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# MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

## BIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Zion Baptist Church, Near Rosser, Ala.,

September 10, 11 and 12, 1891.

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### OFFICERS:

ELDER J. R. LARKIN, Moderator.....Coatopa, Ala.  
ELDER J. D. COOK, Clerk.....Cuba, "  
DEACON A. D. FORTNER, Treasurer, .....Livingston, "

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*The next session of this Association will be held with the Cuba Baptist Church, Sumter County, Ala., on Thursday before the second Sabbath in September, 1892.*

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DIRECTORY OF BEEBEE ASSOCIATION.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. D. Cook.....	Clay Station, Ala.
W. G. Chry.....	Yardley Creek, "
F. A. Freeman.....	Beulah, "
A. J. Hearn.....	Yardley Creek, "
J. R. Larkin.....	Coatopa, "
W. F. Pond.....	Kinterbish, "
J. W. Smith.....	Jefferson, "
J. L. Tucker.....	Nanafalia, "
C. C. Vaughan.....	Cuba Station, "
J. E. Vaughan.....	Mo. Sterling, "
T. B. Woodward.....	Bevill's Store, "

DECEASED MINISTERS.

A. B. Spidle.....	Belmont, Ala.	A. P. Evans.....	Kinterbish, Ala.
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SUPERINTENDENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Beulah, W. F. Pond.....	Kinterbish, Ala.
Christian Valley, Wm. Larkin.....	Coatopa, "
Clinton, S. M. Carpenter.....	Clinton, "
Coatopa, W. H. Phillips.....	Yardley Creek, "
Cuba, E. M. Shaw.....	Cuba Station, "
Deopolis, J. C. K. By.....	Deopolis, "
Hopewell, Choctaw County, E. A. Vaughan.....	Mo. Sterling, "
Hopewell, Choctaw County, James Speed.....	Belmont, "
Livingston, A. D. Fortner.....	Livingston, "
Mo. Sterling, J. Q. Lipscomb.....	Jefferson, "
Shoem, G. W. Greene.....	York Station, "
Sumterville, W. H. Brown.....	Sumterville, "
York, W. J. Paer.....	York Station, "

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT ASSOCIATION IN 1892.  
WITH POSTOFFICES OF THE CHAIRMEN.

- Bible and Colportage Work—E. M. Ward, Bevill's Store, Ala.; A. P. Evans and E. A. McLean.  
 Sunday Schools—A. D. Fortner, Livingston, Ala.; B. B. Sule and Thos. E. M. Kinley.  
 Temperance—L. Poole, Cuba Station, Ala.; Jackson Burton and J. V. Furt.  
 Manual and General Education—J. A. Granberry, Yardley Creek, Ala.; J. B. Cook and Wm. Larkin.  
 Song Missions—C. C. Vaughan, Cuba Station, Ala.; O. C. Thomas and H. R. Foss.  
 Home Missions—W. J. Paer, York Station, Ala.; J. A. Davidson and J. R. Speed.  
 Foreign Missions—W. F. Pond, Kinterbish, Ala.; E. W. Brock and J. Q. Lipscomb.  
 Women's Work—J. W. Jones, Jefferson, Ala.; A. J. Hearn and W. H. Brown.

# MINUTES.

The First Annual Convention of the Association was held in Zion's Church, Columbus, Ga., on Thursday, September 10th, 1896, at 11 a. m.

The meeting was begun by singing "There is a fountain filled with blood." The Moderator read the 6th chapter of Galatians, and led in prayer.

In response to the call for representation, the letters from the churches were presented, and by the aid of the Moderator, were read by brethren J. A. G. and W. G. Curry.

Delegates were reported as follows:

Baker--J. B. Pond, J. F. Woods, J. A. G. Curry, W. G. Curry, J. Christian, and J. P. Lewis, Jr. (Moderator).  
Canton--W. H. Brown.  
Columbus--D. W. Brown, J. A. Brown, C. E. Brown, A. C. Brown, A. J. Brown, W. H. Brown.  
Columbia--E. M. Smith, J. H. Brown, J. P. Brown, J. S. Brown.  
DeKalb--J. M. Brown, M. L. Brown, W. G. Curry.  
Epsom--W. G. Curry.  
Fulton--N. F. Smith, J. F. Smith.  
Gwinnett--N. F. Smith, J. F. Smith.  
Hall--E. H. Smith, J. F. Smith, J. P. Smith, J. S. Smith.  
Hepzibah--J. A. G. Curry, W. G. Curry, D. W. Brown.  
Hopewell--S. F. Smith, J. F. Smith, M. L. Brown, J. V. Turner.  
Livingston--W. G. Curry, A. D. Brown, H. R. Lewis.  
Mt. Vernon--J. C. Moore.  
Mt. Zion--A. J. Moore.  
Mt. Pleasant--J. A. G. Curry, J. P. Smith, J. S. Smith.  
Mt. Zion--N. F. Smith, J. F. Smith.  
Newbern--N. F. Smith, J. F. Smith.  
Rehoboth--W. G. Curry, J. A. G. Curry, W. G. Curry.  
Spartanburg--W. G. Curry, J. A. G. Curry, W. G. Curry.  
St. Ann--G. W. Curry, J. A. G. Curry.  
Sumter--J. A. G. Curry, W. G. Curry.  
York--W. J. Pond, W. G. Curry, W. W. Draymond.  
Zion--H. R. Lewis, J. P. Lewis, Jr.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers. On motion of W. G. Curry, the former officers were re-elected by acclamation, viz: J. R. Larkin, Moderator; J. D. Cook, Clerk; A. D. Fortner, Treasurer.

The Association then adjourned to 2 p. m., after benediction by B. F. Riley.

## EVENING SESSION.

Reassembled at 2 p. m., and after singing "Nearer my God to thee," the Moderator read the 32nd Psalm. Prayer by W. F. Pond.

... on Mission ... Education ... for this committee ... M. W. ... D. W. ... and T. S. E. McKinley.

The report ... was read by ... as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The ... and our efforts as a denomination in the department ... From the amount of work done ... with the fact ... these results ... we have not accomplished ... ability, ... status which ... to accomplish still greater ...

The ... running through a period of several years ... a grand success ... and are yielding ... cleared up and ... by our excellent ... branches of ... There was nothing ... If our people would take this for their motto ... of the grave responsibility ... of their ability ... would not be ... of the State of Alabama ... a congregation of worshippers and a preacher.

... wear the stripes of the ... Board were ... by ... 1855; ... of the Bible, 1855; ... 1857.

A. P. Evans, Ch'n.

The report was discussed by B. F. Riley, C. G. Elliott, T. B. Woodward, J. A. Granberry, A. J. Hearn and J. M. Kullin.

Pending the discussion, adjourned to 10 a. m. Friday, after benediction by W. G. Curry.

FRIDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association ... called to order at 10 o'clock. Sang, "Hail, hail, the band that ye saints of the Lord." The Moderator read part of the ... Prayer by T. B. Woodward.





... follows ...

FRIDAY MORNING

- 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Devotional exercises.
- 10:00 a.m. Home Missions.
- 10:30 a.m. Fashion Show.
- 11:00 a.m. by W. G. Carry.

FRIDAY EVENING

- 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Entertainment.
- 8:00 p.m. at the S. C. Schools.
- 9:00 p.m. Conference business.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Preaching by C. G. Moffitt.

SUNDAY

- 10 a.m. Sunday School Mass Meeting.
- 11 a.m. Preaching by W. M. Kiffin.

A. H. ...

Committee on B Digitized by the Internet Archive follows:

REPORT ON in 2011 with funding from

Lyrasis Members, and Sloan Foundation.

... on the 25th of ...

The object of this ... to direct ...

... of the ... of the ...

... more than half of this was received ...

... by the ... of the ...



By making our plantations more productive, and by doing the work as cheaply as elsewhere, it is possible to do more and better work of supplying the Word in our islands, and to get it more speedily forward.

The contributions for this purpose during the last twelve months have been only \$27,000, which is not nearly enough to meet the demands of the increasing work, if only paid for by the regular contributions, and even the patronage of the people, the more of them, and the more of them contributing.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Davidson, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by J. A. Davidson and W. B. Crumpton, then adopted.

The following was offered by A. J. Hearn and adapted :

Whereas, There is a want of system in raising means for Ministerial Education, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a specified amount be given to the Committee on Apportionment to be divided among the churches composing this Association.

Adjourned after benediction by W. G. Curry.

## SATURDAY.

### MORNING SESSION.

Owing to rain, did not assemble until 10 o'clock. The Moderator read the 3d chapter of Collossians, and D. I. Purser led the Association in prayer.

Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

The report on Home Missions was read, as follows :

### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

More and more pressing do the claims of Home Missions become, as the years roll on. With our rapidly increasing population the work to be done by the Home Mission Board appeals more and more loudly to the sympathies of the churches.

The last report of the Board to the Southern Baptist Convention shows gratifying results. Increase is shown all along the line of its work. We glean from the report the following encouraging facts: Workers employed this year 406, against 371 last year; an increase of 35. The results of labor show a corresponding increase. Baptisms this year, 5739; a gain of 872 over the preceding year. The additions to Mission churches last year were 8,998; this year, 9,987; a gain of 1,890. Church houses built last year, 84; this year, 143; a gain of 59. The sum expended last year in their erection, was \$57,321.85; this year it aggregates \$60,473.00. These figures clearly show that the blessing of God is resting upon this department of Christian effort. The most deplorable feature is that our people have not yet arisen to a proper appreciation of the work committed to the Home Mission Board. The contributions of the churches are far below what they should be. In the face of the facts that in the last few years the territory to be occupied by the Board, has been largely increased by the addition of Cuba and other portions of our Western domain, thus increasing the demands upon us to supply these needs. Our contribution stand both below in advance of the old figures. This lack may be owing to the want of information. To supply this need we would earnestly recommend the pastors encourage the circulation of Missionary literature among their people; more especially



next year, by conducting a public Bible school, and that the people will be glad that God's approval rests on the work that is now being done.

R. Spectally, S. Elliott.

A. D. Fortner, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by A. D. Fortner, C. W. Hare and C. G. Elliott.

Owing to the lateness of the hour when the body assembled, and the press of business, the appointment for preaching at 11 a. m. was rescinded.

D. I. Purser was given an opportunity to present the claims of Howard College and the interests of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, after which subscriptions were given to rear dormitory buildings of Howard College, as follows:

#### DORMITORY BUILDINGS, HOWARD COLLEGE.

J. R. Larkin, Coatspa.....	\$ 50 00
A. P. Evans, Kinterbish.....	50 00
W. D. Green, Clinton.....	25 60
F. M. Ward, Bevil's Store.....	25 60
L. A. Brook, Yantley Creek.....	10 00
T. E. McKinley, Demopolis.....	5 00
Mrs. J. D. Cook, Cuba.....	2 50
Mrs. S. W. Watts, Meridian, Miss.....	5 00
Miss Callie Green, York Station.....	1 00
Miss Dana Green, York station.....	1 00
O. F. Mang, Pushmataha.....	5 00
B. B. Seale.....	paid 1 00
A. P. Scarborough.....	paid 1 00
B. A. May.....	paid 50
Cash.....	50
Total.....	\$ 178 00

The report on Temperance was read as follows:

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

"Wine is a mocker, and strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright." That it is potent of evil is conceded. It is the winning blight that destroys the ambition of young men, and gives hardness to the face of the old. By its influence, the strong arm of the husband is laid heavily upon the helpless wife, that the demon had vowed to defend.

Widowhood stands in the tragedies of woe, struck in the paleness of the cheeks, while orphanage cries in vain for the necessaries of life. Strong drink fills our jails, beggars our land, and withers more hopes than all other evils of the day. Like a dark cloud, it shuts out the light of happiness, and sends the lightning of devastation.

Why should there be any opposition to temperance? It comes the dove with the olive of peace, giving homes of plenty, hearts of joy, and hopes of eternal glory. Look about over this land of temperance, and what do you see? Hovel transformed into palaces, ignorance supplanted by culture, and barren fields turned into gardens of flowers. These are the results of temperance.

But there is a dark page in our statistics which tell us that in this fair land of America, the cause of temperance is giving away. During the five years preceding 1884, while the population increased 75 per cent, the consumption of distilled liquors increased 14 per cent., and that of malt liquors

report. The production of the same is a great blessing to the church. It is a noble work, and one that should be encouraged. The report was discussed by A. J. Hearn, pending the discussion, adjourned to 2 p. m., after benediction by C. W. Hare.

A. J. HEARN, Chm.

The report was discussed by A. J. Hearn. Pending the discussion, adjourned to 2 p. m., after benediction by C. W. Hare.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Reassembled at the appointed hour, and sang, "Is my name written there?"

The report on Temperance was further discussed by C. G. Elliott, C. W. Hare and J. Poole. The report was then adopted. The report on Sabbath-schools was submitted as follows:

#### REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

It is with profound gratitude that your committee can say to the church an increasing interest. But it is a matter of regret that we cannot report an increasing interest. We see from the report of the last Association that in twenty-two churches represented, fifteen reported Sabbath-schools, with seven hundred and five names on the roll.

We find on examination that twenty churches are represented at this session of the Association, fifteen with Sabbath-schools with six hundred and fifty-seven names on the roll.

Now, how is it that we cannot have the pleasure of reporting a school for each church represented, with a few by the wayside at school houses, with an increasing interest?

We see progress in every other department of Christian work. The mission work is continually being crowned with the best results; year by year we see more interest manifested in industrial education. There is a growing interest in general education. Oh, why not have an increasing interest in Sabbath-schools? We can if we will. We know of no better way to help up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, than to train them properly at home, and in the Sabbath-school.

Each church seems to need a few more consecrated, self-denying, God-loving and God-fearing brethren and sisters.

God grant that each member of this Association may return to his home feeling more determined to put forth more effort in this noble work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. POPE.

The report was discussed by L. A. Duncan and J. T. Murfee, then adopted.

The Treasurer submitted his report, which was adopted.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. D. FORTNER, Treasurer,

In account with Bigbee Association:

1890.

Dr.

Sept. 13. To amount received from Finance Committee, vouchers.....	\$622 10
cash.....	229 90
public collection .....	28 17
J. D. Cook, bal. minute fund 1889.....	60
F. L. Kushen.....	50
public collection for minutes.....	4 33

1891.

Sept. 10. To amount received from J. D. Cook, bal. minute fund 1890... 2 60—\$883 20

1890.

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Sept. 13. By amount paid J. D. Cook for minutes.....	\$ 45 93
W. B. Crompton, Cor. Secretary.....	210 97
B. F. Riley for Howard College.....	5 00
for remitting.....	60
cash to balance on hand.....	3 60
amount vouchers received from Finance Committee.....	622 10—\$883 20

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. FORTNER.

The committee on Nominations read their report, as follows :

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee beg leave to make the following report:

That the next session of this body be held with Cuba church, Sumter county, Ala., and to convene at 10 o'clock a. m. on Thursday before the second Sabbath in September, 1892.

That Eld. J. R. Larkin preach the introductory sermon on Thursday at 11 o'clock a. m.

That Eld. A. J. Hearn preach the missionary sermon on Friday at 11 o'clock a. m.

That Eld. W. G. Curry preach on Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. FORTNER, Ch'n.

After some discussion as to whether it would not be better to meet on Saturday, the report was adopted as presented.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by W. F. Pond and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the members of this Association are hereby tendered the members of Zion church, and the citizens of this community, for their kind and generous hospitality extended to us during our stay among them.

The report on Finance was submitted and adopted.

## REPORT ON FINANCE.

Home Missions.....	vouchers.....	\$368 98
Home Missions.....	cash.....	34 85—\$ 403 83
Foreign Missions.....	vouchers.....	150 68
Foreign Missions.....	cash.....	30 20— 180 88
State Missions.....	vouchers.....	215 68
State Missions.....	cash.....	62 44— 278 12
Indigent ministers.....	cash.....	15 85
Bible and Colportage Work.....	cash.....	18 00
Ministerial Education at Howard College.....	vouchers.....	151 55
Ministerial Education at Howard College.....	cash.....	16 00— 167 55
Minutes.....		33 92
Minutes, collected at Association.....		3 50— 37 42
Associational purposes and undesignated.....	vouchers.....	1 50
Associational purposes and undesignated.....	cash.....	10 60— 12 10
Howard College building.....	vouchers.....	230 00

## COLLECTED AT ASSOCIATION.

Missionary collection.....	vouchers..	2 50	
Missionary collection.....	cash.....	74 00	76 50
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, p'd to C. G. Elliott.....	cash.....		11 55
Howard College dormitories, paid to D. I. Purser.....	cash.....		3 00
Total.....			\$144 70

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. BROCK,	} Com.
H. R. FOSS,	
A. P. EVANS,	

The committee on Correspondence submitted their report, which was adopted :

## REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your committee on Correspondence are glad to report that we have had a goodly number of visiting brethren with us.

They are as follows: Representative Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chas. G. Elliott; Chickasabay Association, Miss., L. A. Duncan and C. G. Elliott; Bethel Association, J. M. Kailin; Editor Alabama Baptist, C. W. Hare; Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board, W. B. Crampton; Financial Secretary Howard College and Representative of S. S. Board of Southern Baptist Convention, D. I. Purser; Cahaba Association, J. T. Murfee; President Howard College, B. F. Riley; Bethlehem Association, Miss., J. M. Ross.

We thank these brethren for their presence and the part which they have taken in our deliberations. We cordially invite them to meet with us again.

We also recommend that any brother in any of the churches composing this body, visiting a sister Association, be received as a corresponding messenger upon presentation of a copy of our minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

JACKSON BURTON, Chairman.

The Moderator appointed standing committees to report at next session. These committees will be found on inside of first page of cover.

The Committee on Apportionment submitted their report of the amount the churches are requested to contribute during the next Associational year, as follows :

## REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Bible Work.	Indigent Ministers.	Ministerial Education.	Total for each Church.
Beulah .....	\$ 7 45	\$ 5 75	\$ 5 75	\$ 60	\$ 1 20	\$ 4 00	\$ 24 75
Christian Valley .....	13 30	6 90	6 90	1 15	1 75	10 00	30 00
Clinton .....	2 75	6 00	6 00	1 00	1 25	10 00	34 00
Concord .....	28 75	6 90	8 05	60	1 75	15 00	61 05
Cuba .....	25 00	6 00	7 00	50	1 50	15 00	55 00
Demopolis .....	16 50	8 75	8 75	60	5 70	5 00	45 30
Eutaw .....	5 00	5 00	4 00	.....	1 00	1 00	16 00
Epes .....	5 75	12 30	12 30	60	1 20	5 00	17 15
Friendship .....	9 29	5 75	5 75	60	1 20	1 00	23 50
Gainesville .....	13 04	5 05	5 15	60	1 20	5 00	30 00
Hickory Hill .....	5 09	1 35	1 35	.....	50	1 00	9 20
Hopewell, Choctaw county .....	5 00	2 15	2 33	.....	50	5 00	15 00
Hopewell, Sumter county .....	13 80	3 45	3 45	60	60	5 00	26 90
Livingston .....	50 00	25 00	22 00	1 00	2 00	25 00	125 00
Mt. Hermon .....	5 00	2 00	2 00	.....	1 00	2 50	12 50
Mt. Pleasant .....	23 00	8 05	8 05	60	1 75	15 00	56 35
Mt. Sterling .....	5 00	2 00	2 00	.....	1 00	1 00	11 00
New Prospect .....	13 20	4 00	5 45	60	1 75	3 00	28 00
Rehoboth .....	20 00	7 00	7 00	60	3 00	5 00	42 60
Shorts .....	10 00	4 00	4 50	60	90	5 00	25 00
Siloam .....	17 25	9 75	9 75	60	1 75	4 00	43 10
Sumterville .....	20 10	5 15	4 60	66	3 75	15 00	49 50
York .....	18 10	10 65	10 80	1 40	3 75	15 00	60 00
Zion .....	10 00	3 60	3 60	60	3 40	5 00	25 00
Total .....	\$349 75	\$145 95	\$145 95	\$13 45	\$13 40	\$177 50	\$876 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. GRANBERRY, Chairman.

After discussion by A. J. Hearn, F. M. Ward and J. D. Cook the report was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention: J. D. Cook, from the Association, and W. G. Curry and A. J. Hearn, upon money basis.

On motion the Treasurer was directed to divide the missionary collections equally among State, Home and Foreign Missions.

The Treasurer was also directed to pay the minute fund, together with the balance in his hands from this fund, to the Clerk.

The Clerk was instructed to have the minutes printed and distributed, and be allowed \$15.00 for his services. A contribution of \$3.50 was made to be added to the minute fund.

After prayer by J. D. Cook, the Association adjourned to meet with Cuba Baptist Church on Thursday before the second Sabbath in September, 1892.

J. D. COOK,  
Clerk.

J. R. LARKIN,  
Moderator.

## CONSTITUTION.

1. This body shall be known by the name of the BIGGER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.
2. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, from its own body, and shall hold their office until their successors are elected.
3. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, and shall discharge the duties usually imposed upon officers presiding over deliberative bodies.
4. The Clerk shall keep a fair record of the proceedings of this Association, and shall attend to the printing and distributing of the Minutes.
5. The Treasurer shall perform the duties usually assigned to such officer, and shall report annually to the Association.
6. The Association shall hold its meetings at such time and place as it shall from time to time appoint.
7. Every church shall be entitled to two delegates, and also one for every twenty-five members exceeding twenty-five.
8. This Association disclaims all right of exercising authority over the internal regulation of churches, believing that within their own sphere they are accountable to God only.
9. The Constitution may be altered or amended by the concurrence of three-fourths of the members comprising the Association.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one living and true God: that in the Godhead are Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the New Testament is the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe that the Church of God is composed of such persons as believe in Jesus Christ, and have been baptized; that baptism consists in the immersion of the whole body in water; and that the Lord's Supper should be administered to church members only.
4. We believe in the doctrines of grace taught by the United Baptists, viz: In the depravity of man; in the converting grace of God; in the resurrection of the dead; in the general judgment; in the eternal life of the righteous; in the everlasting punishment of the wicked.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

1. At each meeting of this Association the Moderator shall take the chair, shall call the members to order, shall decide questions of order subject to an appeal, shall open and close the Association with prayer, shall appoint committees, when not otherwise ordered, and shall pronounce the decision to the Association.
2. The names of members shall be called each day, and invitations to seats extended to ministering brethren.
3. The members shall observe respect to officers and to each other, shall arise when addressing the Moderator, shall confine themselves to the questions, shall avoid personalities, shall not speak, without leave, more than once, until every member shall have opportunity to speak, and shall sustain that bearing to each other which becomes gentlemen and Christians.
4. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator, and then shall be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover before amendment or decision.
5. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone; which motion shall have precedence in the order enumerated.
6. All questions, except those relating to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority. Any member voting with the majority may move for a reconsideration on the day of decision. Members may not leave the Association without permission.
7. When questions of order are not provided for in these rules, they shall be decided according to the rules and regulations governing legislative bodies generally.



8. The Association shall have power to receive into its body and fellowship such Churches as apply for admission and shall also be empowered to withdraw its fellowship from any church or body of men violating disorderly, and supposed to be unworthy the fellowship of this Association.

# STATISTICS OF BIGGEE ASSOCIATION.

CIRCLES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CHURCH.	CHURCH'S POST-OFFICE.	Increase by				Decrease by				
					No. Ord. Mem.	No. L. Mem.	Members	Prof. Mem.	Prof. Mem.	Prof. Mem.	Prof. Mem.	Prof. Mem.	
Christian Valley	Sumner	C. S. Ray	M. F. May	Kintelbush	1	30	10	60	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	T. W. Hart	B. B. Soles	Catoona	1	11	10	11	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	C. B. Lovel	W. D. Greene	Clinton	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	A. J. Barn	J. D. Phillips	Yandley Creek	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	A. D. Cook	R. W. Shaw	Cuba	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	W. G. Curry	Thos. E. McKinley	Demopolis	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	C. G. Vaughan	L. S. Keller	Ross	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	Not supplied	Miss Lizzie Calvin	Edraw	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	Not supplied	O. G. Thomas	Gainesville	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	Not supplied	W. S. Woodward	Beyl's Store	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	W. T. Ford	J. A. Vaughan	Mt. Sterling	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	J. L. Taylor	J. W. Tull	Belmont	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	J. R. Larkin	R. S. Cobb	Layington	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	W. G. Curry	W. T. Gambrell	York Station	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	C. S. Ray	W. J. McIlroy	Cuba	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	Not supplied	J. W. Jones	Le Roy	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	J. W. Eakin	J. R. Turner	Mt. Sterling	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	T. R. Woodruff	W. P. Brewer	Liveston	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	Not supplied	W. P. Cook	Peacham	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	A. J. Barn	E. B. Herrin	Gaston	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	C. G. Vaughan	Levi Dennis	York Station	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	W. T. Ford	A. E. Packard	Sumterville	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	J. D. Cook	L. M. Flowers	York Station	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	W. G. Curry	L. M. Flowers	York Station	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cherokee	Cherokee	A. J. Herrin	L. M. Flowers	York Station	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total					11	217	48	25	4	19	116	118	7

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