

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Judson Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

SHORTERVILLE CHURCH, OCT. 2d to 4th, 1884.

OFFICERS:

J. W. FOSTER, Moderator.

D. ROGERS, Clerk.

JNO. T. DAVIS, Treasurer.

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SHORTERVILLE, HENRY, COUNTY, ALA., October 2d, 1884.

At 11 o'clock to-day, the Judson Association convened in its 34th annual session at this place; and was called to order by J. W. Foster, Moderator.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Malone upon Isa. 53:11 and Psa. 17:15: "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied." "I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness."

Subject: DISSATISFACTION, CAUSE AND EFFECT.

The speaker alluded to the restless state of the human family—"In the present state man's destiny is to be dissatisfied. Nothing here to give perfect satisfaction. Satisfied only when I awake with thy likeness. Christ in Heaven not satisfied. Shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied."

Dr. T. M. Bailey followed with a line of thought upon that which is best calculated to lift off the burdens we take upon ourselves. We are most happy, and receive the greatest good, when we follow Christ who lived for others. Should not be satisfied while we do nothing towards giving the Gospel to all nations.

The benediction was pronounced by Bro. Malone, and the congregation retired in groups to the grove, and spent two hours in greeting friends, and partaking of the hospitality of Shorterville, and vicinity. It is pleasant to meet those who come to work for the Master, Year after year we meet the same dear brethren, whose hearts and hopes and aims are one, year after year we miss some familiar face. "The gate ajar" has received some tired workman to his reward, and we are reminded to work while it is to-day.

2 o'clock, P. M., The Association was called to order by the Moderator, J. W. Foster, who introduced Rev. J. H. Corley, by whom the opening exercises were conducted with appropriate remarks and prayer. Did God in Heaven hear that prayer so earnest, so devout? And did he not preside over the body as head over his church?

The letters from the churches were called for, and read by John T. Davis, and B. G. Farmer, and messengers names enrolled as follows :

ABBEVILLE.—Eld. A. L. Martin, J. B. Ward, T. A. Tra-
wick, W. J. Weems, and J. W. Foster.

ADONIRAM.—J. S. Barnett, and G. T. Roberts.

BETHEL.—J. K. Price, W. L. Johns.

BEULAH.—T. H. Trotter, J. J. Boyett, P. H. Askew.

BETHLEHEM.—W. K. Gilmore, D. Lock, J. A. Campbell,
J. B. White.

BLUFF SPRINGS.—E. E. Meadows.

COLUMBIA.—A. L. Blizzard, J. L. Williams, D. F. Mc-
Dougald, T. P. McGriff, John T. Davis, F. M. Walker.

CONCORD.—M. Brackin.

CHRISTIAN GROVE.—Not represented.

CENTER.—J. W. Rice, John Roney.

EBENEZER.—Henry Jordan.

FELLOWSHIP.—H. Wiggins, A. Harp.

GORDON.—S. Bowdon.

HEBRON.—E. M. Knowles, A. J. Armstrong.

HARMONY.—Not represented.

JUDSON.—John W. Thomas, W. C. Gessendaner.

LIBERTY.—Wm. Whitaker, John Watson.

LAWRENCEVILLE.—W. L. McGee, S. J. Belcher.

MT. PLEASANT, DALE.—J. H. Davis, M. B. Hargrove.

MT. PLEASANT, BARBOUR.—J. W. Malone, Lee Ray.

MT. ARIEL.—Not represented.

MT. ARARAT.—J. F. Singletary.

NEW HOPE.—W. Y. Fleming, T. H. Hickman.

OAKY GROVE.—W. A. Whiddon.

PLEASANT GROVE. John H. Spivey, W. G. Davison, S. M.
Singletary, C. C. Murphy, M. V. Capps.

PEASANT PLAINS.—Sidney Kirkland, R. C. Kirkland, A. F. Stanton.

PLEASANT HILL.—D. D. Odom, L. Parish.

PILGRIM'S REST.—D. Williams, W. P. Jordan.

SARDIS.—F. M. Elmore, D. B. Sowell.

SMYRNA.—Wm. Whiddon, A. Daughety.

SHORTERVILLE.—W. F. Mills, Thomas Roberson, J. L. Fowler, D. Rogers, B. G. Farmer.

SELMA.—John H. Lisenby, James Tidwell.

TOLBERT, letter—no delegate.

On motion of B. G. Farmer, J. W. Foster was elected Moderator, and D. Rogers Clerk by acclamation:

The Moderator thanked the body for the renewed token of their confidence, and announced the body organized, and ready for business.

1st. Called for prtitionary letters, when the following churches were received into this Association, the Moderator and brethren giving the hand of welcome :

ANTIOCH.—A. S. Davis, Moses Blackshear.

BAY SPRING, DALE.— W M Fortson, J A Summerford.

FRIENDSHIP—C V Miller, D W Rogers.

2d. Invited visiting ministers to seats, Dr. T M Bailey. C S S M B was received in his official capacity, and asked to be heard at the proper time upon the work of the State Mission Board.

3d. Called for correspondents, Rev T H Stout of the Eufaula Association was received. and after a short speech upon missions, was recognieed as agent for ' Foreign Mission Journal,'

Rev J H Corley and J S Knowles of the Bethel Associa- tion, was received as correspondents.

4th. Returned correspondents to the Eufaula. Rev A L Blizard, S J Belcher, W L McGee. Rev J W Malone.

To the West Florida Association, D Lock. D Williams, W P Jordan,

To the Bethel Association, Ga., B G Farmer.

5th. The chair appointed committees as follows :

ON PREACHING.—J L Williams, D Williams, with the Pas- tor and messengers of Shorterville church.

ON NOMINATIONS.—E E Meadows, A J Armstrong and J A Campbell.

DECREASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.—Samuel Bowdon, Rev A L Blizard and Thomas P McGriff.

PUBLICATIONS.—Rev A L Martin, S M Singletary and A F Stanton.

FINANCE.—W P Jordan, W Y Fleming and J S Barnett.

DOCUMENTS.—Rev E M Knowles, A Armstrong and M V Capps.

6th. On motion Bros. F M Walker, B G Farmer and Daniel Williams were appointed to nominate an Executive Committee.

7th. Bro John T Davis was elected Treasurer.

8th. Moved by Bro J L Fowler that the chair nominate delegates to the State Convention, and that Bro J W Foster's name head the list. Carried, and the following were appointed: J W Foster, J L Fowler, B G Farmer, Jno T Davis, D Rogers, A L Blizard, A L Martin, John B Ward, W C Gissendaner, E M Knowles, M V Capps, Wm. Bruner, A McAllister, Sidney Kirkland, and F W Zimmerman.

9th. The Committee on Preaching, announced services at 7½ o'clock in this house by Rev T H Stout, and at Friendship church by Rev H Lisenby at the same hour.

10th. Moved and adopted, that the body meet at 8 o'clock, A. M., and 1½ P. M., and spend half hour each morning in devotional exercises and adjourn at pleasure.

11th. 10 o'clock to-morrow morning was set for hearing the reports on Missions, and on motion, Dr Bailey was requested to address the body at that hour.

12th. The report of the Executive Committee was called for and read by Bro John T Davis, and pending its adoption, the reports of D Rogers and E M Knowles were called for and read, and on motion were appended to the Executive report, which is as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
1884:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held at the residence of Bro A L Martin at Abbeville on the first of November 1883, it was resolved as follows: That we employ Bro D Rogers as missionary for ten months of the Associational

year, at a salary of \$40,00 per month, allowing him the privilege of serving one church in Georgia as pastor, for which privilege he was to make a deduction of one fourth of the salary agreed on. His field of labor was to embrace the upper part of the Association, and extending down as low as the Abbey Creek. The service and matter of appointment was to be left with him. The committee realized the fact, that there was not money enough in the treasury nor pledges at the last meeting of the body to pay the salary under the contract, but we relied on the churches to supply the deficit at this meeting. It was further discussed and decided at the same meeting, not to employ a missionary for the lower part of the Association this year on account of the scarcity of funds.

While Bro Rogers report shows much good work performed, yet the health of himself and family has been in such condition as to materially retard his labors as an active missionary. After deducting the lost time as reported by him we find he has labored eight and a half months as missionary under our contract with him. By referring to the books of the Treasurer we find Bro Rogers has been paid twenty-five dollars, and we recommend that he be paid three hundred and fifteen dollars, it being the balance due him on salary. He did not take advantage of the privilege accorded him of serving the church in Georgia, so that his time embraced full months in the Association. We submit a detailed report from Bro Rogers as a part of our report.

We also have the pleasure of reporting a large voluntary missionary work done by Bro E M Knowles, in the lower part of the Association. His report shows: sermons preached 99; miles travelled 1008, one church constituted. Several Sabbath Schools organized many Baptist books sold and much other work done in the interest of Christ's cause. As this work was altogether voluntary and wholly without hope of remuneration, we think the entire Association should feel that they owe this Brother a debt of gratitude for his labors as above cited.

We suggest, that immediately after the body has taken action upon this report that the roll of churches be called in regular order, and one of the delegates from each church be requested to rise and state whether or not his church forms a part of that territory which might be styled a destitution, and if so, state the reasons if possible, why such a state of affairs exist.

It is the opinion of some well informed Brethren that the entire territory of the Association is dotted over with churches and nearly all of which are supplied with pastors. If this is the case, the question arises, is the money of the Association judiciously expended in the employing and paying a missionary?

JOHN T DAVIS, Chairman.

REPORT OF D. ROGERS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE JUDSON ASSOCIATION.

DEAR BRETHREN: In reporting to you my work for the Associational year, it is with devout thanks to God, that he has permitted me to live and work a little more for him. True it is that I have at times been cast down and despondent under the afflictions of myself and family, and yet suffering has its gracious design in bringing us into nearer fellowship with Christ.

My work has been to some extent irregular, and I have only been able to do 8 months work. At Espy's academy, where I was hopeful of success, I have done but little work. I deeply regret that from sickness I disappointed the congregations at various times. These people want preaching, and I hope the com-

mittee will send them a strong and able minister. I doubt whether there is a more important point for mission work in your bounds.

When I began preaching at Judson, the prospects were very discouraging. Nearly every member was hopeless of the church ever being revived, and at first the congregation were very small, however I kept up regular meetings with but few disappointments. I visited and prayed with as many of the families as I could. The interest, and congregations increased, and when Bro Blizard visited, and preached for the church in August, it was like the coming of Titus of old, and must have been under the directing of the Holy Spirit. Old Judson is alive again.

I made several appointments, at Smithville, and filled only a part of them. The congregations were small, and I have but little hope that any good was accomplished. If the brethren near Smithville would unite and work to build up there, a good church might at some future day be organized.

We have had good congregations, and good meetings all the year at Harris's school house, and have organized a church at that place. A good work is going on, and a great change has taken place in that section of country, and if the church will change its location a little, a strong and large church will build up.

I have spent much of my time in religious visits, reading, talking, and praying with as many families as I could, and preaching from house to house, when I could do so.

In the Colporteur work, selling, and in religious visits I think a large and lasting amount of good has been accomplished. When I think of the great Getcar of Va., attributing his conversion to, and useful ministerial life to the reading of a tract put over the door of his stable, by a Colporteur passing his father's house, I am hopeful that the 2627 pages of tracts I have during the year scattered over our bounds will be as bread cast upon the waters.

The following summary gives only an index to the work done: Sermons preached, 90. Lectures delivered 111. Religious visits 175. Pages tracts given away 2627. Letters written 77. Mission Journals circulated 250. Bibles donated 6. Testaments donated 37. Collected for Alabama Baptist 6,00. Foreign Journal 1,00. Sunday School Literature 6,00. Home and Foreign missions 150. Deacons ordained 1. Churches constituted 1. Baptised 7. Number of books sold 185. Value of books sold \$163.88. Miles traveled 1592. I have been received with all the kindness everywhere that I could desire, and close the year's work without an unpleasant reflection only that age and affliction has not let me do all that I desired to do for the cause of the Lord and Master. Your fraternal brother,

D ROGERS.

REPORT OF REV. K. M. KNOWLES.

In connection with my special report I make a general report, I have visited all the churches in the southern part of the Judson Association from the Abbey Creek south, from one to five times his year, and find all the churches in good condition with Pastors, all very well organized. As missionary I have met the Pastors and churches and have been received kindly, entertained kindly by all, and have shared their kind hospitality to the fullest, always requested to come again, and to serve as missionary another year. The state of the churches Antioch, Sabbath School, Columbia Sabbath School, and prayer meeting. Gordon prayer meeting, Pilgrim Rest Sabbath School and prayer meeting. Pleasant Hill Sabbath School and prayer meeting. Bluff Spring Sabbath School. Smyrna prayer meeting. Selma prayer meeting. Beulah Sabbath School. Pleasant Plains Sabbath School and prayer meeting. Hebron Sabbath School prayer meeting. Bethchem prayer meeting. Mount Pleasant (Dale), prayer meeting, this is as near a correct report as I can make up now, and I think it correct.

Yours very truly,
E M KNOWLES.

Bro A L Blizard was of the opinion that if pastors salaries

of weak churches were supplemented, many of them would become strong and efficient bodies. Bro Stout was glad of the discussion, as the destitution upon the line of his Association had been pointed out. He would bring the subject before the Eufaula Association at its approaching session. Bro John T Davis suggested that the Eufaula Association would probably unite with ours in supplying the section named with preaching. Bro J W Thomas agreed with Bro Davis, and moved that our correspondents to the Eufaula Association be empowered to make contract with that body; this Association agreeing to comply with said contract. This was concurred in; and the report of the Executive Committee was then adopted.

2d. The report on Foreign Missions was called for, and read by Bro Blizard, and is the following :

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

There seems to be so little interest manifested on the part of the churches with regard to Foreign missions, that we scarcely know how or what to report. We are fully aware that our people are not wholly wanting of a spirit, in the direction of missions, but their desires and anxieties go out after local, State and home missions, and up to this time they seem to have lost sight of foreign work. Realizing that our churches ought to be aroused to a proper sense of their duty as regards foreign missions, we recommend that one or more brethren fully acquainted with the workings and results of mission labors in Foreign fields be requested to acquaint this body with the same in a short address.

M CODY, Sr., F M WALKER, W P McGRUFF.

3d. The report on State Missions was called for and read by Bro John H Spivey, as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee on State Missions have nothing special to report more than what has been reported by the State board in their reports for the conventional year of 1883-84. We submit their report for ours.

J H SPIVEY, Chairman

STATE MISSION WORK.

Last year we had forty-one missionaries. During the Conventional year just closed we had forty-eight men in the service of the Board for the whole or a part of the year. These missionaries preached in thirty towns and villages and in 115 places in the country, in forty-two of our counties, devoting to them 1,023 weeks' service. They delivered 4,019 sermons and addresses, constituted 21 churches, baptized 262, aided pastors in meetings in which 340 persons were baptized, received by letter 349, restored 50, made 6,923 religious visits to families for religious conversation and prayer, organized 62 Sunday Schools and 7 Ladies' Missionary Societies, held 670 prayer meetings, and distributed 30,074 pages of tracts, completed 4 new houses of worship, and are engaged in building 3 others. The facts and statistics of the year's work are in-

spirings. But much remains to be done. Our present annual income is inadequate to meet the calls upon us for missionary labor. New villages and towns are springing up along our new and old lines of railroad to which missionaries must be sent. Vast sections of our country are still destitute of Baptist preaching. We cannot withdraw our forces from a single point we are occupying. Hence if the gospel standard is to be planted in these towns and villages and destitute country regions, our income must be enlarged. We need not less than \$12,000 for State work this year.

Pending the adoption of the above reports, Dr. Bailey was called on to address the body. The congregation joined with Bro Bailey in singing :

“O to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee”

Bro Bailey then in a lengthy, clear, and earnest speech presented the successful work of the State Board. The arduous self-sacrificing labors of the Missionaries, and their success. He pointed out the “Thus sayeth the Lord,” for missions. “Some asked will the heathen be saved without the Gospel?” Will we be saved if we withhold the Gospel from them?”

At the close of Bro Bailey's address, 2 o'clock was set for acting upon the above reports. Praise God was sung, and the body adjourned with benediction by Bro E M Knowles.

2 o'clock, J W Foster in the chair. Singing and prayer by Bro E M Knowles.

1st. Called for pledges for missions, when the following was taken :

CHURCH PLEDGES.

Abbevill,	\$ 10 00	Pilgrim's Rest,	5 00
Bethel,	4 00	Shorterville,	20 00
Beulah,	10 00	Selma,	3 00
Bethlehem,	5 00	Bay Spring,	2 00
Columbia,	30 00	Friendship,	2 00
Concord,	2 00	Mt. Pleasant, Dale,	5 00
Center,	2 00	Lawrenceville,	5 00
Eben-zer,	2 00	Pleasant Plains,	5 00
Fellowship,	5 00	Judson,	10 00
Hebron,	7 00	Liberty,	2 00
New Hope,	2 00		
Pleasant Grove,	20 00		
Pleasant Hill,	2 00		
			\$159 00

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

A L Martin,	10 00	W P Jordan,	1 00
W C Gissendanner,	10 00	C V Miller,	1 00
John T Davis,	10 00	David Locke,	1 00
R W Irwin,	10 00	Daniel Williams,	1 00
J L Fowler,	10 00	John H Liseaby,	1 00
J W Malone,	10 00	A Dougherty,	1 00
E M Knowles,	10 00	A Harp,	2 50
F M Walker,	10 00	A F Stanton,	2 00
J H Spivey,	11 00	A J Armstrong,	1 00
J W Foster,	10 00	F M Elmore,	1 00
B G Farmer,	10 00	A L Ray,	1 00
D F McDougald,	10 00	Miss Alice Kimble,	2 50
A L Martin,	5 00	Armstead Armstrong,	2 00
F Mills,	5 00	Mrs M J Bird,	2 50
T A Traywick,	5 00	Mrs E E Oglesby,	50
Sam Bowdon,	5 00	Green Davidson,	1 00
J W Thomas,	5 00	W W Whidden,	1 00
John T Davis,	5 00	J W Herndon,	1 00
W C Gissendanner,	5 00	J H Hickman,	1 00
J L Williams,	5 00	Mrs A M Whidden,	50
M V Capps,	5 00	Mrs H B Reynolds,	1 00
Thomas P McGriff,	5 00	W M Fortsom,	1 00
D Rogers and family,	5 00	W S Cox,	1 00
A McAllister and wife,	5 00		
Mrs John T Davis,	5 00		\$218 50
Thomas Robinson,	5 00		

After taking the above pledges the reports pending were adopted.

4th. Bro Stout represented the claims of the Foreign Mission Journal and we have received a good list of subscribers.

5th. The report on nominations was called for, and adopted as follows: Brother Wm. Bruner to preach the introductory sermon, Brother E M Knowles, alternate.

Brother John T Davis to write the circular letter.

E E MEADOWS.

6th. The circular letter was called for, and read by Bro B G Farmer, and adopted as follows:

CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN: I have selected as a subject of interest to us all, the doctrine of election as contained in the 1st Chap. and 4th verse of Pauls' letter to the Ephesians. According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of

the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." To elect means to choose, and election means the act of choosing: Therefore we have the doctrine of election clearly presented in the text of scripture which heads this paper.

Let us now briefly analyze this text and see how completely it teaches the doctrine of election, as set forth in our articles of faith and as believed by our denomination. We have in this text:

1st. The choice, or the election, according as he hath chosen."

2d. The subjects of that choice "us."

3d. The manner of that choice "in him."

4th. The time of the choice, "before the foundation of the world," and finally the object of the choice, "that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

We can hardly conceive of a God, a Great First Cause, the maker and builder of all things, without associating with Him the idea of sovereignty. Having the power, and therefore the right to make a world or not to make it; to create man, or not to create him just as seemed good to Himself, and if God did have the right to create man and actually created him and breathed into him the breath of life and caused him to become a living soul, then who will undertake to say that the potter shall not have power over the clay, to make of the same lump, one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor?

The doctrine of Divine sovereignty, naturally carried in it the doctrine of election; or, at least, it carried in it God's right to choose or to elect and then the word of God teaches us that he did thus choose us in Christ before the world began and this is the doctrine of election.

For the benefit of those people who are always croaking about the doctrine, and saying that, if God does this thing he is partial, or if he does that he is unjust, we only reply, "Nay but, O man who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, why hast thou made me thus?"

2d. The second thought in our subject is the subjects of the choice, "us."

As to the number of the elect, we have no means of knowing, but with God the number is so definite and fixed that it can neither be increased or diminished. Thus the Master teaches in his prayer recorded in the 17th Chapter of the Gospel by John 2d verse. "As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him." The common sense of this text seems to be, that, the Father had given to the Son a particular number of the children of men, and then gave him power over all

flesh, to the end that He might give eternal life to the whole number given him and still. this fact that, the number of the elect is definite and fixed in the mind of God, does not in the least interrupt the free choice of every man in regard to salvation.

To give a very simple illustration : Suppose that I possessed the gift of fore-knowledge, the power to fore-know future events ; then I could know at our meeting what text my pastor would preach from at the next ; but will any one undertake to say that my knowledge of the text would or could influence his selection ? My knowledge of the text would be one thing, his choice of his text would be another thing. So, in like manner, God's knowledge ; as to whether I would choose life or death could not possibly influence my choice one way or another.

Another, and strong reason for believing in a fixed and definite number of persons elected and saved is found in the fact that, the price paid for them was definite. He gave himself a ransom for them.

The third point in our subject is the manner of God's choice. "In Him."

The Bible speaks of two "Adams."

The first one was a representative of the whole human race ; and consequently we were all in him as our representative. The second Adam was the Lord from Heaven and the elect are represented in him. When Adam was in the garden of Eden, on probation, he was acting for the whole race of man, - his entire posterity ; and when he fell we all fell in him.

When Christ was being tempted of the Devil and when Satan said to him all these kingdoms will I give thee if thou wilt fall down and worship me. He was acting for his people, for the elect. Thus the whole human race fell in Adam, because he was their representative, and all of the elect are saved in Christ because he represented them,—lived for them, obeyed for them, died for them and then rose again for their justification. Chosen or elected "in Him."

4th. The time when the choice was made, was, before the foundation of the world."

"Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame."

The covenant of redemption was ; and in that covenant the saved were chosen in Christ.

It was always strange to some of us, that people who believe that God is infinite, and therefore saw the end from the beginning, should object to His choice or election being made before the world was. If God embarked in so stupend-

ous an enterprise as the birth of a new world, and the peopling of it with an almost innumerable race of immortal intelligences, without seeing the end, it would seem to our view extremely hazardous.

But the Bible teaches that God's election was according to His fore-knowledge, and we, believing that his fore-knowledge is as ample as his after-knowledge, are perfectly satisfied.

Indeed, we rather like to ramble backward in our thoughts, until we come to where the "morning stars sang together, and all the Sons of God shouted for joy." and then and there see Jehovah Jesus overlooking all of his handywork and rejoicing in His prospective bride.

God, having made his choice of the saved in Christ before the world began, enabled Jehovah Jesus to lay all of his plans in wisdom and with perfect adaptation to the ends to be attained ; and yet, as we have stated above, we cannot see that this doctrine would have any necessary influence over the freedom of the human will—one way or another.

5th. The object of the choice. "That we should be holy and without blame before him in love "

The whole whole human race had become corrupt in Adam, — the whole fabric of our nature tainted poisoned ; and so, being unholy, we could not dwell in the presence of a Holy God.

The object of God's election is, when worked out in accordance with the Divine plan, to make of the elect a peculiar people — a holy nation—being made fit—by the washing or regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit to dwell in the presence of God forever.

This whole Divine arrangement is full of love. God so loved the world that he gave his Son to die the just for the unjust. God loved his people with an everlasting love—therefore with loving kindness hath he drawn them. And Jesus, having loved his own which were in the world loved them to the end. And now by means of this gracious arrangement, we, the elect are to be holy and without blame before him in love.

"O for that love—let rocks and hills
Their lasting silence break,
And all harmonious human tongues
Their Saviours' praise speak."

Finally, the doctrine of election is eminently scriptural see the case of Jacob and Esau, as recorded in Malichi, and then quoted by Paul in the 9th of Rom. Mal. 1:2. "I have loved you saith the Lord—yet ye say, wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? Saith the Lord. Yet

I loved Jacob, and I hated Esau, Rom. 9:11. "For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth; it was said unto her the older shall serve the younger." As it is written, "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." There have been many inventions sought out, to break the force of this text, but it still declares that, Jacob was loved and Esau hated in order that the purpose of God according to election might stand.

The doctrine of election is peculiarly God's doctrine,—God choosing His Bride, but while he claims the right of choosing those who are to dwell forever with him,—he harms no man in so doing. He admonishes every man who has a Bible at his command, to choose the way of life, and declares those who come to him he will in nowise cast out. Now if a man chooses the way to death; must God be held responsible?

Election, 'tis a word Divine,
For Lord, I plainly see
Had not thy choice prevented mine,
I ne'er had chosen thee.

B. G. FARMER.

7th. The report on Temperance was called for, and read by Bro D Williams, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance have much to report, but space and time will not permit. In looking over the field, we find it one of vast importance. There is in Henry county 26 retail groceries. Selling on an average 13100 gallons of liquor a year; at a cost of 26,200 dollars, that an amount of good this \$26,200 would have done if it had been appropriated to the education of the poor children of the county. The question is "How shall we check this great evil?" Respectfully submitted.

DANIEL WILLIAMS, Chairman.

(It is to be regretted that more time was not spent upon this vital question—"How shall we check this great evil?"). Pray over it. Ask God's help. Investigate. Look at the statistics. Pity the fallen. Don't drink. Pray for and look after your boys. Keep away from the grocery. Let all christians and moral men unite. Clerk.

8th. The report on Sabbath Schools was read by Bro John T Davis and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABRATH SCHOOLS.

The letters and messengers from the several churches report the Sabbath School cause as progressing very satisfactorily in the towns and villages, but slowly with the country churches is a general thing we are glad to notice that a few of the churches in the country still persevere in keeping up their Sunday School organizations, and we trust this will encourage others to do likewise. At this session of the body we find five schools that are run all the year round, and ten that are only run during the spring and summer months. Let our prayers be burdened with the petition that many more earnest and zealous Sunday School workers may be developed from the membership of the different churches. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN T DAVIS, Chairman.

9th. The Treasurer read his report which was adopted as follows :

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOHN T. DAVIS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

DR.

Oct. 4 1883.	To bal. brot. down from last report	\$ 9 15
6,	" Cash received of Finance Committee.....	207 95
Nov. 1 1884,	To Cash received of A L Martin.....	5 00
Feb. 14,	To Cash received of J T Davis, on pledge for 1884	10 00 \$232 10

CR.

Oct 6 1883,	By balance Bro Rogers on mission work.....	\$ 142 00
	By amount paid Bro Rogers for services as clerk	30 00
Nov 27	By amount advanced Bro Rogers on salary 1884	5 00
Dec 14 1884,	By amount advanced Bro Rogers on salary 1884	10 00
Jan 7	By amount paid for minutes.....	35 00
Feb 14	By amount paid Bro Rogers on salary 1884.....	10 00
Oct 2	By amount carried down to balance	10 \$232 10

DR.

Oct 2 1884	To balance brot. down.....	10
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JOHN T. DAVIS, Treasurer.

10th. The report on Education was called for, and the chairman of that committee being absent, the committee was continued.

11th. The report on Bible, and Colportage work was read as follows :

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTEUR WORK.

Your committee beg leave, to make the following report. We believe that this work should be looked after with as

much interest as any of the works of the churches. The Colportage work is doing much good, and to our knowledge a great many families have been furnished with the scriptures, and other good literature, who would not have been but for this work. The Colportage work should by all means be continued, and encouraged. We recommend that, at least ten dollars be put in the hands of the Colporteur, for the purpose of donating Bibles and Testaments to indigent families. We could not do a better work. Respectfully submitted,

A McALISTER, Chairman.

Pending the adoption of the report, Dr Bailey gave a lucid explanation, of the work. The difficulties and success of the State Board in getting supplies of books for all the Colporteurs, and the large amount of good already done and being done. "Many of the Associations had raised a permanent fund of one hundred dollars, called by the name of some friend, whose memory they desired to cherish and perpetuate, in honor of their faithful and self-sacrificing labors for the cause of Christ. He hoped that this Association would raise one hundred dollars for this work."

A call for pledges was made, and seventy dollars was pledged.

On motion of Bro A I. Blizard, it was resolved, that this fund be called, "The John T Davis Fund.

PLEDGES FOR BIBLE, AND COLPORTAGE FUND.

A McAllister,	\$ 10.00	John H Spivey,	\$ 5.00
John T Davis.	10.00	W C Gessendaner,	5.00
F M Walker,	10.00	Samuel Bowdon,	5.00
J W Thomas,	10.00	G W Zimmerman,	5.00
B G Farmer,	10.00		
			<hr/> \$70.00

A motion was made to raise the above to one hundred dollars from pledges for missions

Pending the adoption of the above name, Bro Davis earnestly objected to the name. "He did not feel worthy of the honor, other Brethren he thought were more worthy of the honor than himself."

The feeling of the body was warm, and the unanimous vote expressed the feeling that had long existed in the appreciative hearts of these Brethren. They were glad of the opportunity to honor the Brother, and perpetuate the name

of him who had long been faithful in the service of Christ and this Association. After adopting the above items, the report on Bible and Colportage work was adopted.

12th. Adopted the following:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We the Committee on Documents, make the following report. We find a request that the churches report the number of male and female members in their fellowship. We also find that Columbia, Pilgrim's Rest, Pleasant Plains, Beulah and Judson, all ask for the next session of the Association to convene with them. We leave it with the body to decide which church it will meet with and make no commendation.

E M KNOWLES, Chairman.

13th. After an earnest discussion upon the claims of each of these churches, it was decided that the next session of the body, will meet with Beulah church, on Thursday before the first Sunday in October 1885.

14th. 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning was set for calling the list of churches, as suggested by the report of Executive Committee and for acting upon said report.

15th. The time of meeting to-morrow evening was changed from 1½ to 2 o'clock. Adjourned with benediction by Bro Stout.

NIGHT SERVICES.

7½ o'clock, Brother T H Stout preached an interesting sermon upon "The Excellency of the Knowledge of Christ."

14th. Adjourned with the long doxology and benediction by Bro J W Malone.

SHORTERVILLE, October 4th, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev J W Malone, "Nearer my God to thee," was sung. Bro Malone said, "Let us remember we are Brethren, met to work for the Lord. Let no unpleasant feeling or word get in the way of our working in harmony and for the glory of God, and the good of his people, and his cause.

Prayer by Bro J W Herndon. "Grace 'tis a charming sound," was sung, and prayer was offered by Bro John T Davis.

The suggestion of Executive Committee was taken up and acted upon. Nearly all the churches were reported as having no destitution near them, Bro E M Knowles reported no destitution. D Rogers, and J W Malone reported destitu-

tion on the line of Barbour and Henry. Brethren Stout, and Bailey thought we should guard against organizing too many weak churches.

Bro Malone remarked, "We call ourselves missionaries, and yet we too often overlook, and neglect mission work, at our doors, which should receive our prayers, our labors, and our alms. When one of our faithful ministers, falls at his post, and is called to his place of rest, we mourn his death, and eulogize his life, but how often we neglect to visit and administer to the spiritual and temporal wants of the bereaved. God is a father to the fatherless, and a husband to the widow, through the churches, and requires of us as His Stewards to administer to the wants of his children." The speaker called the attention of the body to the case of sister Tyler, who had recently suffered heavy loss by fire. The Brethren raised \$11.80 for her. Bro Foster then called the attention of the body to the cases of sisters Whiddon, and Best, and Bro Alex Jordan. Bro Bailey obligated for the State Board to give \$5.00 to each (\$15.00) if the Brethren would raise as much in the body. This he said is one of the good results of co-operating with the Board. (The \$15.00 I believe was raised. Clerk.)

8½ o'clock A. M., Bro Foster in the chair.

1st. On motion of Bro John T Davis, reading of minutes omitted.

2d. The address of D Rogers to the churches upon missions was read and adopted, as follows:

MISSIONARY ADDRESS, TO THE CHURCHES OF JUDSON ASSOCIATION.

Having been appointed to write on missions, I am of opinion that I cannot do better than to earnestly beg our members to examine the ground of their hope in Christ with fervent and continued prayer. "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." To know that a large part of our race is in darkness, and do nothing towards giving them the Gospel is not Christ like. To hope for salvation for ourselves, and do nothing toward giving the word of life to others, is selfish, and Christ commands us to deny self, 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 did reprove the rich for their stinginess, and commend 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 collections must have been taken every Sabbath. If the week had been

prosperous, then the tenth was more. If unprosperous then the tenth would be less. The Lord required of the people then, as he does of us now, according to what they had. He chastised his people then for withholding his dues, just as he punishes the people now for the same sin of robbing him.

No man who neglects to search, and inform himself upon his duty to God, and to his fellow-man, can be an active useful Christian, if a Christian at all. Nor is there a man in this Association who can read, that may not inform himself. And if he loves God, he can and will do something for his cause. It is strange that when with thirty-five cents a year, every Baptist can learn so much of what our denomination is doing for missions, and yet so few in our bounds possess themselves of that knowledge. The Foreign Mission Journal comes every month laden with precious news from Foreign fields. And if there are professed Christians, so cold hearted as not to feel an interest in the great work of evangelizing the world, they should take the Foreign Mission Journal for their children, that they may learn, and love the work of sending the light of Gospel truth to a dark and perishing world.

If we would enjoy Christ's region, we must like Christ care for the woes of others. And if we would lay by in store every week as the Lord prospers us, and as he commands us to do; and then cast into the Lord's Treasury every week. Then like the Apostles who took nothing of the heathen gentiles in their mission tours, our missionaries in heathen lands would be sustained, and other fields opened. Before this is done, there must be more earnest prayer. More reading to learn our duty. More knowledge of the work before us. More of Christ in us. Our minds more upon the fact, that He upon whom we depend for eternal life, still has his seat near His Treasury and sees whether we cast in regularly according to the ability he has given us, and if we do not, he may say to us "Thou mayest no longer be steward" and deprive us of the means of giving.

D ROGERS.

3d. It was moved by Bro J L Fowler, and concurred in that a copy of the above address be sent to the Alabama Baptist for publication.

4th. The report of the committee appointed to nominate Brethren for the Executive Committee, was read and adopted as below :

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

John T Davis. M V Capps, A Armstrong, N L Hawley,
W L McGee.

5th. The third Article of the Constitution was amended, and is as follows :

Art. 3. 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, or otherwise at each annual meeting, and continue in office until new ones are elected.

6th. The following resolution was read by Bro E M Knowles, and adopted :

WHEREAS, It has been suggested by some, that it might be best to divide the Association by making two bodies out of the material as now organized.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the churches be requested to express their views and convictions with regard to the matter at the next session of the Association.

7th. Bro John T Davis was permitted to represent The Ladies Missionary Society of Columbia. He gave an interesting account of the prosperity of the society, and its good results. Bro Bailey mentioned the circumstance of receiving letters from two missionaries of the Board, in pressing want, and by the same mail, a check from the Columbia Ladies Missionary Society which was a timely relief to those Brethren looking to him for help.

8th. Bro Blizard read the following resolution.

RESOLVED, That a Woman's Central Committee be appointed whose headquarters shall be at Columbia. The resolution was concurred in and the chair appointed, Brethren A L Blizard, Samuel Bowdon, and J W Thomas, a special committee to nominate a central committee.

9th. The special committee made the following report, which was adopted :

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mrs C E Davis,	Columbia,	M Cody,	Columbia,
Mrs E E Oglesby,	"	Miss Annie Walker,	"
Mrs J A Raleigh,	"	Miss Sudie Walker,	"

May we not hope that the sisters in all our churches will organize mission societies and report regularly to the above committee, who will doubtless, take pleasure in rendering any necessary assistance, or instructions.

10th. The report on deceased ministers and deacons, was read and adopted, as follows :

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We your committee beg leave to report that Deacon Henry G Peterman of Shorterville church, has died since the last meeting of your body. A good brother has gone to his reward.

Also Deacon James Peel, a member of Beulah church

brother Peel was a faithful steward, always abounding in every good word and work. Respectfully submitted.

S BOWDON, Chairman.

11th. It was moved by Bro J W Malone, and adopted that the clerk be paid forty dollars for his services.

12th. On motion of Bro Malone, the thanks of the body was returned to the brethren, sisters and friends of Shorterville, and vicinity for their hospitality to the body during its session with them.

13th. The following resolution offered by Bro B G Farmer was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the body be tendered the Brothers Moderator and Clerk, for the efficient discharge of the duties of their office during this session of the Association.

14th. The following report on finance was received:

We your finance committee submit the following report:

Received for Minutes.....	\$43 00
“ “ Associational purposes.....	27 50
“ “ Pledges redeemed.....	141 00
“ “ Home Missions.....	3 50
“ “ Foreign Missions.....	3 25
“ “ A. & I. Ministers	2 75
“ “ Bro B Herndon, from Lawrenceville, ch.	5 00
“ “ Individual pledges.....	36 50
Total.....	\$261 50

J S BARNETT, Chairman.

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES REDEEMED.

A F Stanton.....	1 00	Miss Willie Rogers.....	50
B G Farmer.....	5 00	J W Herndon.....	50
F M Walker.....	5 00	Mrs J M Davis.....	1 00
I Mendham.....	1 00	Miss Cody.....	1 09
S Kirkland.....	1 00	Mrs P A Askew.....	50
Henry Lissenby.....	1 00	Mrs Michael Cody.....	50
D Rogers.....	1 00	Miss C Robinson.....	50
Mrs H A Rogers.....	50	Miss Annie Walker.....	1 00
Mrs Mollie R Jordan....	50	Miss Lula Walker.....	1 00
Mrs Lizzie B Chisolim..	50	Miss Sudie Walker.....	1 00
D W Rogers.....	50	Miss Florence Prince....	50
Mrs Clara R Walker ...	50	J W Foster.....	10 00
		— — —	1 00
			\$36 50

15th. Moved by Bro Blizard that the chair appoint a committee to report at next session on Aged and Indigent Ministers—adopted.

16th. The committee on preaching reported—Bro A L Blizard to preach in the house at 11 o'clock, and Bro E M Knowles to preach at the stand, at the same hour.

17th. The following was adopted—Resolved that the body tender to Bro J H Corley their thanks for the useful, and efficient labors which he has rendered in our bounds.

18th. Moved by Bro J W Malone, that we adjourn for preaching.

At 11 o'clock, Bro E M Knowles preached at the stand. At the same hour Bro A L Blizard preached in the house. The services were opened in the house with the song—"Jesus lover of my soul."

Text John 17:4. "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." The sermon was an address upon Christ glorifying the Father, and finishing the work He gave him to do. And as followers of Christ who glorified the Father, in honoring him, in undertaking, and in finishing the work He gave him to do—so we as his followers should glorify God with our substance. [We would in space would allow give a more lengthy sketch of this earnest sermon.]

At the close of the sermon, a collection was taken up, amounting to \$16.45. After which a song was sung while the Brethren, sisters and friends took the parting hand, and the body adjourned with prayer by D Rogers.

J W FOSTER, Moderator.

D ROGERS, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptised.....		Received by Letter		Restored.....		Dismissed by Letter.....		Excluded.....		Dead.....		Total Membership.....		For Minutes.....		Associational purposes.....		Pledges Redeemed.....		Home Missions.....		Foreign Missions.....		Sabbath of Meeting.....	

Abbeville.....	1	1	0	3	1	1						67	2 00					10 00							1st.	
Adoniram.....	1	1	0	7	1							58	1 00												3d.	
Antioch.....	0	1	0									15	1 00												2d.	
Bethel.....	1	2	0			1						80	1 50	1 50											4th.	
Baulah.....	34	19	0		3							144	2 50					3 50	3 25						3d.	
Bethlehem.....	3	8	4		2	4						137	2 00				10 00								1st.	
Bluff Springs.....	3	3	0		2	2						58	1 00				2 00								2d.	
Bay Springs.....	1	20	0									21	1 00												2d.	
Columbia.....	3	6	0	6		2						121	2 00	2 00			30 00								
Camp Springs.....	0	0	0									49	1 00				3 00								4th	
Concord.....	0	0	0									64	1 00				2 00								3d.	
Christian Grove.....												46													
Center.....	0	5	0	1	4							43	1 00				2 00								2d.	
Ebenezer.....	3	6	2			2						42	50				2 00								3d.	
Fellowship.....	1	4	0		6	1						76	1 50				5 00								2d.	
Friendship.....	7	3	0									14	50							1 00					1th	
Gordon.....	8	3	2									27	2 00	3 00											1st.	
Hebron.....	1	3	1									53	1 25				5 00								2d.	
Harmony.....												45													2d.	
Judson.....	3	7	3	2		2						52	1 25	9 00											1st.	
Liberty.....	2	5	3	2	5							41	1 00				1 00								4th	
Lawrenceville.....	4	5	0	2								41	1 50	10 00											4th	
Mt Pleasant, Dale.....	10	5	2	4								65	1 50				4 00								4th	
Mt Pleasant, Barbour.....	0	0	0									48	50												
Mt Ariel.....																									
Mt Ararat.....	8	3	0		1							21	70	1 00			1 00								1st.	
New Hope.....	4	1	1		3							53	1 00				2 00								3d.	
Okay Grove.....	9	3	7	5	1							45	1 00				2 00								2d.	
Pleasant Grove.....	10	7	5	1	10	2						127	2 00				25 00								3d.	
Pleasant Plains.....	5	0	1			2						100	1 50				2 00								2d.	
Pleasant Hill.....	3	3	2	2	2							31	1 00				5 00								1st.	
Pilgrim's Rest.....	16	4	3	3	1	2						53	2 00				5 00								3d.	
Sardis.....	0	0	1	12	1							20	50				2 00								4th	
Smyrna.....	0	2	1	5	3	3						85	95				10 00								4th	
Shorterville.....	8	5	0	9	2	2						130	2 00				20 00								2d.	
Selma.....	0	1	6	7	4							47	1 00				4 00								1st.	
Talbot.....	3	6	2	3	1	2						78	1 00												3d.	

Below is a list of Churches which have reported the number of Male and Female members. All the Churches are requested to make such report next session.

Antioch, Males 6, Females 8. Fellowship Males 21 Females 55. Friendship Males, 5, Females 10. Gordon Males 10, Females 17. Mt. Pleasant, Dale, Males 25, Females 49. Sardis Males 6, Females 14. Smyrna Males 27, Females 58.

Total Males 100. Females 202

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.
Abbeville.....	A L Martin, Abbeville	J W Foster, Abbeville
Adoniram..	J W Malone, Hillard	J S Barnett, Hard'cks'
Antioch.....	J W Herndon, Short v	Albert Davis, Smith v
Bethel.....	J W Malone, Hilliard	Leroy Wise, Oateston
Beulah ...	A L Blizard, Col'bia	G W Harris, Head'd
Bethlehem....	J C Skipper, Headland	B W Herring, Head'd
Bluff Springs...	J J White, Garrard	E E Meadows, Gordon
Bay Springs...	S Williford, Dathan	W M Fortson, Bever C
Columbia.....	A L Blizard, Col'bia	M Cody, jr., Columbia
Camp Springs..	J W Skipper, Head'd	C U Granberry, Col'b
Concord.....	M Brackin, Brackin	F M Kirkland, Brackin
Center.....	A Armstrong, Head'd	Jas Jones, Brackin
Christian Grove	R B Lee, Eufaula	G B James, Eufaula
Ebenezer....	Wm Brunar, Col'bia	M Buie jr., Columbia
Fellowship....	R Deal, Echo	H Wiggins, Abbeville
Friendship..	D Rogers, Shorterville	D W Rogers, Shorter'l
Gordon.....	A L Blizard, Col'bia	J W Britt, jr., Gordon
Hebron.....	J C Skipper, Head'd	J W A rmstrong, Col'b
Harmony....	B J Skipper, Taylor	W D Phillips, Lynn.
Judson.....	A L Blizard, Col'bia	J W Thomas, Otho
Liberty....	Wm Brunar, Col'bia	GW Chandler, Gordon
Lawrenceville..	A L Martin, Abbeville	N L Hawley, Law'ville
Mt Pleasant, D	J C Skipper, Head'd	F R A well, Head'd
Mt Pleasant, B.	J W Malone, Hilliard	F M Blackwell, Kings
Mt Ararat.....	Wm Brunar, Col'bia	J F Singleterry, P P l s
New Hope....	J W Malone, Hilliard	A Starling, Shorter'l
Oaky Grove..	J W Herndon, Shorter	W A Whiddon, Ab'v'l
Pleasant Grove	A L Martin, Abbeville	W A McClendon, Ab'
Pleasant Plains	R C Kirkland, P Plains	A F Stanton, P Plains
Pleasant Hill..	S Williford, Dathan	N L Sellers, Gordon
Pilgrim's Rest	E M Knowles, Col'bia	F S Stapleton, Gordon
Sardis.....	J W Herndon, Shorter	F M Elmore, Abbeville
Smyrna.....	R Deal, Echo	W F Jordan, Cowarts
Shorterville...	A L Martin, Abbeville	B G Farmer, Shorter'l
Selma.....	A A r mstrong, Head'd	J H Lisenby, Dathan
Talbot.....	A A r mstrong, Head'd	M P Shelley, Head'd

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

A L Martin,	Abbeville	A L Blizard,	Columbia,
G C Skipper,	Headland	Aris Armstrong,	Headland,
E M Knowles,	Columbia	R C Kirkland,	Pleasant Plains,
B Herndon,	Shoterville	R B Lee,	Eufaula,
J W Herndon,	Shorterville	S J Knowles,	Headland,
D Rogers,	Shorterville	J W Malone,	Hilliardsville,
M Brackin,	Brackin	Wm Brunar,	Columbia,
E D Burdeshaw,	Headland		

LICENTIATES.

J A Campbell,	Headland	A Daughety,	Columbia.
J W Knowles,	Brackin	Sam'l Spivey,	Headland,
Wm Whitaker,	Gordon	James Lee,	Gordon,
E Z Hatton,	Gordon	F Jordan,	Gordon.
E M Smith,	Kings		

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

John T Davis,	Columbia	M V Capps,	Abbeville,
N L Hawley,	Lawrenceville,	A Armstrong,	Abbeville.
	W L McGee,	Lawrenceville.	

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON STATE MISSIONS—J H Spivey, M V Capps, and S M Singletary. A L Martin to open discussion.

HOME MISSIONS—W I Weems, T A Trawick, and J B Ward. J W Malone to open discussion.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—J L Williams, F M Walker, and W P McGriff. John T Davis to open discussion.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—B A Forrester, J S Bird, and A Daughety. J W Thomas to open discussion.

EDUCATION—Joseph Espy, T S Stapleton, and W L McGee. A L Blizard to open discussion.

TEMPERANCE—J W Malone, E M Knowles, and J L Wilson. A L Martin to open discussion.

AGED AND INDIGENT MINISTERS—J L Fowler, D Locke, and A J Armstrong.

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK—S Bowdon, D Williams, and J W Rice. E M Knowles to open discussion.

CHURCH BUILDING FUND—M Cody, A McAllister, and B G Farmer. A F Stanton to open discussion.

To write to the churches on Missions, D Rogers.

It is hoped that the above committees, and speakers will faithfully perform the important duties entrusted to them.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

—OF THE—

JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 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 and 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 a member.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 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 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 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 the 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 counsel, 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, 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 the union shall transmit to

every annual session of the Association written communications, specifying the names of the messengers, number in fellowship, Baptized, Received by letters, Dismissed, Excluded, Restored, and dead, since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem of importance, 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 moneys thus contributed, shall be transmitted from the churches 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 fund 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 the 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 this 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, shall be taken up and investigated, but if not, it shall be withdrawn, provided always that those be first considered, which effect 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, address the moderator, and 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. They 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 the members in session.

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 Finances.
10. Arrange the hours for 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 Reports 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 Minister's families.
19. Call for the Report on Sabbath Schools;

20. Call for the Treasurer's Report.
21. Call for the Report on Education.
22. Call for the Report on Publications.
23. Call for the Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
24. Call for the Letter to the Churches on Missions.
25. Call for the Report on Nominations.
26. Call for the Report on Documents.
27. Arrange time and place for the next session.
28. Call for the Report on Finance.
29. Appoint standing committees, 1st State Missions; 2d Home Missions; 3d. Foreign Missions; 4th on Sabbath Schools; 5th on Education; 6th on Temperance; 7th on Aged and Indigent Ministers; 8th. on church building fund.
30. Appoint a Brother to write to the Churches on Missions.
31. Read Minutes.
32. Adjourn.

The Sunday School Convention met at night, Friday Oct. 3d. The devotional exercises were conducted by singing "There were ninety and nine," and prayer by Brother D. Rogers. The convention was called to order by President John T. Davis, who in well chosen remarks explained that the object of this convention as an organization was to bestir the proper Sunday School interest in the bounds of the Judson Association, and to take such steps as an organization, as would best promote the Sunday School cause.

On motion of Bro E M Knowles the letters from the different Sunday Schools were called for and read, and the reports from different churches having Sunday Schools were made showing Sunday Schools at the following Churches, with the following teachers, pupils and superintendents:

- Ebenezer, pupils 25; teachers 3; superintendent not given.
- Lebanon, pupils 30; teachers 4; superin'dnt A J Armstrong.
- Antioch, pupils 20; teachers 3; supt. Joseph Kirkland.
- Pleasant Hill, pupils 35; teachers 4; supt. D D Odom.
- Shorterville, pupils 60; teachers 12; supt. J L Fowler.
- Pleasant Plains pupils 45; teachers 5; supt. A F Stanton.
- Beulah, pupils 40; supt. J J Boyd.
- Judson, pupils 63; supt. J S Byrd.
- Pilgrim's Rest, pupils 35; supt. W P Jordan.
- Abbeville, pupils 70; supt. J B Ward
- Columbia, pupils 95; supt. J T Davis.
- Friendship, pupils 25; teachers 4; supt. C V Miller.

Bethel, pupils 30 ; supt. P Vinson.

Pleasant Grove, pupils 30 ; teachers 3 ; M V Capps.

By motion of our last convention Brother Alex Daughy was selected to address this session of the convention. Bro Daughy came forward and entertained the convention in an impressive and instructive way, showing the power for good of the Sunday Schools.

The convention then sang, "Where hast thou gleamed to-day."

After singing, Bro T M Bailey, corresponding secretary of the State Mission Board, came forward and in his forcible style addressed the convention. He showed that beyond question, the school was the ward of the church. He made evident that it was the duty of the church to look after the Sunday School cause, and proved that all churches having no Sunday Schools were responsible for that lagging interest.

Several of the brethren addressed the convention in five minute addresses and after singing, "Sweet by and by" by the whole convention, the convention adjourned.

JOHN T DAVIS, President.

B G FARMER, Secretary.

