

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

EUFULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Prospect Baptist Church, Barbour County, Ala.,

Beginning Thursday, October 22d, 1891.

OFFICERS-

REV. T. H. STOUT, Moderator..... Midway, Ala.
GEO. B. DAVIS, Clerk..... Eufaula, "

*The next session will be held with Midway Church, Bullock
County, Ala., beginning at 10 o'clock Thursday before
the fourth Sabbath in October, 1892.*

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order. Devotional Exercises conducted by the Moderator.
3. Read Letters and enroll Delegates.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Applications for Membership.
6. Appointment of Committees to report at this session: 1, Religious Exercises; 2, State of Churches; 3, Finance; 4, Nominations.
7. Receive Correspondence from Associations—Bethel, Centennial, Columbus, Judson, Montgomery, Newton, Selma, Tuskegee, Harris, Columbia.
8. Receive Agents of Boards and Visitors.
9. Report of Executive Committee.
10. Report on Education.
11. Call for Correspondents.
12. Reports on Mission: 1, State Missions; 2, Home Missions; 3, Foreign Missions.
13. Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers.
14. Return Correspondents.
15. Report on Temperance.
16. Report on the State of the Churches.
17. Report on Bible and Colportage Work.
18. Report on Obituaries.
19. Reports of Special Committees.
20. Report on Nominations.
21. Report on Evangelization of the Colored Race.
22. Report of the Finance Committee.
23. Miscellaneous Business.

SABBATH.

24. Report on Sabbath-schools.
25. Missionary Sermon.
26. Miscellaneous Business.
27. Final Adjournment.

MINUTES.

PROSPECT BAPTIST CHURCH,

October 22, 1891.

1. The thirty-eighth annual session of the Eufaula Baptist Association was held with the Prospect Baptist church, beginning to-day at 11 a. m.

2. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Hiden, D. D., from 1 Tim. 3:15, when the body took a recess till

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3. Bro. T. H. Stout called the meeting to order. Bro. D. I. Purser led in prayer.

4. Bros. D. I. Purser and C. W. Hare read the letters from the churches.

5. The names of delegates were enrolled as follows:

Bethlehem—G. W. Little, Wm. Passmore, J. G. Sinquefield, J. M. Norton, D. L. McRae.

Clayton—W. A. Smart, N. C. Underwood, B. Davie, W. H. Robertson, J. M. Waller.

Center Ridge—L. O. Barr, A. B. Barr, Willie Gachet, R. Schaffer, J. J. S. Willis.

Cowikee—Not represented.

Enon—Not represented.

Eufaula—A. B. Bush, J. C. Hiden, D. D., Geo. B. Davis, W. N. Reeves, J. H. Reeves.

Evergreen—A. J. Kennedy, J. D. Henderson.

Glennville—Not represented.

Hawkinsville—Not represented.

Midway—W. C. Jordan, T. H. Stout, A. H. Pruett, W. B. Finney, R. P. Adams, W. C. T. Cobb, Eugene Cobb.

Mt. Olive—Not represented.

Old Mt. Zion—W. C. T. Mosely, J. H. McRae, J. F. Taylor.

Mt. Zion—R. L. Baker.

Pea Creek—Green Grubbs, Dr. Spivey.

Pleasant Grove—F. J. Kennedy, J. A. Johnson, W. N. Spires, C. C. Starke

Pleasant Hill—J. M. Blackmon, E. B. Chambliss, Robt. Peake.

Prospect—T. C. Green, W. W. Sims, Lewis Davis, Page Floyd, Robt. Andrews, J. M. Danford.

Ramah—C. J. Jones, E. L. Graves, W. W. Vaughan, R. P. Phillips.

Union—J. E. Fenn, J. T. Watkins, M. L. Blakey.

6. Bro. T. H. Stout was elected Moderator by acclamation.

7. Bro. Geo. W. Davis was elected Clerk by acclamation.

8. Adopted the order of business as printed in the minutes for last year.

9. The following committees were appointed.

Religious Exercises—N. C. Underwood and delegates of Prospect church,
Finance—J. T. Watkins, J. E. Fenn, T. J. Green.

State of Churches—J. J. S. Willis, J. M. Hobdy, E. B. Chambliss.

Nominations—G. W. Little, W. B. Finney, M. L. Blakey.

Time for meeting, 8:30 a. m. to 11 a. m.; for preaching, afternoon at 1:30 p. m.; close at will.

10. Received correspondents.

Harris Association—G. E. Brewer.
 Judson—R. B. Lee, A. Armstrong.
 Montgomery—
 Columbus—
 Evergreen—J. S. Helms, W. H. Morrison.
 Newton—
 Salem—
 Geneva—
 Centennial—S. J. Ming.

11. Received agents of boards and visitors:

Howard College—D. I. Purser.
 Sunday-school Board of Southern Baptist Convention—D. I. Purser.
 State Mission—J. M. Waller.
 Home Mission—J. M. Waller.
 Foreign Mission—J. M. Waller.
 Alabama Baptist—C. W. Hare.
 Ministerial Education—C. W. Hare, T. H. Stout.
 American Baptist Publication Society—G. E. Brewer.
 Bible and Colportage—G. E. Brewer.

12. Vacancies were filled on the following committees:

State Missions—J. M. Waller, R. P. Adams
 Home Missions—W. Passmore.
 Foreign Missions—N. C. Underwood.
 Aged and Infirm Ministers—E. L. Graves, W. T. G. Cobb.
 Temperance—W. A. Smart, J. F. J. Green.
 Education—J. C. Hiden, Page Floyd.
 Evangelization of Colored Race—W. W. Vaughan.

13. On motion, 10 a. m. to-morrow was appointed the hour for the discussion of education.

14. On motion, it was agreed to suspend the order of business every day at 11 a. m. to have preaching.

15. On motion, any member of this Association who may be present at any Association with whom we correspond will be authorized to act as a correspondent from the Eufaula Association.

16. Bro. D. I. Purser delivered an address on the Kind Words Publications. Bro. J. M. Waller delivered an address on Mission Quarterlies.

Adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

17. The Association joined in singing "How sweet, how heavenly is the sight." Prayer by Bro. N. C. Underwood.

18. Bro. W. C. Jordan read the report on Bible and Colportage Work as follows, which was adopted:

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

There can be no difference of opinion in regard to the importance of disseminating truth. People will read, and if not supplied with good books they will read bad ones. Too much emphasis cannot be given to the work

of circulating the Word of God, for it is the only book of infalible truth—no mixture of error. We fear that there are more families destitute of the Bible than many people imagine. A colporteur in Alabama, in reporting his work to his association this fall, stated that he had found 423 families without the Bible—most of them negroes.

There is necessity for circulating the literature presenting our distinctive doctrines and practices. The work of the colporteur is to bring the Bible and this literature to the homes of the people. Our Bible and Colportage Board at Opelika is engaged in this grand work, and we recommend that all patronize it. In getting any book, or in ordering supplies for Sabbath-schools, send your order to J. B. Collier, Opelika, Ala., who is agent of the board.

In conclusion, we would call the attention of the Association to the importance of supporting a colporteur in our own bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. JORDAN, Ch'n.

The report was discussed by Bros. G. W. Brewer, D. I. Purser, C. W. Hare.

19. The report on Obituaries was read by Rev. W. C. T. Moseley and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

To the Enfauila Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren—We regret that through the dispensation of divine providence it becomes our painful duty to report the death of Deacon B. H. Emerson, who died at his residence in Barbour county, Ala., on the 29th day of June, 1891. Bro. Emerson was born in Jones county, Ga., October 11th, 1809; was married to Miss Narcissa Ball in Twiggs county, Ga., October 17th, 1833; soon after removed to Barbour county, Ala., and about the year 1838 was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Bethlehem Baptist church in Barbour county, Ala.; some years after he removed his membership to Old Mt. Zion Baptist church and was made deacon in the year 1860; he was faithful and true to his Master's cause, rendered all the assistance he possibly could to his pastor; he was a kind husband, a loving father and a good neighbor, and was dearly beloved by all who knew him. A great and good man has gone from among us.

In this report we would also call attention to the death of Bro. S. S. Singleton, a deacon of Pleasant Grove Baptist church, in Barbour county, Ala.; he was born October 14th, 1822, died March 11th, 1891; he joined the Baptist church at Pleasant Grove, Barbour county, Ala., August 2d, 1855, and was made deacon the following year, and by his consistent and orderly walk he proved himself a Christian. He was dearly beloved by the brethren and sisters of his church and by all who knew him. Another good man is gone from among us.

In the departure of our venerable brethren we feel that the churches of which they were members and deacons, and this Association, has sustained a great loss. This report is not intended to give an extensive account of the lives and works of these noble brethren, but to stir up the living to a more faithful and true discharge of their every Christian duty by calling to mind the examples of these great and good men. May the God of love and mercy continue to spare our lives, and may we be enabled by the bright examples of our brethren, and by the grace and love of God, shed abroad in our hearts to let our lights shine brighter and brighter until the perfect day.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. T. MOSELEY, Ch'n.

20. The report on Education was read by Rev. J. C. Hiden, D. D. Report as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is a pleasure to your committee to be able to report a most encouraging opening at Howard College, which began the session with some 150 students. The new dormitories, which are in process of erection, and under contract, will accommodate 96 students. Nearly \$1,000 has been expended in repairing the old buildings, and the old academic building has been fitted up as a dining hall, which is a great improvement upon the old one.

Judson Female Institute is holding its own as an institution of high grade, and the school is one of which Alabama Baptists do well to be proud.

Our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, which has done so much to elevate the grade of our ministry, is lengthening its cords and strengthening its stakes, and is a grand rallying point of interest as well as a bond of sympathy for the Baptists of the whole South.

It is hoped that President Riley's suggestions in The Alabama Baptist, as the foundation of denominational high schools, will meet with as early and hearty response from the denomination in the State, and that we may soon see valuable results from the pending discussion of that important subject.

J. C. HIDEN,
PAGE FLOYD,
Committee.

The report was discussed by Brethren J. C. Hiden and D. I. Purser.

The discussion was continued until to-morrow.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association joined in singing " 'Tis religion that can give."

Prayer by Bro. Moseley.

21. The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were read and adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

There has been so much written on this subject that there is little for us to say, unless we repeat. It is not expected to make argument in a report. Nothing but facts. There has been but little change on the foreign field since our last meeting. Our Board has sent out nineteen new missionaries; one has died. There have been no revivals of any marked interest; nothing but slow progress; but since we are not doing for this cause what we ought, our Board last year had to borrow thirty thousand dollars. Brother Crumpton calls our attention to the fact that the State of Alabama is behind in her contributions to this cause. We suspect that the Eufaula Association is partly to blame for this. Some of our brethren are opposed to foreign missions. It might be well enough for us, as an association, to again pronounce on this subject; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we are in favor of Foreign Missions. We would call your attention to the effort now being made all along the line in support of this cause. We want to send one hundred new missionaries to the Foreign field next year. It being the centennial of Foreign Missions, we recommend that we appoint a committee of five to act in concert with a committee appointed by the State Convention; and that this association provide through this committee for 5th Sunday meetings at points most convenient, to be held in the interest of Foreign Missions. Also that our pastors bring this subject before their churches at once.

Respectfully submitted,

N. C. UNDERWOOD,
S. A. BLAKEY,
H. L. FLOYD,
Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee on State Missions, beg leave to make the following report:

Sixteen years ago it was evident to the great Baptist denomination of the State of Alabama, that the destitution of our State ought to be looked after, so they concluded, in order to accomplish this work, it was necessary to formulate some plan by which they might reach this destitution, and they did so, by organizing the State Mission Board, which has since that time been busily engaged in the prosecution of the work.

While much has been done, there is still much more to be done. Consequently there is greater need for the Board now than when it was organized. The rapid developments of our country and the influx of people coming into our towns, cities, and even into the rural districts, makes it necessary for us to look carefully to the interest of our denomination. These people, coming as they do, without due respect to our Christian Sabbath and the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, must be carefully looked after and furnished with the true gospel, or they will do great damage to our country. The great question which confronts us is this: Shall we evangelize the heathen at our doors, or shall they heathenize us and our children? Of course we will not allow them to overrun us with their customs when there are such opportunities before us, but will eventually establish and sustain a church in every town and community where there ought to be one.

Brethren, let us awake and go in and possess the land, for we are fully able and can do it now more easily than at any future time, for the country now hangs in the balance, and if we do not pull it into our Baptist ranks it will be taken by others.

We therefore respectfully suggest that our pastors take up regular contributions for State Missions, and at the same time tell the people how the State Board is straining every point to supply the destitution.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. BUSH, Ch'n.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The committee appointed to report on the above subject submits the following:

Missions is the great work given by the Master to His people. For this He constituted His church.

Home Missions is that part of our work that includes the Southern States, the Indians and the Island of Cuba. From the report of the Home Mission Board made to the last Southern Baptist Convention, we learn the following facts:

The number of workers employed this year is 406, against 371 for the previous year. The result of their labors show a corresponding increase. The baptisms this year are 5,349, a gain of 872 over the preceding year. The total additions to mission churches for 1890, were 8,098; this year, 9,987. The churches constituted in 1890, by missionaries of the Board, were 267: the number this year is 244. The Sunday-schools organized last year were 336; this year, 424. The houses of worship built last year were 84; this year they are 143. The sum expended in their erection last year, \$37,324.85; this year it aggregates \$60,473.00.

MISSIONARIES.

Alabama, 21; Arkansas, 27; Cuba, 32; Florida, 32; Georgia, 17; Indian Territory, 16; Kentucky, 4; Louisiana, 27; Maryland, 3; Mississippi, 1; Missouri, 9; Oklahoma, 6; Tennessee, 5; Texas State Convention, 138; Western Arkansas and Indian Territory, 24; Western North Carolina, 17; West Virginia, 3; Virginia, 1; Texas Sunday-school Convention, 33; total 407. Of these have labored among the foreign population, including Indians, 31; in Cuba, 22; among the negroes, 51; among native whites, 302.

FOREIGN POPULATION.

The Board has missions among the foreign population, chiefly among the Germans, in Louisville, Ky., St. Louis, Kansas City and other less populous places in Missouri and Texas. Some of these German brethren are among

the most heroic and untiring workers to be found in any land. While, as a rule, the growth of their churches is slow, their members prove so steadfast in their faith and so liberal with their means, as to excite the admiration of our Anglo-Saxon Christians. This is a most important field, and while the soil may be stubborn and slow to produce, it will surely, by and by, yield a plenteous harvest.

The work of the Board among the Indians is confined to the Indian Territory. It has never passed beyond it. This work has, in some of its aspects, presented a difficult problem to the Board. The Baptists of the South have been at work among them for a half century, and the convention for nearly forty years.

The success attending efforts to evangelize them has been remarkable. There are to-day in the five civilized tribes, as many baptized believers and as many churches and native preachers, in proportion to the number, as in any community on the globe.

CUBA.

Our work on the island continues with unabated interest. The dedication of the house of worship in Havana, the title of which was so long delayed, occurred on the 15th of February. It was an occasion of great interest, and has given to our work in that city an impulse that argues great good for the future.

The imprisonment of our brother Diaz and two others of our missionaries was a gross outrage upon them, as it was in clear violation of the Spanish law; the courts of Havana had no alternative but to acquit them.

Brother Diaz gives a summary of the work of the past year:

MISSIONARY REPORT.

Weeks of labor, 970; churches supplied, 6; other stations, 17; sermons and addresses, 1,325; weekly prayer meetings, 15; baptisms, 210; total membership, 1,917; money collected, \$2,000; Sunday-schools, 7; Sunday-school pupils that have attended class this year, 31,832.

We call attention to the following extract from the last report of the Home Mission Board:

There never was a time when the Board needed so much as now the most liberal and persevering support of the churches, that it may meet the rapidly increasing demands of its work. So repeatedly has the Board called attention to the extraordinary increase of wealth and population within the territory of the convention that it hesitates to venture upon the subject again. It would not but for the fact that the masses of our people, even the majority of our leading men, seem unimpressed by forces that are sweeping us forward into the splendors of a material development unequalled in the history of the world. Gathered here to-day in the very midst of marvelous achievements wrought within the last decade, we urgently invite, we implore, the convention to scan the facts brought within the range of our vision, and then looking forward to ten short years, behold what is in store for the land, and rising to the height of this great argument, determine what is the duty of Southern Baptists to this and coming generations.

Respectfully submitted,

T. R. SEARCY, Ch'm.

The reports were discussed by Brethren J. M. Waller, J. C. Hiden, D. D., C. W. Hare and N. C. Underwood.

22. The report on nominations was read by the Clerk.
Report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Representative to Southern Baptist Convention—T. H. Stout; alternate, J. C. Hiden.

Representatives to Alabama Baptist Convention—J. M. Hobby, J. A. Foster, H. L. Floyd, A. B. Bush, J. E. Fenn, Geo. B. Davis, J. D. Godwin, J. C. Hiden, J. A. Walker.

We suggest as Executive Committee, J. C. Hiden, J. J. S. Willis, J. E. McCormick, G. B. Davis, J. A. Walker, J. M. Hobdy, A. B. Bush, T. H. Stout, A. A. Couric.

We recommend to preach introductory sermon, Rev. N. C. Underwood; alternate, G. W. Harrison. To preach Missionary sermon, J. C. Hiden; alternate, T. H. Stout.

We recommend that the next session of this body meet with Midway, Bullock county, Alabama, on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1892, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. LITTLE,
W. B. FENNEY,
M. L. BLAKEY,
Committee.

23. The report of the Executive committee was read by the clerk.

The report was as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

During the year we have held only one meeting, on December 10, 1890, when we organized by electing Rev. T. H. Stout chairman and George B. Davis secretary and treasurer.

It was unanimously agreed that one hundred dollars (\$100) should be appropriated toward defraying Brother G. W. Harrison's expenses at school, provided he goes to school one year, and that he notify us what school he will attend.

GEORGE B. DAVIS,
Clerk.

T. H. STOUT,
Moderator.

I have received, as clerk of the association, for ministerial education on account of Brother George W. Harrison, from

Clayton Baptist.....	\$25 00
Center Ridge.....	10 00
Ramah.....	5 00
Bethlehem.....	10 00
Ladies' Aid Society of Midway.....	5 00
Midway.....	10 00
Old Mount Zion.....	5 00
Ramah.....	3 25
Union.....	5 00
Prospect.....	5 00
Vouchers from Brother Harrison	
Pea Creek.....	10 00
Pleasant Grove.....	5 00
Total.....	98 25

24. The memorial from the Center Ridge church and also that from the Ramah church were read.

The memorials were as follows:

As a supplement to our annual letter, we deem it not out of place to call the attention of the association to a matter that we think demands their prayerful attention. On or about the 30th of March, 1891, the John McNab bank closed its doors, and on the outside were left many disconsolate depositors. At the spring term of the circuit court of Barbour county, held in Eufaula a short time after the "break," the grand jury found true bills against three of the bank officials, and, according to our information, the said officials have not been held accountable by the Eufaula Baptist church, to which church they belong. We believe that these members should be

held accountable by their church for two reasons: One is, if they are innocent, they should be exonerated by the action of the church. It is due them as Christians that the church should come to their aid and help them bear their misfortunes, if they are innocent of sin in the matter. The second reason is this: If guilty, the church should withdraw membership from them; for the church should be the light of the world and not a stumbling-block in the way of others. We now ask that the association take such steps in the matter as will redound to our good as a denomination and to the glory of our Lord and Master.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to inquire and report at the next session: W. C. Jordan, B. Davie, J. M. Hobdy, C. J. Jones, J. E. Fenn.

Center Ridge Baptist church to the Eufaula Baptist Association, greeting:—

DEAR BRETHREN: We recognize the fact that when a body politic is composed of a number of members, that if one member shall suffer, the whole body will suffer thereby. Hence, we take cognizance of the fact that our sister church, the Baptist church at Eufaula, a member of your body, is suffering, by reason of a great and exceeding weight that hath been rolled upon her by reason of existing circumstances, and which that church (as a body) had no agency in producing; but there are certain prominent members of that church who are looked upon by a gazing world as being guilty of a most palpable fraud, viz.: the officials of the defunct John McNab bank.

Now, in the spirit of meekness, and for the sake of our common cause, we request that your body (in session) take steps to ascertain if the said Eufaula Baptist church is not out of order, in the tolerance of members charged with high crime—even against the peace and dignity of the state.

By order of the church in conference, this the 21st day of October A. D. 1891.

J. J. S. WILLIS,
Clerk.

T. H. STOUT,
Moderator.

THIRD DAY.

25. The association joined in singing, "I Love the Lord; He Heard My Cries."

Joined in prayer with Bro. G. W. Harrison.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

26. The report on aged and infirm ministers was read by Bro. E. L. Graves and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Upon investigation, we have not found any who can claim your assistance under this head, in our association; yet, we believe it to be our duty to recommend that each church of this association appropriate so much of their funds, annually, to this cause; this fund to be known as the "Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund; and said amount so appropriated, to be forwarded to the state board to be used where it is most needed, and in any part of the state they may see best to use it.

J. J. S. WILLIS.

Discussed by Brethren W. C. Jordan, E. L. Graves, N. C. Underwood.

27. The discussion on education was continued.

Discussed by Brother T. H. Stout.

The report was adopted.

28. On motion, the subscription for ministerial education by the various churches, resulted as follows:

Bethlehem.....	10 00	Clayton.....	25 00
Center Ridge.....	10 00	Cowikee.....	—
Enon.....	—	Eufaula.....	100 00
Evergreen.....	—	Glennville.....	—
Hawkinsville.....	—	Mt. Olive.....	—
Midway.....	25 00	Mt. Zion.....	—
Old Mount Zion.....	5 00	Pleasant Grove.....	5 00
Pea Creek.....	5 00	Prospect.....	5 00
Pleasant Hill.....	—	Union.....	5 00
Ramah.....	10 00	Total.....	205 00

29. The report on temperance was read by the clerk and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee have endeavored to obtain information from the different parts of the territory embraced in this Association, but have heard from only two brethren applied to by mail; hence they have been forced to gather up the necessary information as best they could.

The following report is offered:

At Ramah and Batesville, where local prohibition prevails, and at Hawkinsville, where there is no prohibition, there is a decided decrease in intemperance among the white race and no increase of it among the blacks.

At several other places heard from there seems to be no marked change.

Your committee believe that the time has come for united action—close organization—of temperance workers. About two-thirds of Alabama is protected by prohibitory law, notwithstanding the opposition of enemies. But the enemies are united. The combined influences of ungodly politicians and lawyers, of nearly every daily and most of the weekly papers in the State, of the millions of money belonging to the whisky ring, are against temperance—against God and the best interests of man. Now add the inexcusable indifference of some professed Christians and you have some idea of the work to be accomplished.

But there is a bright side. The friends of temperance may take courage. The fact that they have stood against such an array of enemies, proves that God is with them.

Your committee recommend that the friends of temperance organize, in order to ensure concert of action. Let them send representatives to the temperance convention soon to be called to assemble at some point in the State, yet to be determined. Let professed Christians cease to aid, rather abet the enemies of our Christianity by signing their petitions or patronizing them, and turn their influence in favor of God and humanity.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. FULLER, Ch'n.

Discussed by Brethren N. C. Underwood, T. H. Stout, W. C. Jordan, R. B. Lee, S. J. Wing, R. Herring, E. L. Graves.

30. On motion, the apportionment of the churches be the same as last year. Apportionment as follows:

Bethlehem.....	\$ 60 00	Center Ridge.....	\$ 72 00
Clayton.....	120 00	Cowikee.....	30 00
Enon.....	12 00	Eufaula.....	600 00
Evergreen.....	12 00	Glennville.....	30 00
Hawkinsville.....	30 00	Mt. Olive.....	30 00
Midway.....	200 00	Old Mt. Zion.....	50 00
Mt. Zion.....	60 00	Pea Creek.....	20 00
New Hope.....	12 00	Pleasant Hill.....	20 00
Pleasant Grove.....	18 00	Ramah.....	60 00
Prospect.....	60 00	Union.....	36 00

31. The following committee was appointed to encourage the Centennial movement in the Eufaula Association: N. C. Underwood, B. Davie, Dr. W. H. Robertson, J. C. Hiden, D. D., W. J. Jordan.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association joined in singing "How firm a foundation." Prayer by Bro. Underwood.

31. Adopted the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That we as an Association most heartily recommend Bro. Geo. W. Harrison to the kindly consideration and aid of the Ministerial Board of Education, should occasion require.

32. On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have 600 copies of the minutes printed.

33. On motion, the Clerk was voted twenty-five dollars for services.

34. On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have the Constitution, By-Laws and Articles of Faith printed in the minutes.

35. On motion, the following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we return our sincere thanks to the members of Prospect church and community our sincere thanks for their unbounded hospitality shown us while in their midst.

36. The report on State of the Churches was read by Bro. J. J. S. Willis and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES.

Your committee on State of Churches submit the following report:

Bethlehem—Held protracted meeting; part of the church revived; church desires better spiritual condition; contributions increased; manifests an active interest in Sunday-school work.

Center Ridge—No spiritual revival, contributions increased; has a good Sunday-school and prayer-meeting.

Clayton—Makes no reference to spiritual condition; contributions increased; has a good Sunday-school.

Eufaula—Has regular services; attendance at prayer-meeting increased recently; Sunday-school small compared to congregation; contributions increased, which is due in a large measure to the efficient services of an active ladies aid society.

Glennville—Decline numerically; has no regular services of any kind; contributions increased.

Hawkinsville—Spiritual condition weak; contributions decreased; has regular Sunday-school but no prayer-meeting.

Midway—Spiritual condition good; large increase in contributions; has Sunday-school, also an active ladies aid society.

Mt. Zion—Spiritually revived; no Sunday-school nor prayer-meeting.

Old Mt. Zion—In good condition; contributions increased; no Sunday-school nor prayer-meeting.

Pea Creek—Spiritual condition good; contributions decreased; no Sunday-school nor prayer-meeting.

Pleasant Hill—Has regular monthly services; has Sunday-school but no prayer meeting; contributions increased.

Prospect—Spiritual condition good; Sunday-school three months in the year; no prayer-meeting.

Pleasant Grove—Condition good; has a good Sunday-school.

Ramah—No spiritual revival; has regular Sunday-school but no prayer-meeting; contributions increased.

Union—Spiritual condition not good; has Sunday-school with regular attendance; no prayer-meeting; contributions decreased.

Evergreen—Reports revival; no Sunday-school nor prayer-meeting; contributions decreased.

Mt Olive—Report a revival meeting; no Sunday-school nor prayer-meeting. Other churches of this Association, and not reported herein, are not represented at this session.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. S. WILLIS,
A. B. BUSH,
A. B. BARR,
Committee.

38. The report of the Finance committee was read by Bro. J. T. Watkins and ordered printed in the minutes.

Adjourned.

SABBATH.

The association joined in singing, "Come, thou fount of every blessing."

Prayer by Bro. J. J. S. Willis.

39. The report on Sabbath-schools was read by Bro. G. W. Harrison.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath-schools, beg leave to make the following report:

That the present system of Sabbath-school work has proved to be a good success wherever observed, indeed, a majority of our churches have thought this measure developed a missionary spirit that will assist very materially in spreading the gospel all over our land and even into heathen lands. It has been truthfully said that a Sabbath-school, properly speaking, is the church at work; this means much indeed, when we estimate the large number coming into the churches from the ranks of the Sabbath-school. Through this system of early instruction, the young and tender are prepared to accept the gospel and Jesus Christ as their Savior, and with a desire to do His will and to follow the examples of His own appointment. We do not see how any Baptist church can afford to be without a Sabbath-school. May God speed the day when all of the churches will be engaged in this grand and noble work. We find that a majority of the churches of this body report Sabbath-schools; that the total number of pupils in these schools is 654; officers and teachers, 74. We recommend the Kind Words lesson series and that every church keep up its school the year round; never go into winter quarters.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HARRISON,
JNO. W. MILLER,
WARREN BAKER,
Committee.

Discussed by Brethren G. W. Harrison, E. L. Graves, J. T. Watkins, J. J. S. Willis, W. H. Morrison.

Report was adopted.

40. The Standing committees to report next session were announced.

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION.

State Missions—B. Davie, W. C. Jordan, Jno. A. Walker.
 Home Missions—J. J. S. Willis, H. L. Floyd, Jno. D. Godwin.
 Foreign Missions—N. C. Underwood, W. H. Robertson, W. J. Jordan.
 Aged and Infirm Ministers—Jno. Watkins, Page Floyd, G. W. Little.
 Temperance—Geo. R. Hall, L. H. Perkins, W. N. Whittington.
 Bible and Colportage—W. C. T. Moseley, W. P. Gary, T. F. J. Green.
 Obituaries—Jas. E. Fenn, R. L. Baker, R. J. Richards.
 Sabbath-schools—E. L. Graves, Wm. Passmore, W. C. Cowart.
 Education—W. L. Pruett, R. Herring, G. W. Harrison.

41. Rev. T. H. Stout preached the Missionary sermon. A collection was taken up, amounting to \$22.20.

42. On motion, the association adjourned to meet with Midway church on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1892, at 10 a. m.

GEO. B. DAVIS,

Clerk.

T. H. STOUT,

Moderator.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

T. H. Stout,
 Geo. B. Davis,
 A. B. Bush,

J. J. S. Willis,
 A. A. Couric,
 J. A. Walker,

J. E. McCormick
 J. M. Hobdy,
 J. C. Hiden.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. N. Reeves, D. D.....	Eufaula, Ala.
T. H. Stout.....	Midway, "
G. W. Harrison.....	Clayton, "
H. E. Brooks.....	Eufaula, "
R. Herring.....	Louisville, "
J. C. Hiden, D. D.....	Eufaula, "
W. C. T. Moseley.....	" "
J. M. Waller.....	Clayton, "
G. W. Fuller.....	Hawkinsville, "

LICENSED MINISTERS.

J. D. Bludworth.....	Star Hill, Ala.
R. L. Baker.....	Louisville, "

CONSTITUTION

OF THE EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, ADOPTED AT ITS ORGANIZATION,
 NOVEMBER 13, 1854.

We, the church of Jesus Christ, having been regularly baptized upon a profession of faith, were hereby constituted an association under the above title, upon the following principles, or

ABSTRACT OF FAITH:

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

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
5. We believe in man's incapacity to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by any exertion of his own free will.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.
9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and that the only mode of baptism is by immersion.
10. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and that the joys of the righteous will be everlasting.
11. We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances, except such as have been regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of a presbytery.

DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our Union, shall compose the association.

ART. 2. The members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and dead, since the last association.

ART. 3. The members thus chosen and convened, shall be denominated the Eufaula Baptist Association.

ART. 4. This association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage; nor by which they can infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

ART. 5. The association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present. The Clerk shall act as Treasurer also.

ART. 6. If new churches desire to be admitted into this Union, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the association, the Moderator extending to the delegation the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 7. No church in this association shall have more than two delegates until its number shall exceed fifty, and one for every twenty-five thereafter.

ART. 8. Any church may ask advice of the association, as an advisory council, but the advice shall not be considered authoritative in matters where the peace of the church is concerned.

ART. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

ART. 10. Every member who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from the subject.

ART. 11. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the association.

ART. 12. There shall be no talking or whispering during a public speech nor reflections cast upon the speaker.

ART. 13. No member shall exempt himself from the association without leave of the Moderator.

ART. 14. If any member shall break the Rules of Decorum he shall be reprimanded by the Moderator.

ART. 15. It shall be the business of this association:

1st. To provide for the general union of the churches.
2nd. To keep up a correspondence with sister associations of the same faith and order.

3d. To give the churches the best advice in matters of difficulty; and if the communication should be broken between any of the sister churches in

the Union, to inquire into the cause of the breach, and use their best endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches whom they should look upon as unsound in principle, or immoral in practice, till such church or churches be reclaimed.

4th. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, if they should judge it to be necessary.

5th. To require the Clerk to record the proceedings of the association, (which shall be signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the association rises at each annual meeting), to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, a file of which shall be preserved by him, and that he be compensated for his services.

6th. To amend this plan or form of government at any time when the majority of the Union shall deem it to be necessary.

7th. To adjourn to any time and place which may be thought proper.

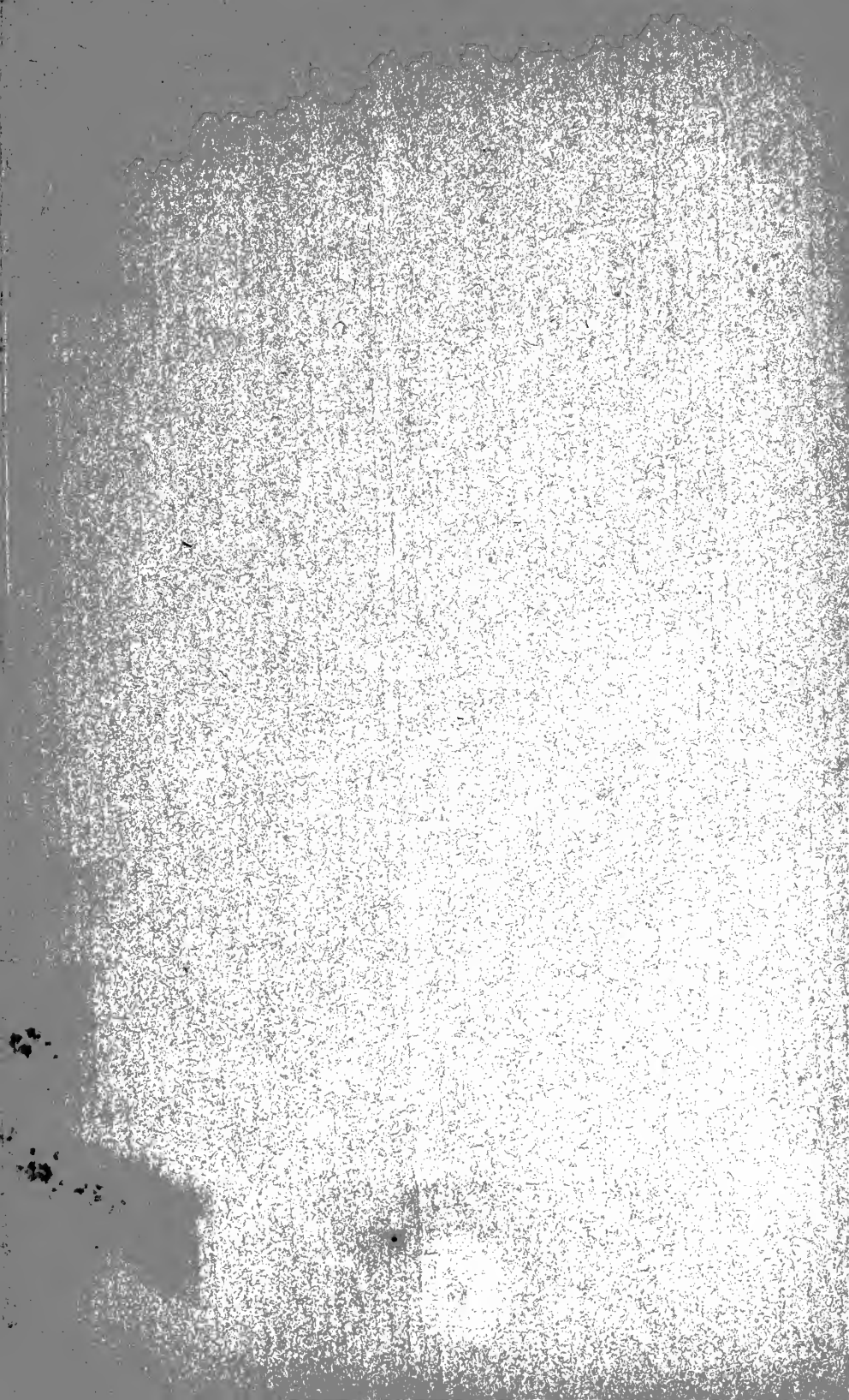
ART. 16. Any brother from this body present at the session of any Association with which we correspond, be recognized as a correspondent, and any one of our members present at the Alabama Baptist State Convention may fill any vacancy that occurs from the absence of the appointees to that body.

ART. 17. Those brethren to whom is assigned special work in the association, be enrolled as members of the same.

STATISTICS OF EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1891.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE.	No. Ordained Ministers.	No. Licensed Ministers.	Membership Reported.	Increase by Decrease by						S. & Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Pupils.	Preaching Substns.	Reports Received.
								Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Deaths.				
Bethlehem	Barbour.	T. H. Stout	D. E. McRae	Clayton	1	109	6	7	1	5	1	112	6	30	2	Yes	
Clayton	"	N. C. Underwood	J. B. Davis	Clayton	2	33	8	9	1	1	106	140	1	3	1	3	
Centre Ridge	"	T. H. Stout	J. J. S. Willis	McAndrew	1	103	2	5	5	1	90	5	69	1	1	1	
Cowkeed	"	H. R. McLendon	Geo. Boyes	Batesville	3	348	11	12	3	16	346	16	201	Every	Yes	Yes	
Enon	Bullock.	J. C. Hiden, D. D.	George B. Davis	Eufaula, Ala.	3	63	1	2	1	6	61	9	19	2	2	2	
*Evergreen	Barbour.	G. W. Harrison	F. R. Tillers	McAndrew	1	12	1	3	1	3	9	14	7	19	2	2	
Glennville	Russell	No Pastor	E. C. Perry	Glennville	1	183	4	5	3	3	183	14	85	1	3	3	
Hawkinsville	Barbour	G. W. Fuller	H. Hawkins	Hawkinsville	1	183	1	4	3	4	30	30	2	Yes	2	Yes	
Midway	Bullock.	T. H. Stout	George R. Hall	James	1	37	1	5	7	3	3	4	2	4	1	1	
Mt Olive	Barbour.	G. W. Harrison	J. W. Morrison	White Oak	1	51	1	5	1	2	41	49	4	26	3	Yes	
Mt Zion	Bullock.	A. F. Dix	G. F. Baker	Louisville	1	50	1	2	1	1	49	30	4	8	3	Yes	
Old Mt. Zion	Barbour.	W. T. Moseley	L. L. Cochran	Clayton	1	81	1	2	1	1	80	1	89	6	46	3	
Pine Creek	"	G. W. Harrison	F. M. Grubbs	Howe	1	124	3	1	2	1	125	6	50	4	Yes	4	
Pleasant Hill	"	W. D. Joiner	Eugene Blackman	Clayton	1	71	1	1	1	1	70	1	62	8	50	2	
Pleasant Grove	"	W. T. Moseley	J. A. Seay	Clayton	1	89	1	1	1	1	88	1	82	5	42	2	
Prospect	"	N. C. Underwood	J. F. J. Green	Harris	1	1539	38	48	5	72	22	1618	78	762	1	1	
Ramah	"	H. B. Florence	H. B. Florence	Clayton	1	1539	38	48	5	72	22	1618	78	762	1	1	
Union	"	J. T. Watkins	J. T. Watkins	Clayton	1	1539	38	48	5	72	22	1618	78	762	1	1	
Total					8	1539	38	48	5	72	22	1618	78	762	1	1	

*Eufaula and Evergreen churches report Prayer Meeting weekly.
 SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES—Wm. Pasmore, Bethlehem church, Louisville; B. Davis, Clayton church, Clayton; J. S. Willis, Centre Ridge church, McAndrew; A. A. Couric, Eufaula church, Eufaula; G. W. Fuller, Hawkinsville church, Cochran; W. J. Cowart, Midway church, Midway; R. A. Stratford, Pleasant Hill church, Howe; J. A. Seay, Jeasant Grove church, Clayton; A. M. Green, Prospect church, Louisville; R. A. Gray, Ramah church, Harris; J. T. Watkins, Union church, Clayton.



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