home was temporarily located in Evergreen, January 16, 1893; and March 10, 1893, a small rented house was opened to receive the first inmates. By November of that year, 22 orphan children were received, and the trustees decided to locate the Home permanently. After advertising for bids for a location, Evergreen was chosen, and property purchased—consisting of 80 acres of land, lying on Main street, 30 of which is in cultivation, 30 in pasture, and 20 in woods. The buildings were a ten-room brick house, and three tenant houses. The purchase price of the property was \$5,000.00; which, with interest on deferred payments, amounted to \$5,400.33—all of which has been paid.

Important improvements are now being made in the arrangement of the Home, by which there will be eleven new rooms added, and all the old ones renovated. Money is greatly needed to complete this work; and pay for food for the children.

Since the Home was started, there have been gathered into it 33 boys and 37 girls. And out of it have gone: By apprenticeship, 2 boys; returned to their people, 4 boys and 3 girls; by adoption, 10 boys and 13 girls; leaving in the Home; August 10, 1897, 17 boys and 21 girls. All of whom were crowded in six unfinished rooms at that time, while balance of the house was unroofed, to be repaired. The children enjoyed good health this year, and no death has ever occurred in the Home. All who are old enough, attend the Southwest Alabama Agricultural School—where no tuition is charged, but the matriculation and incidental fees amount to about \$5.00 to \$10.00 per year for each pupil. All attend Sunday-school and church.



The current expenses amount to about \$6.00 per month for each child.

The boys are taught to do farm work, and the girls do various kinds of house-work.

Children have been sent to the Home from nineteen counties in this State, as follows:

Barbour, 3; Bibb, 2; Butler, 3; Chambers, 1; Covington, 8; Conecuh, 2; Escambia, 7; Jefferson, 8; Lee, 3; Limestone, 1; Marengo, 4; Monroe, 4; Montgomery, 2; Pike, 2; Russell, 1; Talladega, 8; Tallapoosa, 2; Tuscaloosa, 3; Walker, 6.

This enterprise should enlist the sympathy, earnest prayers and liberal contributions of all our people; and if all the Baptist Sunday-schools in the State would make regular monthly contributions to its support, that would be educating the rising generation in the right direction, and would aid materially in sustaining this noble institution.

Respectfully submitted.

#### DESTITUTIONS.

Your committee find no destitutions within our bounds.

J. F. CLARK, *Chairman.*

#### OBITUARIES.

We, your committee, are glad to report that we find no deaths of ministers or deacons in this body since our last session.

Cheerfully submitted.

S. J. INGRAM, *Chairman.*

#### EXECUTIVE.

We, your committee, submit the following:  
Nothing received; nothing done; nothing on hand.  
Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PRESTON, *Chairman.*

#### FINANCE REPORT.

Your Committee on Finance submit the following as our report:

We find for—	
Minutes.....	\$19 27
Missions.....	17 55
Foreign Missions.....	12 71
Home Missions.....	2 88
Orphans'.....	10 22
Ministerial Education.....	6 90
Total.....	\$68 53

Respectfully submitted,  
STEPHEN NIXON, *Chairman.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. H. FULLERTON, Treasurer,  
*In account with*  
BOILING SPRING ASSOCIATION.

1897.	<i>Dr.</i>	
October 27.—To amount on hand:		
Indigent Ministers' Fund.....		\$18 24
Interest on Indigent Ministers' Fund.....		1 45
To amount received from Finances for—		
Minutes.....		19 27
Missions.....		16 55
Foreign Missions.....		12 71
Home Missions.....		2 88
Orphans' Home.....		10 22
Ministerial Education.....		6 90
To amount made up at Association for Minutes.....		1 10
To amount paid by N. M. Daniel for Minutes, New Home Church.....		1 00
Total.....		\$90 32

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By amount on hand, Indigent Ministers' Fund.....		\$19 69
By amount State Mission Board for—		
Missions.....		16 55
Foreign Missions.....		12 71
Home Missions.....		2 88
Orphans' Home.....		10 22
Ministerial Education.....		2 87
Ministerial Education—Paid J. E. Barnard.....		4 03
By amount paid Clerk.....		10 00
By amount paid for printing Minutes.....		11 37
Total.....		\$90 32

J. H. FULLERTON, *Treasurer.*

### RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

*Resolved,* That the heartfelt thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered Bethlehem Church and surrounding community, for the kind hospitality shown us during our stay with them.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

A. F. Allen, DeArmanville.	J. W. Chandler, Eastaboga.
T. H. Howle, Delta.	H. H. Stephens, Delta.
J. A. Shadix, Shinbone.	J. W. Bates, Anniston.
J. D. Johnston, Oaklone.	W. M. Garrette, Oaklone.
C. G. Crowder, Anniston.	J. T. Dameron, Jenifer.
J. P. Eden, Anniston.	L. P. Hodnett, Christiana.
C. C. Barrett, Jenifer.	H. C. Knight, Barfield.
J. G. Nall, Silver Run.	S. J. Ingram, Rocky Mount.
	T. F. McCollough, Oaklone.

## LICENTIATES.

C. M. Smith, Delta.	Jas. A. Wright, Kentuck.
L. S. Reeves, Anniston.	M. S. C. Dover, Shinbone.
L. M. Segars, Anniston.	R. G. Davis, Eastaboga.
J. S. Moore, Barfield.	William Odell, Oxford.
Sam'l Taylor, Rocky Mount.	Adam Gorman, Oxford.

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That any member of this Association in good standing may consider himself a correspondent to any Association he may visit.

2. *Resolved*, That we allow the clerk \$10.00 for his services, and the balance be apportioned for minutes.

3. *Resolved*, That this Association is in profound sympathy with all movements which look to the suppression of the sale and use of, intoxicating liquors.

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

5. *Resolved*, 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.

6. *Resolved*, That each minister of this Association be requested to have as many as two appointments each month during the next associational year.

## 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 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 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 uses 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 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 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.

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## CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE 1. 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.

ARTICLE 2. 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.

ARTICLE 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be called the Boiling Spring Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 4. The Association shall sit as an advisory council, and shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor in-

fringe on the internal right of the churches, but shall have power to withdraw from any church proved to be unsonnd in faith and practice according to 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.

ARTICLE 5. 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.

ARTICLE 6. 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.

ARTICLE 7. 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.

ARTICLE 8. 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.

ARTICLE 9. 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.

ARTICLE 10. 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.

ARTICLE 11. Any amendment may be made to this form of Constitution at any time when two-thirds of the Association may deem it expedient.

ARTICLE 12. Any church wishing a letter of dismissal shall make application therefor by letter.

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## ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES, WITH PROOF.

1. We believe in one only true and living God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, these three in one.—1 Cor. 8:4; Isaiah 44:6, 45:5-21. "Thou has created all things!"—Rev. 4:11; Gen. 1; Heb. 3:4; Jer. 10:12; Ex. 15:11, Iss. 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, 14:91; 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: Matthew, 10:22; John, 10:38, 29, 4:14, 17, 2:7.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and conscientiously do believe that the true mode of baptism is immersion.—Proof: Matt. 28:20; 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.

## DIRECTORY.

1. Receive and read letters from churches.
2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
3. Call of petitionary letters.
4. Appoint committees to report during the session.
5. Call for correspondents.
6. Read rules of decorum.
7. Hear reports of standing committees.
8. Give instructions on appropriations.
9. Call for resolutions.
10. Appoint standing committees.
11. Hear committee on finance.
12. Hear executive committee.
13. Hear report of treasurer.
14. Arrange for printing minutes.
15. Miscellaneous business.
16. Correct minutes and adjourn.

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## STATISTICS OF BOILING SPRING BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1897.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR'S NAME AND POST OFFICE.	CLERK'S NAME AND POST OFFICE.	Memberships Last Reported.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Present Membership	Sabbath of Meeting.	Minute Fund .....	Foreign Missions....	Missions.....	Holding Sabbath School.	Orphan's Home .....	Home Missions .....
					Restoration .....	Baptism .....	Letter .....	Letter .....	Exclusion.....	Death .....								
Bethel .....	Clay.....	W. M. Garrett, Oaklone, Ala.....	J. M. Leverett, Oaklone, Ala.....	117	3	1	7	7	2	87	2	\$ 1 50	\$ 8 81			\$ 1 50		
Bethlehem.....	Cleburne.....	A. F. Allen, DeArmanville, Ala.....	J. M. Snow, Hicks, Ala.....	133	10	4	12	8		127	2	2 00						
Bethsaida .....	Cleburne.....	J. D. Johnson, Oaklone, Ala.....	T. J. Dulin .....	85	2	6	7		3	83	2	1 00						
Christiana.....	Randolph .....	J. A. Shadix, Shinbone, Ala.....	J. D. Knight, Christiana, Ala.....	152	1	8	19	16	1	126	4	2 00	3 40					
Ebenezer.....	Clay .....	J. W. Bates, Anniston, Ala.....	G. W. Nowland, Hopeful, Ala.....	44	3		1		1	41	2	1 00						
Good Hope.....	Clay .....	T. H. Howle, Delta, Ala.....	T. K. Miller, Delta, Ala.....	46	4		4			46	4	1 05				\$ 2 40		
Jenifer.....	Talladega.....	J. T. Dameron, Jenifer, Ala.....	W. M. Clark, Silver Run, Ala.....	103			7			96	1	1 10			S			
Line Hill.....	Talladega.....			68						68								
Mt. Moriah.....	Clay .....	W. M. Garrett, Oaklone, Ala.....	G. F. Ingram, Delta, Ala.....	73	1		12			64	1	1 50	50			1 50	48	
Mt. Olive.....	Clay .....	L. P. Hodnett, Christiana, Ala.....	D. G. Bowling, Shinbone, Ala.....	27	6	5	1	1	1	46	1	82						
New Home.....	Clay .....			29						29								
Pine Grove.....	Calhoun.....			29						29								
Pleasant Grove.....	Clay .....	M. B. Garrett, Lineville, Ala.....	P. D. Atchison, Wyatt, Ala.....	118	2	4	12	1	1	110	2	1 50		5 05		1 97		
Providence.....	Talladega.....	C. J. Wesley, Stocdale, Ala.....	G. W. Gunter, Whitecloud, Ala.....	33	2	1	4			30	4	75						
Ramah.....	Clay .....	W. M. Garrett, Oaklone, Ala.....	H. C. Willingham, Delta, Ala.....	131	2	7	1	2	1	130	3	1 40		1 50	S			
Salt Creek.....	Talladega.....	W. H. Johnston.....	L. N. Butterworth.....	76	2	9	9	7		89	3	1 50						
Union.....	Clay .....	L. P. Hodnett, Christiana, Ala.....	E. A. Stansell, Delta, Ala.....	89	1	4	6	4	1	83	2	1 15						

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