

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, PICKENS COUNTY, ALABAMA,

SEPTEMBER 24th AND 26th, 1870.

The next Session to be held with the Beulah Church, Greene County, Ala., commencing on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1871.

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The Thirty-fifth Annual Session of the Union Baptist Association was held with the Unity Baptist Church, Pickens county, Ala., commencing on Saturday, 24th September, 1870.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered according to appointment by Elder S. Hildreth, at 11 o'clock, A. M., from the text, 1st Timothy, 3: 15.

After a recess of one hour, the delegates assembled in the meeting house for the transaction of business. The Moderator, Elder J. C. Foster, called the body to order, and after singing, prayer was offered by Elder M. P. Smith.

Letters from the churches were read by brethren W. G. Robertson and J. H. Stinson, and the names of delegates enrolled.

The Association was organized by the re-election of Elder J. C. Foster, Moderator, and H. B. Chappelle, Clerk.

On motion, received correspondence from other bodies. From Sunday School Convention, Elders P. F. Terrell, W. Ashcraft, and brethren M. L. Stansel, W. G. Robertson, with letter. From the Tuskaloosa Association, Elder J. H. Foster, and bro. James Mills, with package of minutes.

The Moderator gave the right hand of fellowship to the messengers present, and cordially invited them to seats.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to seats and to take part in our deliberations.

On motion, following committees appointed:

Preaching—P. H. Howard, A. Latham, L. P. Baker, J. H. Robertson, Pastor and Deacons of Unity church.

Order of Business—P. F. Terrell, S. Hildreth, M. P. Smith, W. Carson.

Finance—W. G. Robertson, James M. Smith.

Correspondence—J. T. Smith, M. G. Lofton, J. H. Morris.

Documents—J. H. Stinson, J. P. Lee.

Education—P. F. Terrell, Clark Richey.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—M. L. Stansel, A. M. Hanks, T. J. Nix.

On motion, Elder P. F. Terrell was requested to preach the annual Missionary Sermon, in consequence of the absence of Elder J. M. Land.

The Committee on Preaching made a report—adopted: Saturday night, preaching by Elder J. H. Morris; on Sabbath, at 10 o'clock, A. M., prayer-meeting, conducted by bro. J. H. Stinson; at 11 o'clock, the annual Missionary Sermon, according to appointment, by Elder P. F. Terrell; and at 2 o'clock, P. M., preaching by Elder J. C. Foster. On Sabbath night, preaching by Elder J. H. Foster. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock. After singing, prayer was offered by Elder J. H. Morris.

EXERCISES ON SABBATH.

These were conducted according to previous appointment. The congregation was very large, and the preaching listened to with profound attention. The collection in aid of Home Missions amounted to \$20 80, and for Foreign Missions \$13 95, making a total of \$34 75.

MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Association convened; prayer by Elder P. F. Terrell. On motion, the report of the Committee on Order of Business adopted, and subsequent proceedings conducted accordingly, as follows:

On motion, suspended Order of Business, and received correspondence from Columbus Association by her messenger, brother J. Norris, who was received by the Moderator and cordially invited to a seat.

On motion, a committee on *Publications* was appointed—J. H. Stinson, W. Ashcraft, W. G. Robertson.

Order of Business resumed.

1. Roll called and absentees marked.
2. Minutes of Saturday read.
3. Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum read.
4. The writer of the Circular Letter being absent, the matter was indefinitely postponed.
5. No report of Committee on Education.

On motion, suspended Order of Business to hear an address by Elder J. H. Foster, in behalf of the Alabama Central Female College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; after which, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the Alabama Central Female College, we recognize with pleasure a school worthy of the support and patronage of our denomination, and an honor to the Baptists of the State of Alabama.

Resolved, That we recommend this College to all who may wish to give their daughters the advantages of a thorough education.

6. Order of Business resumed, and received report of Committee on Missions; adopted:

Your Committee on Missions report, That the word *Mission*, according to Webster, is derived from the Latin word "MITTO," which means "Sent, or more properly, being sent." "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light,

that all men through him might believe.”—John 1: 6, 7. Hence John was God’s missionary. The spirit of God is the true spirit of missions. It originated in the infinite love of God, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.”—John 3: 16, 17. Then Christ was God’s missionary; and his mission was “not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.”

Christ sent out the twelve and also the seventy, saying: “Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not; but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” These were Christ’s missionaries the “Lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But after His resurrection He determined to extend his operations. And to prepare the hearts of men for the reception of divine truth he says, “I will send the Comforter unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove (or convince) the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.” Hence the Holy Spirit is Christ’s missionary.

In extending the great commission, Christ asserts his authority by saying: “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world.”

“The word *apostle* means a person deputed to execute some important business, but appropriately a disciple of Christ commissioned to preach the gospel.” Hence all the apostles were Christ’s missionaries. Every true minister of God is, and will be to the end of the world, called of God and sent out by the church, “For the mind of the Lord is with his people.”—Hence all such are God’s missionaries—“missionaries of the cross.”

Every one who is not called and sent out in this way, all must admit, is an impostor. For, “No man taketh this honor to himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.”—Heb. 5: 4, 5. Not even Christ, the Son of God, came, as this passage clearly shows, without being called and sent out of God. Then, is it not clear that God’s plan of converting the world, is to call men, commission and send them into the work, and then call upon the churches to set them apart to and sustain them in it? Here is an example: “The Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul, for the work whereunto I have called thee.” “The field is the world.” And Christ said, “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,—go teach all nations.” The spirit and providences of God always indicate to every man the particular locality in this vast field where he should labor. Some at home and some in a foreign field. Society effects us, not God.

The same Lord who says to his ministers, “Go preach,” says with equal emphasis to the churches, “Let him that is taught in the word communicate to him that teacheth in all good things.” That is, whatever is necessary to support, “him that teacheth, with his family.” “Let him that is taught in the word communicate” it. God does not make plans that are either incomplete or inoperative. Nor does he give laws that may be set aside at our pleasure. Here is the whole plan in his own words: “The Scripture saith, For whosoever shall call upon the Lord shall be saved.” How, then, shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent? So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God. “No salvation without faith; no faith without the preaching of the word; no preaching without the minister is sent and supported by the church. When Christ sent his apostles to preach to the “Lost sheep of the house of Israel,” he did not allow them to take anything “for their journey.” That is, they were to take nothing to defray the expenses of their journey, for he says, “The workman is worthy of his meat.” He required the Jews who received their spiritual instruction and had been taught their duty, in this respect, to support them.—Luke 10: 7, 8. Mat. 10: 5—10. That the Jews did support them is evident from Luke 22: 35. But when he extended the commission to the whole world he said, “But now he that hath a purse let him take it.” When you

go into a heathen community lest you should hinder the gospel by requiring them to support you in the beginning before they learn their duty in this regard, "He that hath a purse let him take it." As in Acts 20: 17, 23-35. These words were spoken to the elders of the church at Ephesus, which was in that city of the same name, which was a stronghold of idolatry. And Paul rather than be chargeable to them, made his own hands administer to his necessities and to the necessities of those who were with him. But when they were properly taught their duty Paul says, 1 Cor. 9: 3-14; 2 Cor. 11: 7-9, and 12: 13; Gal. 6: 6. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." The Lord Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." And in supporting himself and in robbing other churches to do them service, the apostle had deprived them of these blessings. Hence he says, "Forgive me this wrong." The only question which remains on this subject is, not what is our duty, but will we do our duty? What are we doing on this great subject as individuals, as churches, as an Association? We know that God is able, without our efforts, to convert the heathen, as well as the people in our own country. But we have seen that it is not his plan. "For it hath pleased him by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." And "the Lord hath ordained that they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel." And until the "Kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ," the blessed work must go on. To all who do their whole duty faithfully in this great cause he says, "Lo! I am with you alway even to the end of the world."

WILLIAM ASHCRAFT, Chm.

On motion, *Ordered*, That a collection be taken up from the members present for Home Missions. The sum contributed for this object was \$69 00. (Cash amounting to \$37 was contributed to bro. J. L. West, a licentiate of Oak Ridge church, now at Howard College.)

On motion, *Ordered*, That pledges be received from the delegates of the churches of this body, to be paid at the next annual meeting, for the support of a missionary within this Association.

The amount thus pledged was \$403, viz: By the churches \$320; Carrollton Sunday School, \$10 00; P. H. Howard, 10 00; John P. Gates, 10 00; T. J. Nix, 5 00; J. T. Smith, 5 00; A. Latham, 10 00; J. W. Garner, 5 00; U. E. Allen, 5 00; W. W. Maughan, 5 00; M. Taylor, 3 00; D. N. Hicks, 5 00; W. M. Stapp, 2 50; W. A. Horton, 2 50; W. J. Clayton, 2 50; G. W. Johnston, 2 50.

Pledges received for the benefit of brother J. L. West, viz: W. Ashcraft, \$10; A. Latham, \$5; H. B. Chappelle, \$5; Jas. Turner, \$5; James P. Gates, \$5. Total, \$30.

On motion, adjourned for one hour. Prayer by Elder A. M. Hanks.

MONDAY 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Association met; prayer by bro. A. Latham.

7. Appointed messengers to corresponding Associations:

To Columbus; Hebron Church, 14 miles North of West Point, Miss., on Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in September, 1871—P. F. Terrell, A. M. Hanks, G. M. Lyles.

Tuskaloosa; Philadelphia Church, nine miles North of Tuskaloosa, on Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in October, 1870—J. H. Pate, L. P. Baker.

Sunday School Convention; P. F. Terrell, A. M. Hanks, J. C. Foster, W. G. Robertson, J. M. Smith, J. H. Morris, M. P. Smith.

8. Appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention:

Opelika, Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in November, 1870; J. C. Foster, P. F. Terrell, W. Ashcraft. On motion, agreed to recognize any other mem-

bers of this body as messengers who may be present at either of the above meetings, bearing a copy of our Minutes.

9. Report of Committee on Documents adopted, as follows:

We regret to state, that a majority of the letters from the churches indicate a lukewarmness on the subject of religion, and a want of that zeal and activity that should ever characterize the churches of Christ; however, we are gratified to state that, some of the churches have been wonderfully revived, which resulted in many accessions, and the building up of the believer in Christ Jesus. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. STINSON, Chm.

10. The reports of Union Meetings were read and appointments made for the ensuing year:

FIRST DISTRICT—Mt. Pleasant church, Friday before the 1st Sabbath in August next. Introductory Sermon by Elder I. Hollingsworth; alternate, Elder R. B. Wilkins. Missionary Sermon, Elder S. Hildreth; alternate, Elder M. M. Blalock. To be attended by brethren W. G. Robertson, P. F. Terrell, G. Taylor, J. P. Lee, A. Latham, James P. Gates.

SECOND DISTRICT—Big Creek church, Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in August next. Introductory Sermon by Elder L. M. Stone, jr.; alt., Elder J. P. Lee. Missionary Sermon, Elder J. P. Lee; alternate, Elder Geo. M. Lyles. *Queries* for discussion: 1st. How does Baptist usage of the present day compare with said usage in primitive times, or in the days of the Apostles? 2nd. Is the present mode of conducting Missions scriptural? To be attended by brethren A. M. Hanks, L. P. Baker, C. Richey, H. B. Chappelle.

THIRD DISTRICT—Unity church, Friday before the 1st Sabbath in Sept next. Introductory Sermon by Elder P. F. Terrell; alternate, Elder A. M. Hanks. Missionary Sermon by Elder W. Ashcraft. *Queries* to be discussed: 1st. Does conversion precede regeneration? 2nd. By what law was man governed from the *fall*, until the law was given to Moses? 3rd. What are the scriptural evidences by which we may know that an individual is a christian? To be attended by brethren J. P. Lee, W. Ashcraft, E. J. Daffin, A. Latham, John P. Gates, J. M. Smith.

FOURTH DISTRICT—Zion Church, Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in September next. Introductory Sermon by Elder J. H. Morris—text, John 14: 14; alternate, Elder M. P. Smith. Missionary Sermon by Elder W. Ashcraft; alternate, Eld. J. C. Foster. *Query* for discussion: How long should a church bear with a member who obtains a letter of dismission from the church and remains in the vicinity holding said letter? To be attended by brethren P. F. Terrell, J. P. Lee, A. M. Hanks, J. W. Hanson.

11. Appointed committee on *Publications*, to report at this session of Association, viz: J. H. Stinson, W. Ashcraft, W. G. Robertson.

12. Report of Committee on Finance, adopted:

Received from the churches for Minutes.....	\$69,65
“ “ “ for Association.....	36,55
“ “ “ Home Mis. \$23, Foreign do. 42,05..	65,05
“ “ “ Indian Missions.....	7,50
Collection on Sabbath for Home Missions.....	20,80
“ “ “ Foreign Missions.....	13,95
“ on Monday in the Association, Home Missions.....	69,00
“ “ “ in Association for benefit bro. J. L. West,	37,00
	—————\$319,50

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. ROBERTSON, Chm.

13. Following Report of Committee on Nominations, adopted:

Next Introductory Sermon, by Elder P. F. Terrell; alternate, Eld. J. H. Morris. Missionary Sermon, by Elder A. M. Hanks; alternate, J. C. Foster. Elder Wm. Ashcraft write the next Circular Letter on "The importance of uniformity among Baptists in Faith and Practice."

J. W. HANSON, Chm.

14. Committee on Sabbath Schools; no report.

15. Report of Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, amended; adopted:

WHEREAS, In the Providence of God, since our last meeting, He has called our beloved brother, JOHN W. TAYLOR, from among us, to the christian's final home; therefore,

Resolved, That by the departure of our brother TAYLOR to his heavenly rest, we feel that we have been deprived of one who possessed rare gifts; was endowed with a strong intellect, had a well cultivated mind, was an able expounder of the doctrines of the Gospel of Christ, and that while his health permitted was as a Pastor greatly esteemed and extensively useful, and as a teacher, he had no superior.

Resolved, That we hereby tender to the church at Pickensville, of which he was a member, and to his bereaved Mother and relatives our sincere condolence and christian sympathies in the great loss which they have been thus called upon to sustain; and the words so justly employed by this Association in reference to his deceased Father in 1852 may, with equal propriety, be said of him—"That he was wise in counsel, sound in doctrine, zealous in devotion, and humble in spirit."

WHEREAS, It has seemed good to our Heavenly Father, since our last meeting, to remove from among us to the home of the blessed, our beloved brother, Dr. THOMAS A. WAKEFIELD; therefore,

Resolved, That by this afflictive dispensation of Providence, we feel that this Association has lost a member who was an efficient laborer in every good work, and the South Carolina church a zealous and useful deacon; and we hereby tender to that church and the family of our deceased brother the assurance of our sympathy in their mournful bereavement, and pray that God may afford them grace to bear this heavy affliction.

16. The committee appointed at last session to investigate the cause of the non-attendance of Arbor Springs church, made an informal report, and, on motion, the same committee was continued to next session to report, appointing Elder S. Hildreth in lieu of Elder A. A. Spiller, who has moved from this Association.

17. Appointed the next Session of the Association to be held with the Beulah Baptist church, commencing on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1871.

18. *Ordered*, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, with the privilege of co-operating with the Secretary of Sunday School Convention in printing both minutes together, and to retain out of Association fund \$25 for his services.

19. Following Report on publications, adopted:

That we recognize the "Christian Index and South-Western Baptist," Atlanta, Ga., as the organ of our denomination in this State, and recommend it to every family in this Association. We also earnestly call the attention of our brethren to "The Baptist," Memphis, Tenn., as an able exponent of the doctrines of the Bible and an excellent religious paper. The "Home and Foreign Journal," Richmond, Va., is the organ of the So. Bap. Con-

vention, and should be liberally patronized. We urge upon our brethren to supply their families with "Kind Words, the Child's Delight," the Sunday School paper of the Southern Baptists, published at Memphis, Tenn. "The Baptist Teacher," Philadelphia, Pa., is a valuable aid to the study of the Bible, especially for superintendents and teachers in Sabbath Schools. It is recommended to all desiring such a paper.

W. ASHCRAFT, Chm.

20. Miscellaneous Business :

On motion, appointed an Executive Committee to direct Missionary work in the bounds of this Association, to collect funds and to employ a missionary to labor during the next associational year. The following constitute said committee, viz: M. L. Stansel, P. F. Terrell, H. B. Chappelle, W. G. Robertson, W. Ashcraft, L. M. Stone, A. Latham.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the members of Unity Church and the community, for the kindness and hospitality extended to the delegates and visitors during its session.

On motion, adjourned. The delegates joined in singing a hymn and giving to each other the parting hand, after which prayer was offered by Elder J. H. Foster.

H. B. CHAPPELLE, Clerk.

J. C. FOSTER, Moderator.

NOTE.—During the session of the Association services were conducted at the arbor, at different times, by Elders J. P. Lee, A. M. Hanks and M. P. Smith.

H. B. CHAPPELLE, in Account with Union Baptist Association.

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To cash received from Committee on Finance.....	\$319,50
" on hand from last year.....	1,17
	—————\$320,67

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By cash paid Dom. and Ind. Mission Board.....	\$30,50
" " P. F. Terrell, on order of M. T. Sumner.....	89,80
" " Foreign Mission Board.....	56,00
" " J. P. Lee, for J. L. West.....	37,00
" " printing Minutes.....	69,65
" retained for services as Clerk.....	25,00
" on hand unappropriated.....	12,72
	—————\$320,67

Union Baptist Association.

DELEGATES.		SP. VISITORS.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		PASTORS.	
CHURCHES.	Absentees marked with a star.	White Males,	White Females,	Home Missions,	Foreign Missions,	Monthly Meetings,	CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
Fourth Dis.	Third	Second Dis.	First District.	Aggregate Amount,	Pledged for Missionary in bonds of Association,	Pledges for Association,	
Baptized	Dismissed by Letter,	Restored	Excluded,	Colored Members,	Total White Members,	White Males,	Deceased,
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MINUTES

OF THE

SECOND SESSION

OF THE

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

*The Organization + First Session
at Carrollton, 5th Sunday m
May, 1870 -*

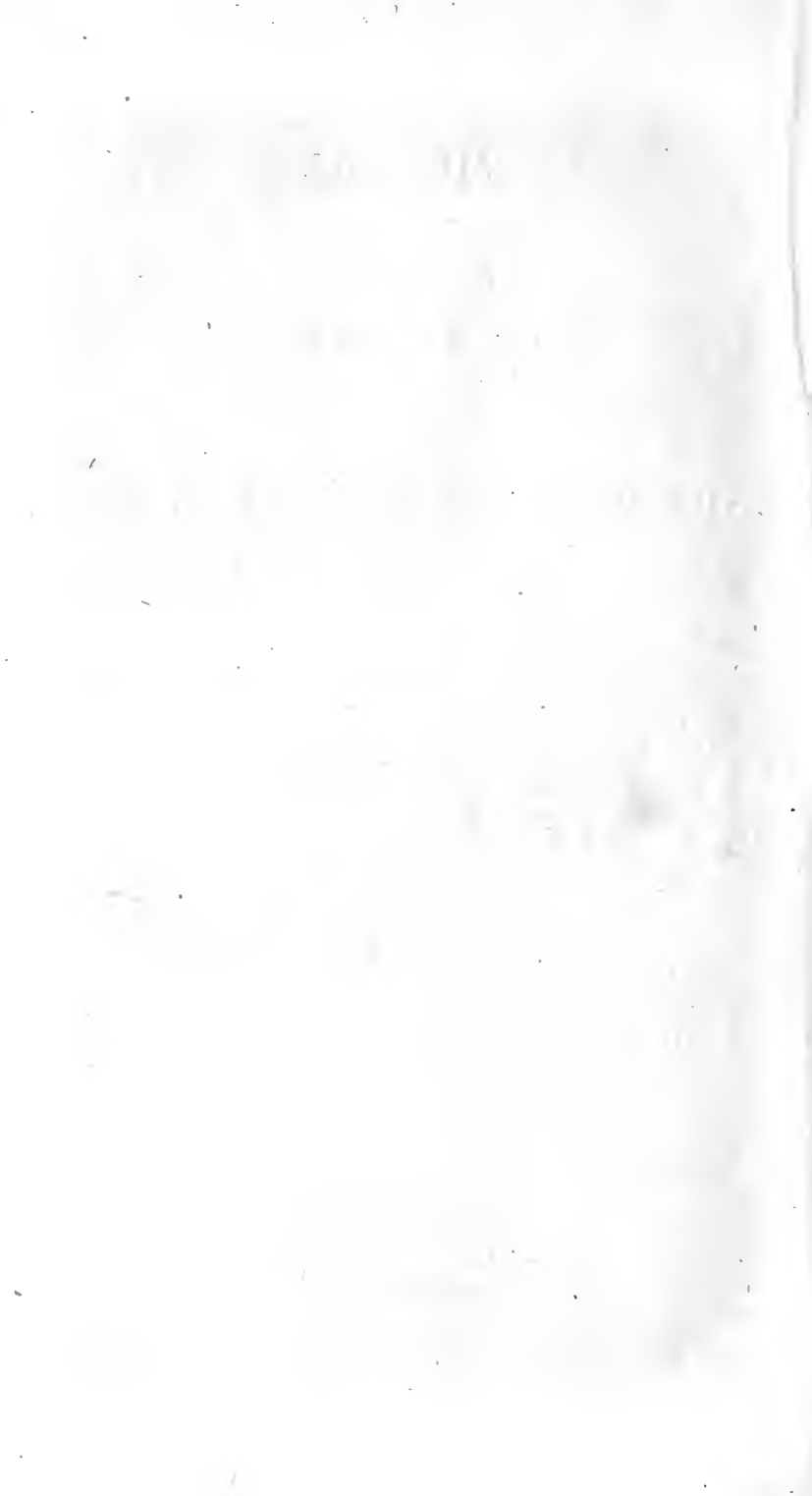
The next Session of this Convention to be held with the Beulah Church,
Greene county, Ala., on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1871.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Second Session of the Sunday School Convention of the Union Baptist Association was held with the Unity Baptist church, commencing on Friday 23rd day of September, 1870.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder P. F. Terrell. Text, Ephesians 6: 4.

After a short recess, the delegates assembled in the meeting-house for the transaction of business. The President, Elder Wm. Ashcraft, called the body to order.

Letters from the Sabbath schools and churches were read, and names of delegates enrolled, as follows: Schools—Fellowship, P. H. Howard; Corinth, I. L. Holman; Union Hill, A. Latham; Big Creek, Jesse Jones; Edgfield, James P. Gates, U. E. Allen; Carrollton, P. F. Terrell, M. L. Stansel, W. G. Robertson; Beulah, N. Cobb; Oak Ridge, J. P. Lee; Spring Hill, J. H. Stinson; Olney, A. M. Hanks, M. G. Lofton; Ebenezer, S. Hildreth; Pleasant Hill, H. B. Chappelle; Enon, H. B. Chappelle; Grant's Creek, J. C. Foster; Churches—Forest, Wm. Ashcraft; New Hope, J. H. Morris, G. W. Robertson; Zion, J. H. Pate; Providence, J. B. Kilpatrick, W. C. Bell.

An invitation was extended to all unassociated schools and churches to unite with the Convention: Grant's Creek and Pleasant Hill schools, and Zion, New Hope and Providence churches, presented letters and were received.

Elected President, Clerk and Treasurer; Elder Wm. Ashcraft chosen President, and W. G. Robertson, Sec'y and Treasurer.

On motion, invited correspondence from other like bodies and associations. Visiting brethren invited to seats.

On motion, the Chair appointed the following Committees:

ORDER OF BUSINESS—J. D. Johnson, Rev. P. F. Terrell, N. Cobb.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—W. Slaughter, James P. Gates, U. E. Allen, and Pastor and Deacons of Unity Church.

DOCUMENTS—M. L. Stansel, H. B. Chappelle, Rev. J. P. Lee.

NOMINATIONS—Jesse Jones, P. H. Howard, J. H. Stinson.

QUERIES—Elder J. H. Morris, Elder S. Hildreth, J. H. Pate.

BEST SABBATH SCHOOL LITERATURE—Elder P. F. Terrell, J. H. Stinson, H. B. Chappelle.

FINANCE—Elder P. F. Terrell and N. Cobb.

Essay on best method of conducting Sunday Schools, was read by bro. M. L. Stansel and ordered printed with the minutes.

Committee on Order of Business made their report and subsequent proceedings conducted accordingly.

Following report on religious exercises was adopted: Preaching to-night by Elder J. P. Lee; prayer meeting to-morrow at 8¹/₂ o'clock, A. M., to be conducted by bro. H. B. Chappelle.

Committee on Nominations made report, adopted: Next Introductory Sermon, on the subject of Sabbath Schools, by Elder W. Ashcraft; Elder J. P. Lee, alternate. W. G. Robertson to write

an essay on "The importance of Sunday Schools and the relation they sustain to the cause of our Redeemer's Kingdom."

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.—
Prayer by Elder J. H. Morris.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Convention met. Prayer by Elder P. F. Terrell.

On motion, the action of the last session of this body with reference to correspondence was renewed, viz: Alabama Bap. State Sunday School Convention, at Opelika, Ala., Saturday before 2nd Sabbath in November, 1870; Elders Wm. Ashcraft, P. F. Terrell, J. P. Lee, S. Hildreth.

The following report on Queries was adopted: 1st. Is it not of vital importance that the Sabbath Schools meet every Sabbath? 2nd. Is it not as important to teach the primary branches of education in our Sabbath Schools to the unlearned, as it is the Bible to the learned?

Committee on Documents reported: From documents on file we find there are thirteen schools and four churches represented, showing an aggregate of 490 in the Sabbath Schools; the schools generally manifest an improvement, both in mode of conducting and in numbers, since our session in May last. The reports sent up are generally defective, in not showing number of scholars, condition of schools, kind of books used, method of instruction, conversions among scholars, average attendance, &c. We recommend that these particulars be strictly observed in future reports.

M. L. STANSEL, Chm.

Report of Committee on Finance, adopted:

Received from Schools and Churches for Minutes.....	\$20,00
“ from Carrollton School for S. S. Board So. Bap. Con.	3,45
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P. F. TERRELL, Chm.

Appointed the next session of this Convention to be held with the Beulah Baptist Church, Greene county, Ala., commencing Friday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1871.

The Query adopted at our last session was discussed and answered in the affirmative.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be tendered the brethren and citizens in the community for their hospitality and uniform courtesy during our stay in their midst; and that we tender our thanks to the Chair for his faithfulness in presiding over the deliberations of the Convention.

Resolved, That all other schools and churches desiring to unite with the Convention can do so by forwarding letter, money for minutes, and statistics to the Secretary at Carrollton, Ala., before the minutes are printed.

Resolved, That this Convention urge upon the ministers, brethren, schools and churches generally, the importance of establishing Sabbath Schools in every church and neighborhood within its bounds.

Resolved, That we will heartily co-operate with the S. S. Board of the So. Bap. Convention in the spread of the Gospel, by establishing Baptist Sabbath Schools throughout the entire Southern States.

On motion, the Convention adjourned. Truly we can say, "It was good for us to be there." Harmony and christian affection prevailed in all the proceedings.

WM. ASHCRAFT, President.

W. G. ROBERTSON, Sec'y.



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