

MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Judson Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH, DALE COUNTY, ALA.

October 5, 6 and 7, 1888.

OFFICERS:

J. W. FOSTER.....	MODERATOR.....	Abbeville, Ala.
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J. B. WARD.....	TREASURER.....	Abbeville, Ala.

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The next session will be held with Tolbert Church, Henry county, Ala., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1889. Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. J. W. Malone.

ABBEVILLE, ALA.:

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1889.

RECORD OF TWENTY-FIVE SESSIONS OF THE JUDSON ASSOCIATION.

Session.	Date.	MODERATORS.	CLERKS.	Introductory Sermons.	Missionary Sermons.	Place of Meeting.	Finance Report.	Baptized.
8	1858	E. Cody	W. B. Laey	Daniel Cumbie	J. B. Taylor	Daleville	\$ 474 25	379
10	1860	E. Cody	E. Brooks	Daniel Cumbie	J. B. Taylor	Newton	417 25	291
11	1861	E. Cody	H. W. B. Price	W. P. Bryan	C. Smith	Judson	351 06	81
14	1864	P. M. Calloway	H. W. B. Price	D. Rogers	L. R. Sims	Shorterville		
15	1865	P. M. Calloway	E. Brooks			Sardis		
18	1868	L. R. Sims	J. R. Morris			Beulah	186 00	235
19	1869	L. R. Sims	Nat. Pace	A. L. Martin	P. M. Calloway	Gordon	247 85	174
20	1870	L. R. Sims	Jas. R. Morris	L. R. Sims	R. W. Preast	New Hope	185 20	
22	1872	L. R. Sims	J. L. Williams	L. R. Sims	T. E. Langley	Abbeville		149
23	1873	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	W. A. Cumbie	T. E. Langley	Plgrim's Rest	144 95	170
24	1874	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	A. L. Martin	L. R. Sims	Bethel	111 05	169
25	1875	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	E. M. Knowles	T. E. Langley	Walnut Grove	246 00	103
26	1876	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	W. A. Cumbie	P. M. Calloway	Pleasant Grove	132 20	100
27	1877	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	E. M. Knowles	W. N. Chawdoin	Shorterville	239 30	254
28	1878	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	L. R. Sims	A. L. Martin	Pleasant Plains	165 60	90
29	1879	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	A. L. Martin	T. E. Langley	Columbia	110 25	152
30	1880	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	L. R. Sims	T. E. Langley	Abbeville	436 05	108
31	1881	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	D. Rogers	A. P. Ashurst	Admirum	259 35	98
32	1882	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	A. P. Ashurst	P. M. Calloway	Bethlehem	255 80	115
33	1883	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	A. L. Martin	A. P. Ashurst	Smyna	212 00	134
34	1884	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	J. W. Malone	A. L. Blizard	Shorterville	261 50	162
35	1885	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	W. M. Bruner	M. B. Bean	Beulah	337 50	152
36	1886	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	G. A. Nunnally, D. D.	W. N. Reeves, D. D.	Abbeville	167 50	113
37	1887	J. W. Foster	W. A. McClendon	J. W. Malone	A. L. Martin	Béthel	139 00	107
38	1888	J. W. Foster	W. A. McClendon	A. L. Martin	N. C. Underwood	Mt. Pleasant, Dale	155 50	164

The Clerk made every effort to get a full file of Minutes, but the above is all that could be obtained.

MINUTES.

The Judson Baptist Association Convened in its Thirty-eighth Annual Session with Mt. Pleasant Church, Dale County, October 5th, 1888.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. L. Martin. As an introductory to the service, Brother Martin read 23d Psalm and sung "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," followed with prayer by Elder P. M. Calloway.

Brother Martin preached from Matt. xxiv. 14: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

The congregation was large and attentive, and doubtless the words spoken by Brother Martin will be as "bread cast upon the waters, to be gathered many days hence."

Brother J. W. Herndon closed the services with an earnest exhortation on duty, after which "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" was sung, followed by prayer.

The body took a recess till 2 o'clock P. M.

At 2 o'clock P. M. the body was called to order by Brother J. W. Foster, the former Moderator. Brother Foster made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, after which Brother N. C. Underwood led in prayer.

Letters from the churches were read by brethren J. S. Bird, J. W. Thomas and R. W. Miller, and the following delegates enrolled:

1. *Abbeville*—G. B. Weaver, Wm. J. Martin, W. W. Nobles and Wm. I. Weems; Alternates—J. L. Ward, John T. Capp, G. B. Skipper and H. H. Martin.
2. *Adoniram*—J. F. Boon, W. A. Herndon.
3. *Bethel*—A. L. Ray, J. W. White and A. P. White.
4. *Beulah*—D. E. Burdeshaw, J. J. Boyett; Alternate—G. W. Harris.
5. *Bethlehem*—W. H. F. Smith, J. B. White, J. H. Adams.
6. *Christian Grove*—R. B. Lee and J. B. Deshazo.
7. *Center*—J. M. Wells; Thomas Ward; Alternate—J. W. Rice.
8. *Concord*—F. M. Kirkland, Z. T. Knowles; Alternate—J. C. Kirkland.
9. *Fellowship*—A. Harp and W. J. Barnes; Alternate—R. Wiggins.
10. *Friendship*—S. A. Savelle, J. F. Phillips; Alternate—C. V. Miller.
11. *Hebron*—A. J. Armstrong, J. S. Granberry and C. L. Granberry.

12. *Judson*—Joel Williams, J. S. Bird, I. J. Gissendaner, J. W. Thomas.
13. *Liberty*—T. T. Ethridge, L. A. Ethridge, J. M. Watson.
14. *Lawrenceville*—W. L. McGee and N. L. Hanley.
15. *Mt. Pleasant* (Barbour)—Not represented.
16. *Mt. Pleasant* (Dale)—J. A. Stevens, W. F. Robinson, J. H. Armstrong, Wm. Pettus.
17. *Mt. Ariel*—W. G. Jernigan, R. D. Richards.
18. *New Hope*—Wm. J. Doswell, J. W. Malone, A. Starling.
19. *Oaky Grove*—Wm. N. Kirkland, J. J. Whiddon, W. A. Whiddon.
20. *Pleasant Grove*—S. M. Singletary, C. C. Murphy, G. M. Dunn, W. G. Davison, A. Armstrong; Alternates—J. M. Davison, D. B. Sowell.
21. *Pleasant Hill*—N. L. Sellers and John Parish.
22. *Sardis*—Cornelius Johnson and John Griffin.
23. *Shortville*—A. J. Teague, J. S. Barnett and W. F. Mills.
24. *Smyrna*—W. W. Whiddon, A. Daughy; Alternates—J. F. Dawsey and J. F. Holomon.
25. *Tolbert*—Wm. J. Barnes, J. M. Whiddon, Henry Willis and W. H. Elmore.
26. *Union*—M. F. Platt and Jasper Bracken.

ORGANIZATION.

After reading the letters and enrolling the names of the delegates, the Moderator announced the next order of business was to elect a Moderator and Clerk.

Brother Bird moved to suspend the rules and elect Bro. J. W. Foster Moderator by acclamation. Bro Foster made an earnest appeal to the body to be excused, and to elect some one else, but in consideration of his past services, faithfully and intelligently performed, the motion prevailed, and Bro. Foster was elected. W. A. McClendon was elected Clerk.

The Moderator and Clerk thanked the body for the compliment and entered into the regular order of business.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and the Moderator appointed the Committee on Preaching: G. B. Weaver, Joel Williams and W. W. Nobles, with the delegates from Mt. Pleasant (Dale).

Regular order of business resumed.

1st. Called for petitioning letters, and received a letter from Union Church, which was read and, on motion, the church was received into this Association, the Moderator extending the hand of welcome to her messengers.

2d. Called for visiting ministers. Present from the Newton Association, P. M. Calloway, J. M. Poyner, T. Jones, R. Deal, R.

C. Deal and Charley Pellum; from Brundidge Church, N. C. Underwood; from Bethel (Ga.) Association, R. L. Crumbly; from the Alabama Association, W. C. T. Mosley; from the Columbia Association, Silas Williford.

3d. Call for correspondents, and received from the

Eufaula Association—

Bethel (Ga.) Association—R. L. Crumbly.

Columbia Association—Silas Williford.

Newton Association—P. M. Calloway, R. Deal, T. Jones, J. M. Poyner, R. C. Deal and Charley Pellum.

Bro. N. C. Underwood represented the State Mission Board, and was recognized in that capacity.

Bro. Silas Williford, the correspondent from the Columbia Association, said he felt somewhat embarrassed in presenting himself, knowing there was some objection on account of the 7th Article of their Faith, and that he hoped that the day was not far distant when the matter would be reconciled.

Bro. J. W. Thompson moved to receive Bro. Williford as a correspondent from the Columbia Association. The subject being open for discussion, remarks were made by several of the brethren, after which a vote was taken, and the motion to receive the correspondent was carried.

Bro. A. L. Martin asked that his name be placed on record against receiving the correspondent from Columbia Association, for no other reason but the doctrine contained in their 7th Article of Faith.

The Committee on Preaching made their report as follows:

Bro. T. Jones to preach to-night, Bro. R. L. Crumbly to preach at 11 A. M. to-morrow, Bro. S. A. Savelle at 3 P. M. to-morrow, Bro. R. Deal to-morrow night, and Bro. N. C. Underwood Sunday at 11 o'clock A. M.

The report was adopted.

Bro. J. W. Herndon moved that the hours of meeting by 8:30 A. M. and 2 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure. Motion concurred in.

Return correspondents:

To Newton Association—Bros. A. M. Martin and J. A. Stevens.

To Bethel Association, (Ga.)—Bros. J. W. Malone, J. W. Herndon, J. W. Thomas, J. W. Foster, A. L. Martin, S. A. Savelle and Joel Williams.

To Columbia Association—

Brother Malone moved that a committee of twelve from this Association be appointed to visit the Columbia Association and labor with them with respect to the 7th Article of Faith.

Adopted, and the Chair stated that the committee would be named during the session.

On motion of Bro. Malone the Association adjourned until tomorrow (Saturday) at 8:30 A. M.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1888—8:30 A. M

Association met pursuant to adjournment, Bro. J. W. Foster in the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. W. C. F. Mosley.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Motion was made to reconsider the vote of yesterday on the motion to accept the correspondent from the Columbia Association. The motion was lost, and the Association refused to reconsider.

REGULAR ORDER.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Nominations—A. L. Ray, C. Johnson and J. W. Rice.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Joel Williams, T. H. Trotter and G. B. Weaver.

On Publications—J. W. Thomas, J. W. Knowles and S. M. Singletary.

On Documents—M. V. Capps, A. J. Armstrong and J. F. Hollomon.

On Finance—M. W. Barnes, W. J. Barnes and N. L. Sellers.

On motion, the Committee on Nominations was requested to nominate delegates to the State Convention.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended.

On motion, the present Executive Committee were re-elected by acclamation.

On motion, Bro. J. B. Ward was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Regular order resumed.

Called for the report of the Executive Committee.

REPORT.

We, your Executive Committee, offer the following: In November last we made the following contract with Bro. A. L. Martin: To work in such destitute places within the bounds of our Association as an evangelist, for the limited time of four months, at \$50 per month, and we recommend him for that position for the next Associational year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. WARD,
M. V. CAPPS,
N. L. HAULEY,
WM. L. MCGEE,
A. ARMSTRONG,
Committee.

Bro. J. S. Bird moved that a special committee of five be appointed to consider and report on the suggestions of the Executive Committee.

Motion adopted, and the following brethren appointed as the special committee: J. S. Bird, Wm. I. Weems, C. V. Miller, J. J. Boyett and Wm. J. Doswell.

The circular letter was called for, and read by Bro. J. S. Bird as follows:

CIRCULAR LETTER—PRAYER.

In His sermon in the mount, as recorded in Matt. v., vi. and vii., among the blessed things taught therein our Saviour taught his disciples to pray. In that prayer, we are taught to approach God with filial confidence as our Father, and also with reverential awe of his sacred name; to extend our desires beyond ourselves, and to the coming of Christ's universal kingdom; it connects absolute submission to the practical will of God respecting us with our earnestness to obtain the benefits he has to bestow; it teaches our dependence upon his providence for the supply of our daily bread, and therefore excludes an infidel confidence in mere second causes, and brings devotion into the daily business and enjoyments of life; it calls for confession of sin, and authorizes us to ask for forgiveness; and it reminds us when we pray we are also to forgive; it teaches us that without the aid of God we shall fall into temptation, and leads us to him as our refuge against the danger of evil, and the evil one; and finally it turns prayer into praise, calls up the grateful homage and ardent affections of the whole soul towards God; in ascribing to him glory and honor forever.

Into this divinely prepared mould must all acceptable prayer be cast, and he who regards these rules can never, as to the manner of ordering his cause before God, pray amiss.

Our Father knoweth what we have need of before we ask him. This is not given as a reason against much speaking in prayer, but against thinking we shall be heard for our much speaking.

Everything is known to God; all the minutest circumstances which can affect an individual; all that that individual, in the infinite variety of relations in which he may and must be placed, can want; all that he needs, although he may greatly mistake on this matter himself; all that can be truly good to him in its beneficial results, as well as its present influence.

He accurately knows all these things before we ask; and it is as certainly implied that he is disposed to give what, upon this infallible knowledge of our characters and the influence which things have upon us, we really need. This is one of the reasons and grounds of prayer.

God knows what we want, and is disposed, by the benevolence of his nature, by his parental feelings as our Father, to give; and waits only for the simple expression of our desires in prayer, accompanied by that trust which we ought to exercise in his mercy, in order to bestow upon us the blessings at the best time. He who gives to them that deserve not has the right to appoint his own conditions; and since He has made them so easily practicable, nothing can more impressively illustrate his goodness.

Those as greatly err, on the other hand, who explain prayer as not influencing God but ourselves, and thus affect to give a philosophic reason for the duty. Prayer, however, is not in itself the means of producing moral changes in us, but the appointed means of obtaining from God that *grace* by which such changes are wrought. It does not put us into a

moral state of fitness to receive his favor, but as it necessarily implies penitence and faith, it places us in that relation of humble and dependent creatures, that he can meet with us, and graciously bless us.

Finally, brethren, let us approach the throne of grace daily and hourly; let us go boldly, firmly relying upon the promises of our blessed Saviour, and God will assuredly bless us for his sake.

“Prayer was appointed to convey
The blessings God designs to give;
Long as they live, should Christians pray,
For only while they pray they live.

“The Christian’s heart his prayer indites,
He speaks as prompted from within;
The Spirit his petition writes,
And Christ receives and gives it in.

“If pains afflict, or wrongs oppress,
If cares distract, or fears dismay;
If guilt deject, if sin distress,
The remedy’s before thee—pray.

“’Tis prayer supports the soul that’s weak,
Though thought be broken, language lame,
Pray, if thou canst, or canst not speak,
But pray with faith in Jesus’ name.”

Your brother,

JNO. S. BIRD.

On motion, the circular letter was adopted, and ordered to be published.

The Moderator called for the report on State Missions.

Bro. A. L. Martin, chairman of the committee, came forward and submitted the report, stating at the time that he had incorporated into his report a partial statement of his work as evangelist, and would in connection therewith make a more complete verbal statement thereof when the report comes up for discussion.

Report as follows:

REPORT OF EVANGELICAL WORK FOR JUDSON ASSOCIATION, COMMENCING NOV. 20TH, 1887, AND ENDING OCT. 5TH, 1888.

I have during this time preached one hundred and twenty-one sermons, have visited all the churches except one. I find some destitution in our bounds yet, but the greatest trouble I find among our people is a want of identity in the cause of missions. This will be found in our churches, in the neglect to sustain our pastors. Whenever you find this the case, you will find an indifference in all the other work. I have endeavored to do all I could to stimulate the members of churches and the ministers on this important duty, for I feel that the whole trouble is just at this point, for I have never yet known where a pastor did his duty just here he is well provided for, and all the other interests are carefully watched after. Upon this subject many are timid, but should not be; and why? our teachers are one of the greatest blessings God has given us, to take care of the flock over which he is called to watch. Now shall he keep a flock, and shall not partake of the milk of the flock? But one says he is to have the love of the flock. I grant that; and how am I to manifest my love for my pastor but by my interest manifested in him and family? First, by aiding with my means, so that he will have time to study the Word. This he must preach. In this he must show himself “approved unto God,” not to be ashamed, but a good workman or witness, for this is the grand work of the church and ministers of Christ. Secondly, we

must feel an interest in his family; a want of interest right here is one of the greatest trials that the minister ever has to contend with. Now this trouble does not arise from the want of ability, nor so much from a want of willingness, but for a want of system, and this system is taught in the gospel, and where can we find a better? Lay aside on the first day of the week as God has prospered you in your business. All doing this, there will be something in the treasury, and at least quarterly you can meet the necessities of the poor, and pay your pastor. In this way he may be enabled to pay as he goes, and owe no man, but be free. But this is not all: The church will become interested in other church work, and none of more importance than the Sabbath-school. What is it? I answer, a church at work, studying God's word and teaching it, and thereby be prepared to detect false doctrine and false teachers; and in this way keep out leaven, and in doing our work faithfully at home we become truly what we claim to be—Missionary—our feelings going with the grand commission of our blessed Saviour, witnessing to the uppermost parts of the earth, comforting the dear children of God, and at the same time witnessing to what sin is, and the fearful consequences of the end. Who is not willing? Who is it that loves our Heavenly Father, and Jesus the Saviour of his people, are not willing to work in the vineyard as God commands? In conclusion, I want to say I have made this report to let you know I see much need of work of this sort in the bounds of the Judson Association. Respectfully submitted.

A. L. MARTIN.

On motion, the report was received, and the Executive Committee instructed to pay Bro. Martin according to contract.

Call for the report on Home Missions.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following: We find the forty-third annual report of the board, made at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention at Richmond, Va., furnishes the following statistics of the work done: Number of missionaries employed by the board 287. Arkansas, 22; Cuba, 17; District of Columbia, 1; Florida, 37; Georgia, 5; Indian Territory, 15; Louisiana, 21; Maryland, 2; Missouri, 4; Mississippi, 3; Texas, 125; Virginia, 1; Western Arkansas and Indian Territory, 15; Western North Carolina, 18.

These ministers bearing with them the gospel of peace have ministered during the year to 1,114 churches and stations, having preached 33,868 sermons, conducted 7,390 prayer meetings, and, as a result of their labors, 4,857 have been added to the church by baptism, while 2,639 have been received by letter, making a total increase of 7,496. In the same time 336 churches have been constituted, 64 houses of worship have been built, and 431 Sabbath-schools have been organized, with 17,240 teachers and pupils. A statement of these facts should be to us the means of much encouragement, and should inspire us with new zeal in our work for the Home Board, and the interest entrusted to it.

We learn from the report, and we regret that it is true, that Alabama failed during the last year to respond to the demands of the board upon the Christian liberality of her people, having fallen short more than \$2,000 of the amount asked of our State. In consideration of the above facts, we suggest and urge that this Association begin now to work with more zeal for a prompt and liberal response to the request of our State Mission Board, that they may be able to continue in this divine and important work. Respectfully submitted.

S. M. SINGLETARY, }
D. W. CAPPS, } Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee, make the following report: The progress of our Foreign Missions is rather slow, so far as our knowledge extends; yet they are accomplishing much good. We beg all our churches in the Judson Association to do all in their power to help in the grand work for the Master's cause, and that we join with many others in lamenting the deaths of two of our brethren, Yates and Davault, and Sister Graves.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. MILLS,
C. V. MILLER,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of the reports on State, Home, and Foreign Missions, the importance of missions was discussed by several of the brethren, after which the reports as read were adopted.

Call for Report on Temperance.

The committee not being ready to report, on motion further time was allowed.

REPORT ON AGED AND INDIGENT MINISTERS AND DECEASED MINISTERS' FAMILIES.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we hear of no case of suffering among our old ministers and their families, but we would commend to your favorable consideration Sisters Rogers and Whiddon.

J. H. SPIVEY,
Z. T. KIRKLAND,
A. ARMSTRONG,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report: From the best information that we can get, we find that the Sabbath-school interest is gaining from last year. Many churches have reported flourishing Sabbath-schools, but we are sorry to learn that the churches as a whole are not taking more interest in Sabbath-schools. We recommend that the ministers and deacons of churches advocate more zealously the cause of the Sabbath-school. We feel by so doing the cause will be more prosperous in the future than in the past.

W. L. MCGEE,
J. B. WARD,
ANDREW WHIDDON,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Bro. J. B. Ward read the following report, which was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. B. WARD, *Treasurer, in account with* JUDSON ASSOCIATION.

1887.	DR.	
Oct. 3d.	To cash on hand from 1886.....	\$ 90
	“ “ from Finance Committee.....	139 60
	“ “ received on Sabbath collection.....	13 60
	“ “ “ on pledges recorded in minute for	
1887.....		9 00
Total amount.....		\$163 10

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Oct. 3d.	By cash paid J. W. Malone for Sister Rogers.	\$ 3 40	
"	" " " J. W. Herndon for his father....	3 40	
"	" " " Sister Whiddon.....	3 40	
"	" " " Brother Hartley.....	3 40	
"	" " " W. A. McClendon.....	20 00	
"	" " " A. L. Martin on mission work..	79 50	
"	" " " Baptist Pub. Society for minutes	25 70	
"	" " " freight and postage on minutes..	1 25	
"	" " " Pastor of Sardis Church.....	15 00—	155 05
	Cash on hand to balance.....		8 05

 \$163 10

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is not understood by your committee that they should enter into an elaborate discussion of this subject. It is universally conceded that education is a very important factor in the progress, not only in nations, but even of communities, and wherever you find the people of a community fully alive to their school interest, and willing to make sacrifices in order that the minds of their children should be refined and cultivated, you will find a people on the high road to prosperity; and when the people, and especially of our Association, fully appreciate the fact that it is better for the weeds and briars to grow in their fence corners than that the minds of their children should be beclouded with ignorance and vice, then you will see our school houses filled with boys and girls, eager in the pursuit of knowledge. And instead of the little starving schools scattered here and there, with a long interval between, you will find in every neighborhood commodious and well ventilated structures, well adapted for the purpose intended.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. ESPY,
B. W. HERRING,
R. C. GRANBERRY,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report on Education, addresses were made by Bros. Malone and Underwood, each urging the importance and the necessity of education.

After the addresses, on motion, the report was adopted.

Call for the report of the Committee on Documents.

The Committee on Documents, not being ready to report, asked for further time, and on motion the request was granted.

The following churches, to-wit, Pleasant Grove, Center, Shorterville, and Tolbert, having applied for the next session to be held with them, on motion that matter was referred to the Committee on Documents.

The report of the Finance Committee was called for. That committee asked for further time.

On motion, the request was granted.

The Report on Publications was called for, read and adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your committee, make the following report: We regard the *Alabama Baptist*, a paper published at Montgomery, as the leading organ of our denomination, which is devoted to the Baptist cause exclusively. We also recommend to our Baptist friends the *Foreign Journal* and the *Home Field*, papers devoted to Foreign Mission work. There are a great many Baptists that know but very little about what is being done in foreign fields by our denomination; therefore we feel that it would be of great satisfaction to them to subscribe for those papers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. THOMAS,
J. W. KNOWLES,
S. M. SINGLETARY,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report: Bro. J. W. Malone to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next session, Bro. Aris Armstrong, alternate; Bro. S. J. Knowles to write the Circular Letter; Delegates to the State Convention, Brethren J. W. Foster, A. L. Martin, J. B. Ward, W. L. McGee, Armstead Armstrong, William I. Weems, J. H. Spivey, R. C. Granberry, B. W. Herring and J. B. White.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. RAY,
C. JOHNSON,
J. W. RICE,
Committee.

The regular order of business was suspended, and Bro. J. W. Herndon made a motion to amend the 9th article of the Constitution by adding the 23d and 24th verses of the 5th chapter of Matthew, and also the 15th, 16th and 17th verses of the 18th chapter of Matthew.

The motion was lost.

The report of the Special Committee was called for, and on motion the hearing of the report was deferred until 2 o'clock P. M. The Moderator announced that Bro. R. L. Crumbly would preach at 11 A. M. this day.

On motion, the body adjourned.

Benediction by Bro. J. C. Skipper.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2 o'clock P. M., J. W. Foster in the chair. Prayer by Bro. Crumbly.

Miscellaneous business taken up.

Bro. Herndon moved that a collection be taken up for the benefit of Bro. Mendhiem.

Motion carried.

The Moderator announced that preaching would soon commence

at the new church building by Bro. Poyner, and that a collection would be taken up there for the same purpose. (\$8 55 was collected at both places, and the amount turned over to Bro. Mendiem — CLERK)

This being the hour set to hear the report of the Special Committee, the report was read, and is as follows:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Executive Committee, would respectfully recommend that we employ no evangelist for the present, and we further recommend that the churches support their pastors better, and that the pastors do the evangelical work.
J. S. BIRD, Chairman.

Pending the adoption of the report of the Special Committee, Bro. J. W. Thomas moved, as an amendment to the report, that the Association employ Bro. A. L. Martin as Evangelist as long a time as the Executive Committee may determine. Addresses for and against the amendment were made by several brethren, and a vote was taken on the amendment, and the same was lost. The question recurring on the original report of the Special Committee, a vote was taken, and the report adopted.

The report on Documents was read, as follows:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, ask to submit the following: We find four churches asking for the next session of this Association, to wit: Pleasant Grove, Center, Shorterville and Tolbert, and would recommend that the next session be held with the church at Tolbert.

We also recommend that this Association refuse in the future to correspond with Columbia Association, except they change the 7th Article of their Abstract of Faith.

We find two queries, one from Bethel Church and one from New Hope Church. From Bethel: 1st. Can a church receive into her fellowship an excommunicated minister, who has been excluded from another church upon a charge of public offense? and if so, has the church receiving him any authority for recognizing him as a minister without re-ordination?

Query from New Hope Church: If a church ordain a man to preach the gospel, and subsequently demand his credentials, and withdraws her fellowship from him, does that act of her's disqualify him from being a legal minister of the gospel?

We, your Committee, feel incompetent to offer any recommendations upon these questions, and respectfully refer them back to the Association for her deliberation.

Respectfully submitted,

M. V. CAPPS,
A. J. ARMSTRONG,
J. F. HOLOMON,
Committee.

On motion, the report was taken up by items.

1st. The recommendation that the next session of this Association shall be held with Tolbert Church, on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1889, was adopted.

The second item of the report, which refers to the correspondence between this and the Columbia Association, was taken up and considered. Bro. Thomas read the 7th Article of the Abstract of Faith of the Columbia Association, for the information of the brethren. On motion of Bro. Bird, it was resolved to appoint a special committee of five to visit the Columbia Association, and inform them of our objections to their 7th Article of Faith, and labor with them to correct it. Under the above resolution, the following committee was appointed, viz: J. S. Bird, J. J. Boyett, W. F. Robinson and D. E. Burdeshaw.

The third item of the report, which relates to the queries from Bethel and New Hope churches, was taken up.

Bro. Thomas moved that the queries be tabled.

Lost.

Bro. Bird moved that the matters complained of by Bethel and New Hope churches be postponed until the next meeting of the Association.

After discussion a vote was taken, and Bro. Bird's motion to postpone was lost.

Bro. Malone moved to take up and answer the query from New Hope church

Motion carried.

Bro. Bird offered the following answer, seconded by Bro. Thomas: "That circumstances might be such, that we answer yes"

Bro. Malone offered the following amendment: "That it certainly does disqualify, without regard to circumstances."

Bro. Underwood in the chair.

Pending the adoption of the amendment, a heated discussion ensued, several brethren making addresses.

A vote was taken on the amendment, and the same was lost.

Bro. Bird's motion, to answer the query (under certain circumstances) "yes," was voted upon, and the motion prevailed.

Bro. Foster in the chair.

On motion the body adjourned until 8:30 A. M. to-morrow.

The long doxology was sung.

Benediction by Bro. Malone.

SUNDAY, 8:30 A. M., OCTOBER 7, 1888.

Bro. Foster called the body to order.

After singing hymns of praise to God, Bro. A. L. Ray led in prayer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Bro. J. M. Poyner in the chair.

Bro. Weems moved to reconsider the report of the Special Committee.

Pending the motion, Bro. J. W. Foster, in his own style of originality and power, addressed the body, favoring the employing of an evangelist to preach within the bounds of this Association.

Bro. J. W. Thomas addressed the body, favoring the same, and the motion to reconsider was carried.

Bro. Foster then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of this Association are hereby authorized to join with the proper authorities of the Newton Association in contracting with Bro. A. L. Martin for his services as an evangelist, within the bounds of the two Associations, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between them, and the correspondents from this Association to the Newton are hereby requested to make known to the Newton our disposition to unite with them in employing an evangelist, and request from the Newton some official expression on the subject.

On motion, the resolution was adopted, and pledges taken for that purpose.

CHURCH PLEDGES.

Abbeville.....	\$20 00	Liberty.....	\$ 2 00
Adoniram.....	2 50	Lawrenceville.....	5 00
Bethel.....	10 00	Mt. Pleasant (Dale).....	3 00
Beulah.....	5 00	New Hope.....	5 00
Center (for Ass'l purposes)..	2 50	Oaky Grove.....	1 00
Concord.....	2 00	Pleasant Grove.....	10 00
Fellowship.....	5 00	Pleasant Hill.....	2 00
Friendship.....	2 50	Sardis.....	2 00
Hebron.....	5 00	Shorterville.....	5 00
Judson.....	5 00	Tolbert.....	5 00
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	\$59 50		\$40 00

PERSONAL PLEDGES.

A. L. Ray.....	\$ 3 00	Joel Willians.....	\$ 2 00
J. W. White.....	1 00	Angus Harp.....	1 00
Wm. I. Weems.....	3 00	A. J. Armstrong.....	1 00
J. P. White.....	1 00	C. L. Granberry.....	1 00
J. W. Malone.....	5 00	J. B. Ward.....	5 00
W. W. Whiddon (paid).....	1 00	J. W. Foster.....	5 00
W. F. Allison (paid).....	1 00	W. W. Nobles.....	2 00
Wm. L. McGee.....	1 00	G. M. Dunn.....	1 00
W. G. Davison (paid).....	1 00	M. V. Capps.....	5 00
S. M. Singletary.....	1 00	J. M. Wells.....	1 00
Sister W. W. Whiddon (paid)	50	W. J. Barnes.....	1 00
W. A. McClendon.....	1 00	W. L. Barnes.....	1 00
Sister C. Robinson (paid)....	50	W. A. Whiddon.....	1 00
Armstead Armstrong.....	2 00	J. W. Thomas.....	1 00
D. W. Capps.....	1 00	A. L. Martin.....	20 00
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	\$23 00		\$48 00

Brother A. J. Armstrong offered the following:

"Inasmuch as Bro. Savelle is the object of the queries sent from Bethel and New Hope churches, and there being dissatisfaction about his ministerial qualifications, I move that a committee be appointed to investigate the circumstances under which he is exercising the functions of a minister of the gospel.

Several addresses were made for and against the resolution.

Brother Foster in the chair.

Brother Bird offered the following as a substitute for the pending resolution:

"That this matter be postponed until our next session, at which time this case will be the first matter for consideration, and shall have preference of all other matters until it is disposed of."

Brother Ward moved to table the resolution and substitute. A vote was taken, and the motion to table was carried.

Brother Bird offered the following resolution of thanks:

"That the thanks of this body are due, and that they be tendered, to the brethren, sisters and friends of Mt. Pleasant Church for their bountiful hospitality towards us during the present session of this Association."

The Moderator called for the report on Temperance. The Committee not being ready to report, on motion, deferred until our next Association.

Called for the report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

REPORT.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report: After inquiring among our brethren, we find that the good Lord, in his wisdom, has preserved our ministers and deacons, and that no deaths have occurred since our last Association.

G. B. WEAVER, }
T. H. FOSTER, } Committee.
JOEL WILLIAMS. }

On motion, the Clerk was to be paid twenty-five dollars (\$25) for his services.

On motion, the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Order of Business are to be published.

Brother Boyett read the letter to the churches as follows:

Having been appointed to write to the churches on Missions, I am of the opinion that I cannot do better than to earnestly beg the members to examine the ground of their hope with fervent and continued prayer. If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. We find that the word of God abounds with the spirit of missions. Christ came, prepared and commissioned his apostles, and commanded them to go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature, and he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Then the command comes to us as his children; if we cannot occupy the pulpit, we can help those that do, with the means than God has given us. When we consider the extent of the mission field, and one hundred and ninety millions of our fellow creatures are living upon the dark continent that have never heard the gospel—

with these lights before us, how can we withhold our means that God in his goodness and mercy has given us? To hope for salvation for ourselves, and do nothing toward giving the word of life to others, is selfish. Christ commands us to deny ourselves and follow him, whose life was spent in doing others good. It was on purpose that Christ took his seat in the Temple, over against the Treasury, and watched how the people cast their money into the Lord's cause; and he reproved the rich for their stinginess, and commended the poor widow in that she cast in all her living. The church had its Treasury then, and Christians were commanded, every one of them, to lay by in store as the Lord prospered them, and this laying up for the Lord's cause was to be done every week, and the collection must have been taken every Sabbath. No man who neglects to inform himself upon his duty to God and his fellow man, can be a useful Christian, if a Christian at all, when so much can be learned for 35 cents, by sending for the *Foreign Mission Journal*, which gives so much foreign mission news. Take it for your children, if not for yourself.

Brethren, let us awake from our slothfulness and endeavor to be live and useful children. "Hark, the voice of Jesus calling" If you cannot cross the ocean and the heathen land explore: if you cannot preach like Paul, while the souls of men are dying and the Master calls for you, you can give the widow's mite, and the least you do for Jesus will be precious in his sight.

J. J. BOYETT.

The Moderator called attention to the fact that under a resolution adopted on the first day of the session, it was his duty to appoint a committee of twelve to visit the Columbia Association, and to the further fact that under a resolution of Bro. Bird, subsequently adopted, a special committee of five had already been appointed to perform the same duty, and enquired if it was the pleasure of the Association to have two committees at the same time charged with the same duty.

On motion, the committee of twelve was dispensed with.

On motion of Bro. Campbell, it was resolved that the minutes be distributed to the churches according to the money sent up by each church for that purpose.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted.

FINANCE REPORT.

We, the Committee on Finance, make the following report:

For Minutes.....	\$ 28 80
Church Pledges redeemed.....	121 00
Individual Pledges redeemed.....	90 50
Balance paid on old Pledge.....	15 25
Total.....	\$255 55

N. L. SELLERS,
W. J. BARNES,
W. M. BARNES,
Committee.

CHURCH PLEDGES UNREDEEMED.

New Hope.....	\$5 00
Adoniram.....	5 00

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES UNREDEEMED.

J. A. Campbell.....	\$2 00
G. M. Murphy.....	1 00
D. J. Walker.....	1 00
J. T. Lee.....	1 00

The query that was sent from Judson church in regard to Communion, at our last session, was taken up, and on motion the query was tabled.

The Moderator announced that there would be preaching at 11 o'clock at both houses by Bros. Underwood and Crumbly.

A motion was made to take up a collection at the close of the service, at each house, one-half of the proceeds to be paid to Bro. Jordan.

The motion was amended, to turn over the amount collected to the Executive Committee, to be divided between the indigents of our Association, including Bro. Mendheim, of Columbia Association.

[The amount collected was turned over to Bro. J. B. Ward, Chairman of the Executive Committee, for distribution.—CLERK.]

The business of the Association being completed, the long doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Bro. Crumbley, and the body adjourned for preaching.

J. W. FOSTER, *Moderator.*

W. A. McCLENDON, *Clerk.*

 ORDAINED MINISTERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Post-offices.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Post-offices.</i>
A. L. Martin.....	Abbeville	Aris Armstrong.....	Headland
J. M. Malone.....	Wesley	S. J. Knowles.....	Headland
J. W. Herndon.....	Shorterville	D. E. Burdeshaw.....	Headland
B. Herndon.....	Shorterville	Moses Bracken.....	Bracken
S. A. Savelle.....	Wesley	S. T. Spivy.....	Dothan
R. B. Lee.....	Eufaula	A. Daughety.....	Cowarts
J. W. Knowles.....	Bracken	S. W. Lock.....	Headland

LICENTIATES.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Post-offices.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Post-offices.</i>
J. A. Campbell.....	Headland	John Mann.....	Strickland
B. J. Fordham.....	Lawrenceville	J. M. Whiddon.....	Headland

STANDING COMMITTEES.

- State Missions*—J. S. Bird, Geo. L. Fleming and I. J. Gissendaner.
Home Missions—W. J. Doswell, A. Starling and C. V. Miller.
Foreign Missions—Geo. T. Roberts, J. F. Boon and E. N. Willis.
To Open Discussion on Missions—A. L. Martin.
Education—R. W. Miller, D. G. Trawick and John Capps.
To Open Discussion—N. L. Hawley.
Temperance—S. J. Belcher, R. B. Lee and Aris Armstrong.
To Open Discussion—A. J. Armstrong.
Aged and Indigent Ministers, and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers—A. L. Ray, J. W. White and A. P. White.
Sabbath Schools—D. E. Burdeshaw, J. J. Boyett and G. W. Harris.
To Open Discussion—J. F. Hollomon.
Publications—A. L. Martin, J. W. Malone and M. V. Capps.
To Write Circular Letter—S. J. Knowles.
To Write to the Churches on Missions—J. W. Thomas.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

—OF THE—

JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. We believe in the existence of one only true and living God, and that He has made Himself known to His people under the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, and equal in divine perfection.

ART. II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. III. We believe in the doctrine of election, that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined them to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will.

ART. IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

ART. V. We believe in man's incompetency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own will and ability.

ART. VI. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

ART. VII. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

ART. VIII. We believe that nothing can separate the true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. IX. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that the true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that immersion only is baptism.

ART. X. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

ART. XI. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

ART. XII. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances, unless he is called of God, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and is in fellowship in the church of which he is member.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This union shall be known and distinguished by the style and title of the JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. This Association shall be composed of representatives from the churches in the union, in the following ratio: All churches composed of one hundred members and under, shall be allowed two messengers; those having over one hundred, and not more than one hundred and fifty members, three messengers; those having over one hundred and fifty, and not more than two hundred members, four messengers; and so on in gradation—one messenger for every fifty members, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their churches, before they take their seats.

ART. III. The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by the election of a Moderator and Clerk. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and continue in office until new ones are elected.

ART. IV. The Association shall not interfere with rights of the churches of which she is composed. She shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall only act as an advisory council, assuming no authority, except what is expressly delegated to her by the churches, or evidently implied by the very nature of this compact; she, nevertheless, claims authority over her own members, the messengers of the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming unorthodox in faith, or disorderly in practice. She should, therefore, regard all the churches united under this Constitution, with a vigilant eye for good. Her principal business shall be to promote the glory of God by extending His Kingdom of Grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel and other means, in accordance with the gospel; to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and especially with those united in this Association.

ART. V. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by their sending up their messengers to an annual meeting, with a petition, and by those messengers agreeing to the Abstract of Principles herewith published.

ART. VI. The churches of this union shall transmit to every annual session of this Association, written communications, specifying the names of the messengers, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead, since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. VII. This Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over, through the Committee on Finance, to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall receive and manage the funds according to the order of the Association, and present annually, for insertion in the minutes, a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. VIII. This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. IX. This Association shall not take cognizance of any query sent up by the churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the same and failed, nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued

the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them; then the Association shall take such matters into consideration, and act upon them at her discretion.

ART. X. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of printed minutes of every session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. XI. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by proper Rules of Decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend, according to her own views.

ART. XII. This Constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of this body, by a concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present; *Provided* such alteration or amendment be approved by a majority of the churches.

DECORUM.

1. Every query sent up to the Association by any church in the union, shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated or not; and if there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn, provided always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

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

3. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; and he shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in debate.

4. No person shall speak more than three times upon the same subject without leave of the body.

5. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the body, and if he so does, he shall be marked as an absentee.

6. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the body may require.

7. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote, except the body be equally divided.

8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular record of the proceedings of the body.

9. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the body rises.

10. Amendments may be made to this form of government by two-thirds of the members in session.

Statistics of the Judson Baptist Association, 1888.

CHURCHES.	County.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES OF CLERKS.	Membership Last Reported.	Increase by				Decrease by				Present Membership.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Pupils.	Minute Fund.	Associational Purposes.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reverals Reported.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.	Revival.	Letter.							
Abbeville.....	Henry..	H. L. Crumblley..	J. W. Foster.....	Abbeville, Ala.....	64	29	12	1	1	8	3	107	2	2 00	\$	1st & 3d	Revival			
Adoniram.....	Henry..	S. A. Savelle.....	W. H. Parker.....	Hardwicksburg, Ala.....	69	7	1	1	1	8	3	62	2	2 00	\$	2d	Revival			
Bethel.....	Barbour..	J. W. Malone.....	A. P. Belcher.....	Belcher, Barbour Co., Ala.....	121	6	1	2	1	17	3	115	1	1 50		4th	Revival			
Bethel.....	Henry..	R. Deal.....	J. G. Patterson.....	Dodhan, Henry Co., Ala.....	107	1	1	1	1	17	3	33	1	2 00		3d				
Bethlehem.....	Henry..	R. Deal.....	B. W. Herring.....	Headland, Henry Co., Ala.....	131	5	10	3	4	11	1	132	1	2 00		1st				
Christian Grove.....	Barbour..	R. B. Lee.....	G. B. James.....	Eufaula, Ala.....	55	2	4	3	4	15	3	56	1	1 00		1st				
Center.....	Barbour..	S. Willowford.....	F. M. Roney.....	Brackeen, Ala.....	87	3	6	1	15	3	79	1	1 00		2d	2 00				
Concord.....	Barbour..	J. W. Knowles.....	F. M. Kirkland.....	Brackeen, Ala.....	110	12	6	6	25	1	8	52	1	1 00		3d	3 00			
Fellowship.....	Barbour..	R. C. Deal.....	H. Wiggins.....	Abbeville, Ala.....	41	6	6	1	2	8	6	93	1	1 00		2d	Revival			
Friendship.....	Barbour..	S. A. Savelle.....	J. F. Phillips.....	Otho, Ala.....	49	3	3	1	3	1	81	50	1 50		1st	Revival				
Hebron.....	Barbour..	Arts Armstrong.....	J. M. Armstrong.....	Columbia, Ala.....	73	14	3	1	6	2	7	61	1	1 50		4th				
Judson.....	Barbour..	H. L. Crumblley.....	J. W. Thomas.....	Gordon, Ala.....	37	2	4	2	15	1	21	24	1 00		4th					
Lilberty.....	Barbour..	Wm. Brunat.....	C. D. Parish.....	Lawrenceville, Ala.....	37	2	1	1	15	1	21	24	1 00		4th					
Lilberty.....	Barbour..	R. C. Deal.....	J. S. Espy.....	Lawrenceville, Ala.....	22	1	1	1	8	3	135	56	2 00		4th					
*Mt. Pleasant.....	Dale.....	Silas Willowford.....	J. A. Stephens.....	Strickland, Ala.....	131	27	2	1	1	1	1	56	75	2 00		2d	Revival			
Mt. Ariel.....	Barbour..	R. B. Lee.....	W. C. Jernigan.....	Belcher, Barbour Co., Ala.....	49	4	3	1	1	1	53	26	1 00		2d	Revival				
New Hope.....	Henry..	J. W. Malone.....	A. Sturling.....	Shorterville, Ala.....	23	1	3	1	1	1	96	105	1 00		1st					
Oak Grove.....	Henry..	Arts Armstrong.....	W. A. Whiddon.....	Bakersville, Ala.....	100	8	2	4	8	1	102	37	1 50		3d	Revival				
Pleasant Grove.....	Henry..	R. C. Deal.....	N. A. McClelland.....	Abbeville, Ala.....	37	3	2	4	1	2	32	37	75		1st					
Pleasant Hill.....	Henry..	E. Dougherty.....	S. L. Sellers.....	Gordon, Ala.....	16	6	11	3	3	3	32	3	1 00		1st					
Sardis.....	Henry..	R. C. Deal.....	E. D. Holley.....	Lawrenceville, Ala.....	97	13	2	7	16	3	96	66	1 50		2d	Revival				
Shorterville.....	Henry..	A. L. Martin.....	W. F. Mills.....	Shorterville, Ala.....	59	1	1	1	7	9	2	56	2 00		4th					
Snjruva.....	Henry..	D. E. Burdeshaw.....	A. Dougherty.....	Cowart's, Ala.....	101	22	8	1	7	9	2	115	2 00		3d	Revival				
Tolbert.....	Henry..	Arts Armstrong.....	M. P. Shady.....	Bakersville, Ala.....	103	164	94	34	104	42	14	50	\$28 00	\$ 8 00		4th				
Union.....	Henry..	S. J. Knowles.....	F. M. Roney (pro. tem.).....	Brackeen, Ala.....	103	164	94	34	104	42	14	50	\$28 00	\$ 8 00		4th				

* Not Represented

Order of Business.

1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. Invite visiting ministers to seats with us.
3. Call for Correspondents.
4. Appoint Committee on Preaching.
5. Appoint Committee on Nominations.
6. Appoint Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
7. Appoint Committee on Publications.
8. Appoint Committee on Documents.
9. Appoint a Committee on Finance.
10. Arrange the hours of Meeting and Adjourning.
11. Appoint Correspondents.
12. Elect Delegates to State Convention.
13. Elect Executive Committee and Treasurer.
14. Call for the Report of Executive Committee.
15. Call for the Circular Letter.
16. Call for the Report on Missions (A) State, (B) Home, (C) Foreign.
17. Call for the Report on Temperance.
18. Call for the Report on Aged and Indigent Ministers, and Deceased Ministers' Families.
19. Call for the Report on Sabbath Schools.
20. Call for the Colporteur's Report.
21. Call for Treasurer's Report.
22. Call for the Report on Education.
23. Call for the Report on Publications.
24. Call for the Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
25. Call for the Letter to the Churches on Missions.
26. Call for Report on Nominations.
27. Call for Report on Documents.
28. Arrange Time and Place for Next Session.
29. Call for the Report on Finance.
30. Appoint Standing Committees :
 - On State Missions,
 - On Home Missions,
 - On Foreign Missions,
 - On Sabbath Schools,
 - On Education,
 - On Temperance,
 - On Aged and Indigent Ministers,
 - On Church Building Fund.
31. Appoint a Brother to write to the Churches on Missions
32. Read Minutes.
33. Adjourn.
 - ☞ Fifteen minutes allotted for miscellaneous business at the opening of each session.

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