

MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

JUDSON

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, BARBOUR CO., ALA.,

October 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1887.

OFFICERS:

J. W. FOSTER, MODERATOR Abbeville, Ala.
W. A. McCLENDON, CLERK Abbeville, Ala.
JOHN B. WARD, TREASURER..... Abbeville, Ala.

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JOHN B. WARD Abbeville, Ala.
N. L. HAWLEY..... Lawrenceville, Ala.
M. V. CAPPS..... Abbeville, Ala.
WM. L. MCGEE..... Lawrenceville, Ala.
A. ARMSTRONG..... Abbeville, Ala.

The next Session will be held with Mt. Pleasant Church, Dale Co., begin-
ing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1888. Intro-
ductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. A. L. Martin.

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RECORD OF TWENTY-FOUR SESSIONS OF THE JUDSON ASSOCIATION.

Session.	Date.	Moderators.	Clerks.	Introductory Sermons.	Missionary Sermons.	Place of Meeting.	Finance Report.	Baptized.
8	1858	E. Cody	W. B. Lacy	Daniel Cumbie	J. B. Taylor	Daleville	\$474 25	379
10	1860	E. Cody	E. Brooks	Daniel Cumbie	J. B. Taylor	Newton	417 25	291
11	1861	E. Cody	H. W. B. Price	W. P. Bryan	C. Smith	Judson	351 06	81
14	1864	P. M. Calloway	H. W. B. Price	D. Rogers	L. R. Sims	Shorterville		
15	1865	P. M. Calloway	E. Brooks			Sardis		
18	1868	L. R. Sims	J. R. Morris			Beulah	183 00	235
19	1869	L. R. Sims	Nat Pace	A. L. Martin	P. M. Calloway	Gordon	247 85	174
20	1870	L. R. Sims	Jas. R. Morris	L. R. Sims	R. W. Preast	New Hope	185 20	
22	1872	L. R. Sims	J. L. Williams	L. R. Sims	T. E. Langley	Abbeville	277 50	149
23	1873	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	W. A. Cumbie	T. E. Langley	Pilgrim's Rest	144 95	170
24	1874	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	A. L. Martin	L. R. Sims	Bethel	111 05	169
25	1875	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	E. M. Knowles	T. E. Langley	Walnut Grove	246 00	103
26	1876	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	W. A. Cumbie	P. M. Calloway	Pleasant Grove	132 20	100
27	1877	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	E. M. Knowles	W. N. Chawdoin	Shorterville	239 30	254
28	1878	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	L. R. Sims	A. L. Martin	Pleasant Plains	165 60	90
29	1879	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	A. L. Martin	T. E. Langley	Columbia	110 25	152
30	1880	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	L. R. Sims	T. E. Langley	Abbeville	436 05	108
31	1881	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	D. Rogers	A. P. Ashurst	Adoniram	259 35	98
32	1882	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	A. P. Ashurst	P. M. Calloway	Bethlehem	255 80	115
33	1883	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	A. L. Martin	A. P. Ashurst	Smyrna	212 00	134
34	1884	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	J. W. Malone	A. L. Blizard	Shorterville	261 50	162
35	1885	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	W. M. Bruner	M. B. Bean	Beulah	337 50	152
36	1886	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	G. A. Nunnally, D.D	W. N. Reeves, D.D.	Abbeville	167 50	113
37	1887	J. W. Foster	W. A. McClendon	J. W. Malone	A. L. Martin	Bethel	139 00	107

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

MINUTES.

The Judson Baptist Association convened in its thirty-seventh session with the church at Bethel, Barbour county, Ala., October 1st, 1887.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Malone, using as a text a part of the 18th, 19th, and 20th verses of the thirty-eighth chapter of Matthew: "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 unto the end of the world. Amen." And at the close there was a collection taken up for the benefit of Sister Rogers amounting to eighteen dollars and fifty cents. Prayer by Bro. R. B. Lee. Sung the first doxology and the body adjourned to be called together at two o'clock.

At two o'clock p. m. the body was called to order by Bro. J. W. Foster, the Moderator, and after a few remarks by him Bro. R. B. Lee led in prayer. The Moderator announced the death of Bro. D. Rogers, our former Clerk, and W. A. McClendon was elected to act as Clerk *pro tem*.

Letters from the churches were read by brethren J. W. Thomas, J. S. Byrd and R. W. Miller, and messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Abbeville—A L Martin, Wm J Martin, Wm I Weems, R W Miller.
Adoniram—J F Boon, W A Herndon, G T Roberts.
Bethel—M E Smith, J T Smith, J J Beicher, George Walker.
Beulah—Dan'l E Burkshaw, J W Petman, J J Boyett, G W Harris.
Bethlehem—S J Knowles, R C Granberry, A J M Hardwick, J B Whiet.
Christian Grove—J B Deshazo. Green Braswell.
Center—Johnson Rice, John Ward, Jasper Roney.
Concord—Not represented.

Fellowship—Angus Harp, J W Barnes, G M Murphy.
 Friendship—C V Miller, F H Hickman, J F Phillips.
 Hebron—J S Granberry, J B Hasty, R F Stephenson.
 Judson—J S Byrd, J W Thomas, Samuel Gissendaner, G L Flemming.
 Liberty—Not represented.
 Lawrenceville—C Johnson, S J Belcher.
 Mt Pleasant (Barbour)—Not represented.
 Mt Pleasant (Dale)—Wm Pettis, John Mann, J H Armstrong, J A Stephens.
 Mt Ariel—R A Davis, Wm C Jernigan.
 New Hope—J W Malone, Wm J Daswell, E N Willis.
 Oaky Grove—J J Whiddon, Marion Holland.
 Pleasant Grove—S M Singletary, W A McClendon, Wm G Davison, J H Spivey, D W Capps.
 Pleasant Hill—Not represented.
 Sardis—F M Elmore.
 Shorterville—J W Herndon.
 Smyrna—T J Dawsey, W W Wheddon, W Ray.
 Tolbot—W J Barnes, Henry Willis, W H Elmore.

ORGANIZATION.

Bro. J. W. Malone moved that the former Moderator be elected by acclamation. The motion being opposed by Bro. Foster, the messengers proceeded to vote by ballot, and as a further appreciation of Bro. Foster's past services as Moderator he was unanimously elected Moderator; after which the body proceeded to elect a Clerk, and a ballot was had and W. A. McClendon was declared elected.

Bro. Foster thanked the Association for a renewal of their confidence and announced the body organized and ready for business.

The Moderator invited visiting ministers to seats with us, and the regular order of business resumed.

1st. Call for petitionary letters.

2d. Call for correspondents, and received from the Eufaulz Association—Bros. A. B. Bush, George Davis, J. H. Reeves.

Newton—A. B. Reeder.

3d. The following committees were appointed:

On Preaching—Armstead Armstrong, M. V. Capps, Cornelius Johnson, and the delegates of Bethel church.

On Nominations—G. L. Flemming, S. M. Singletary, C. V. Miller.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. S. Byrd, J. J. Boyett, Wm. J. Doswell.

On Publications—E. N. Willis, W. A. Herndon, Joab Jernigan.

On Documents—Wm. J. Martin, W. L. McGee, J. W. Rice.

On Finance—W. W. Whidden, D. W. Capps, G. M. Murphy.

4th. On motion, the hours of meeting was set for 8:30 A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M., and adjourn at pleasure.

5th. Appoint correspondents as follows:

To the Eufaula Association—Rev. R. B. Lee.

Newton—J. W. Foster, J. S. Byrd, A. L. Martin, Wm. J. Martin, M. V. Capps, A. D. Reeder.

Columbia—J. W. Foster, F. M. Elmore, W. A. McCleendon, W. W. Whidden.

Bethel—Rev. J. W. Malone.

6th. On motion, the Committee on Nominations was requested to nominate delegates to the State Convention.

7th. The present executive committee were re-elected by acclamation. (Bro. Wm. L. McGee in the chair)

8th. The Treasurer's report was called for, and the Treasurer not being present, on motion of Bro. Foster, that matter was deferred until Monday.

9th. Call for the reading of the circular letter:

Bro. D. Rogers, who was appointed at the last session to write the circular letter, being now deceased there was no circular letter present.

10th. Call for the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions; and on motion, the reading of these reports was deferred until 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

11th. Call for report on Temperance. Bro. R. B. Lee urged the importance of temperance and moved to defer that report until two o'clock Sunday. Concurred in.

12th. Call for report on aged and indigent ministers, and deceased ministers' families.

On motion; deferred until after the report on temperance.
13th. Call for the report on Sabbath Schools.

On motion, the report on Sabbath Schools was deferred until after the report on Aged and Indigent Ministers, and deceased ministers' families.

14th. Call for Colportage Work.

On motion of Bro. Foster, that matter was indefinitely postponed.

Bro. J. W. Malone presented Bro. Rogers' report of his work and moved that a committee be appointed to condense his report and report to the Association. The following were appointed, to-wit: Bros. J. W. Malone, J. S. Byrd and R. B. Lee.

15th. Call for report on Education. On motion, deferred until ten o'clock Monday.

16th. Call for report on Publications. On motion, deferred until ten o'clock Monday.

The committee on preaching report Bro. J. W. Herndon to preach at eleven o'clock to-morrow (Sunday).

The first doxology was sung and the body adjourned, with benediction by Bro. J. W. Malone.

SATURDAY—8 P. M.

Bro. J. W. Herndon preached upon the 25th chapter of Matthew. Subject:—The hopes of man.

SUNDAY, October 2d, 1887.

The Association met at 8:30 a. m., Bro. J. W. Foster in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. J. A. Campbell.

On motion of Bro. Flemming, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of Bro. J. W. Thomas, the finance committee was ordered to proceed with their work.

Bro. Malone moved to reconsider the vote by which the above motion was adopted, upon the ground that such work

should be deferred until to-morrow and not performed on the Sabbath. After discussion by Bros. Malone, Thomas, Herndon and others, the motion to reconsider was adopted, and the question recurring on the original motion, the same was lost.

Bro. Thomas moved to take up a collection for the benefit of the family of our deceased Bro. D. Rogers; amended so as to include Sister Whiddon and Bros. Herndon and Hartley, the collection to be taken up immediately after the eleven o'clock sermon and the amount to be equally divided among them.

On motion of Bro. Thomas, a motion was adopted inviting the people on the ground to seats in the house, and Bro. Thomas was appointed to extend the invitation.

Bro. J. W. Foster (Bro. Armstrong in the chair) asked leave to introduce Bro. Stephens, who was present and is the Superintendent of the largest Sabbath School in this section of the State. Bro. Stephens was introduced and entertained the body with a history of Christian Grove Sabbath School, which now has 237 members. Bro. Stevens made an appropriate address on the subject of Sabbath Schools and was followed by Bros. Foster and Lee. Bro. Stevens invited all present to attend an entertainment by Christian Grove Sabbath School on Sunday the 9th inst.

The report of the committees on State, Home and Foreign Missions was called for. (Bro. Byrd in the chair.)

On motion, these reports were deferred until evening session.

On motion, the body adjourned for preaching.

Bro. A. L. Martin preached at eleven o'clock and read as an introductory the 23d Psalm, and preached from Dan 2d chapter, 44th verse; subject: Setting up Christ's Kingdom. Text—"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, and the kingdom shall not be left to other people but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever." Bro. Martin preached an able and in-

structive sermon which is well worth the prayerfull consideration of all who heard it.

At the close of the service, a collection was taken up amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$13.60.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called to order at two p. m.; Bro. Foster in the chair. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Malone.

Regular order of business resumed.

The committee on preaching reported Bro. J. W. Hernon to preach at this hour at the Arbor; Bro. R. B. Lee to preach to-night.

Bro. Dan'l W. Capps was excused from the committee on finance, and Bro. J. J. Boyett was put on the committee in his place. A motion to instruct the committee on finance to proceed to work was ruled out of order.

The reports of the committees of State, Home and Foreign Missions was called for and read as follows :

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

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

The mission cause is the cause of christianity ; it is the grand head light that penetrates the dark recesses of heathenism, and impresses the unconscious mind of the great necessity of turning from the worship of Idols and relying upon a more complete and substantial plan by which to reach the climes of a blessed immortality. This can be attained only by and through the blood of a crucified Redeemer. When we view the history of the church through all the dark ages of time, we realize the fact that God, through the mysterious workings of His spirit, by the instrumentality of man, has gladdened the hearts of thousands of poor uncivilized heathens who know nothing of his great plan by which they are saved. Then we should be more ready to discharge our duty as becometh the followers of Christ, invoking the blessings of our heavenly Father upon our efforts. We find that there is a great deal being done to preach the word to the destitute parts of our state, yet there is room for a great deal more work.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. JOHNS,
D. WALKER,
A. L. RAY.

Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee, submit the following report :

We find on inquiry that we can't get the evidence upon which to make a definite report, not having the report from our home missionary. We therefore recommend that this matter be turned over to the executive committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. MCGEE.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee, make the following report :

Our Foreign Missionaries, as far as our knowledge extends, are accomplishing great good, and that should stir us up to our whole duty. Now we beg that all our churches in the Judson Association do more for the foreign work in the future than we have in the past, for they are calling for help in all the foreign lands.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. WARD,
B. J. FORDHAM,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions, addresses were made by Bros. Martin, Malone and Reeves, after which each report as read was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Thomas, pledges were called for and made as follows :

CHURCH PLEDGES.

Abbeville.....	\$10 00
Adoniram.....	5 00
Bethel.....	5 00
Bethlehem.....	5 00
Christian Grove.....	2 00
Fellowship.....	5 00
Friendship.....	5 00
Judson.....	5 00
Lawrenceville.....	5 00
Mt. Pleasant (Dale).....	3 00
New Hope.....	5 00
Pleasant Grove.....	10 00
Sards.....	2 00
Shorterville.....	5 00

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

A. L. Martin.....	\$10 00
J. W. Foster.....	10 00
J. W. Herndon.....	2 50
J. J. Whiddon, paid.....	2 00
W. G. Davison, paid.....	1 00
Angus Harp.....	1 00
R. H. Davis.....	2 00
W. A. McClendon.....	1 00
J. B. Ward.....	5 00
S. J. Belser.....	1 00
Sister O. J. Price.....	1 00
W. L. McGee.....	1 00
J. W. Malone.....	2 00
J. W. Thomas.....	2 50
Total individual pledges.....	\$41 50

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The committee that was appointed to report on the work of Bro. Rogers made the following report :

Your committee appointed to make a considerate report from the statements as found in the book of daily record, kept by our lamented Bro. D. Rogers, respectfully submit the following :

We find that Bro. Rodgers, during the year, preached 36 sermons; delivered 58 lectures; made 87 visits; travelled 794 miles; was engaged 80 days; sold 174 books valued at \$78.70, making \$29.00 profit; that he donated 7 Bibles and Testaments, 9 Sabbath School readers, and distributed 2200 pages of tracts; and he received \$4.35 for Foreign Missions; and pledges from Bro. J. W. Malone \$2.00; Bro. A. L. Martin \$17.00. He organized two Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BYRD,
J. W. MALONE,
R. B. LEE,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, it was resolved to divide the collection amounting to \$13.60 equally among Bros. Herndon and Hartley and Sisters Rogers and Whiddon.

The report of the committee on deceased ministers was read and adopted as follows :

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

It is with profound sorrow that we chronicle the death of our Bro. D. Rogess, which took place at his home in Shorterville, Ala., on the 20th of September last. We need not speak of his virtues. His life, his daily walk and conversation fully portray what they were. Nor need we attempt a eulogy, because we feel and know that we would fail to do his character justice. He was an exemplary christian, devoted to his master's work, going about doing good.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BYRD,
J. J. BOYETT,
WM. J. DASWELL.

Pending the adoption of the above report, Bro. Foster made some appropriate remarks with respect to Bro. Rogers and the duty of the Association to look after the necessities of his family.

On motion of Bro. Thomas, the note that the Association held against Bro. Rogers for \$15.00 was donated to his widow.

On motion, it was resolved that the next session of the Association be held with Mt. Pleasant Church (Dale), commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1888, and continue Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The report on nominations was then called for, and adopted as follows :

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, the committee on nominations, beg leave to make the following report : Bro. A. L. Martin to preach the Introductory Sermon ; Bro. J. W. Herndon alternate. Bro. J. S. Byrd to write the Circular Letter. Delegates to the State Convention—Brethren J. W. Thomas, John W. Foster, T. A. Trawick, J. B. Ward, M. V. Capps, G. T. Roberts, J. W. Malone, W. L. McGee, J. L. Fowler, R. C. Granberry.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. SINGLETARY,
C. V. MILLER,
G. L. FLEMMING.

On motion of Bro. J. W. Thomas, the Clerk was allowed \$20.00 for his services at this session.

Bros. J. W. Thomas and J. S. Byrd asked to be excused from further attendance at this session ; and on motion, they were excused.

On motion, the Association adjourned until to-morrow morning, 8:30 o'clock. Sung for dismissal, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Benediction by Bro. J. W. Herndon.

MONDAY, 8:30 A. M.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. A. L. Martin ; after which the reading of the minutes was called for, and on motion, dispensed with.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Bro. Malone offered the following :

Resolved, That the sympathy of this Association is hereby tendered the widow and orphans of our deceased Bro. D. Rogers. and while we will ever deplore his loss, we can, with the utmost confidence and resignation, submit to the dispensation of God's providence which called him hence, knowing that our loss is his eternal gain.

On motion of Bro. J. W. Herndon, the resolution was adopted.

Bro. Malone addressed the body on the subject of Missions, and moved that the Association authorize the executive committee to employ Bro. A. L. Martin as an evangelist to preach within the bounds of this Association.

Pending the motion, Bro. Martin addressed the body set-

ting forth the importance of an evangelist, and expressed a willingness to serve if the executive committee saw proper to employ him. (Bro. Ward in the chair.)

Bros. Foster, Capps and Ward addressed the body on the subject of raising funds to carry on the mission work in our bounds, and for that purpose pledges were called for.

CHURCH PLEDGES.

Abbeville	\$10 00
Bethel	5 00
Beulah	5 00
Fellowship	5 00
Judson	5 00
Lawrenceville	3 00
Mt. Pleasant, (Dale)	2 00
Mt. Ariel	2 00
New Hope	5 00
Pleasant Grove	10 00
Sardis	1 00
Tolbot	5 00

PERSONAL PLEDGES.

J B Deshazo	\$ 1 00
R. W. Miller	2 00
M. V. Capps	5 00
A. L. Martin	10 00
Wm. J. Martin	10 00
J. B. Ward	5 00
A. Armstrong	1 50
A. L. Ray	2 00
A. T. Belcher	1 50
W. W. Whiddon, paid	1 00
J. A. Campbell	2 00
M. E. Smith	2 00
Neal Johnson, paid	2 00
J. J. Boyett, paid	50
A. W. Whiddon, paid	1 00
Wm. G. Davison, paid	1 00
Martha M. Jernigan, paid	50
A. Harp	50
R. J. Price	1 00
J. W. Malone	3 00
G. M. Murphy	1 00
Sister Amanda Price	50
J. W. White	1 00
R. D. Richards	1 00
J. D. Belcher	50
G. W. Walker	50
J. K. Price	1 00
J. E. Vinson	1 00
D. J. Walker	1 00
J. T. Lee	1 00

Sister L. D. White.....	50
“ Julia Belcher.....	50
“ M. S. Searcy.....	1 00
S. J. Sneed.....	1 00
J. I. Smith.....	50
Sister Mollie Dawsey.....	50

The motion to authorize the executive committee to employ Bro. A. L. Martin as an evangelist was carried.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Call for the report on temperance.

Bro. A. L. Martin read the following, which was adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee make the following report :

We believe that the cause of prohibition is moving slowly as the evils of drunkenness is being developed. The people are taking hold of the subject laying aside their former prejudices, and in the light of truth the revolution is rapid, and soon we expect this fearful evil that has brought so much distress in the families of this land and corrupted the very nursery, the fountains from whence generations are to come, will be removed. Correct that fountain and you remove the evil that corrupts the social circle, the ballot box and your legislative halls.

Called for report on aged ministers and deacons. There being no report present, on motion, the committee was continued.

Called for report on Sabbath Schools. The following was read and adopted:

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools make the following report :

From the best information we can get, we find that the interest in Sabbath Schools is growing less. We are sorry to learn that the churches are not taking more interest in Sabbath Schools. We recommend that all all Baptist ministers advocate the Sabbath School cause more in the future than in the past.

A. J. ARMSTRONG,
R. B. LEE,
ARIS ARMSTRONG.

Call for Treasurer's report.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. B. Ward, Treasurer, in account with Judson Association :

1886.

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Oct. 1—To cash on hand	\$ 18 50
Oct. 2 “ “ paid by Finance Committee.....	187 20
Oct. 3 “ “ collected for Missions.....	9 10
Total.....	<u>\$214 80</u>

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Oct. 3—By cash paid D. Rogers as directed by the body . . .	\$ 12 00
Oct. 3 " " " " " for Clerk	34 00
Oct. 3 " " " " " " express on Minutes	2 50
Oct. 3 " " " " " " service rendered desti- tute churches up to last Association	18 00
Oct. 3—By cash paid to Mission Cause	15 85
Oct. 27 " " " Bro. Hartley as directed	7 50
Oct. 27 " " " Bro. Herndon for service rendered Sardis Church	12 50
Nov. 13 " " " D. Rogers for Mission work	63 95
Dec. 17 " " " Sister Whiddon as directed	7 50
Dec. 25 " " " for Minutes of Association	32 50
Dec. 25 " " " for money order for same	10
1887.	
Jan. 6—By cash paid Sister Whiddon as directed	2 00
Feb. 14 " " " Bro. Herndon as directed	4 50
To cash on hand to balance	90
	\$214 80

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

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

On the 13th day of November, 1886, we, a majority of your committee, met with Bro. D. Rogers at Abbeville and contracted with him to preach to as many of the destitute churches and places of worship for five months at thirty dollars per month as his health would admit, and at which time we paid him \$63.95: and from the report of the special committee we find paid to him by Bro. A. L. Martin the sum of \$17, and by Bro. Malone \$2.00, making a total of \$82.95. We now refer the matter to your body. (Bro. Herndon moved to amend the report so as to show that he had paid Bro. Rogers two dollars. Carried.)

Respectfully submitted,

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

The report on Publication was called for, read and adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your committee on Publications, make the following report:

We regard the Alabama Baptist, a paper published at Montgomery, as the leading organ of our denomination, which is devoted to the baptist cause exclusively. We also recommend to our baptist friends, the Foreign Journal, a paper devoted to the Foreign Mission Work. There are a great many baptist that know but very little about what is being done in foreign fields by our denomination, therefore we feel that it would be of great satisfaction to them to subscribe for those papers.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HERNDON,
JOHN JEMISON.

The committee on finance made the following report which was adopted:

FINANCE REPORT.

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

For Minutes.....	\$ 26 60
Associational purposes.....	7 00
Pledges redeemed.....	93 00
Home Missions.....	1 00
Aged and Indigent Ministers.....	2 00
Bethel, Barbour, to Sister Rogers.....	10 00
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	\$139 60

The detail of these items are to be found in the following pages.

CHURCH PLEDGES.

	PLEDGES.	MINUTES.
Bethlehem Church.....	\$ 5 00	\$ 2 50
Oak Grove.....	2 00	1 00
Abbeville.....	10 00	1 50
Fellowship.....	5 00	1 25
Smyrna.....	5 00	75
Center.....		1 50
Christian.....	2 00	1 10
Lawrenceville.....	5 00	1 50
Sardis.....	1 00	50
Friendship.....		1 00
Mt. Ariel.....		75
New Hope paid Bro. Rogers.....	5 00	1 00
Mt. Pleasant, Dale.....	3 00	2 00
" " directed to be paid Home Mission..	1 00	
Beulah, Associational purposes.....	2 00	1 50
Tolbot, " ".....	5 00	1 50
Adoniram, Indigent Ministers.....	2 00	1 00
Hebron.....	5 00	1 25
Pleasant Grove.....	10 00	1 50
Judson.....	5 00	1 50

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

J. W. Foster.....	\$10 00	J. W. Herndon.....	\$2 00
Angus Harp.....	1 00	H. E. Jordan.....	1 00
J. B. Ward.....	5 00	D. W. Capps.....	1 00
M. V. Capps.....	5 00	C. C. Murphy.....	1 00
Joseph Epsy.....	5 00	W. J. Barnes, H. Missions....	1 00
A. Armstrong.....	1 00	W. A. McClendon.....	1 00
D. J. Walker.....	1 00	A. L. Ray.....	1 00
S. J. Belcher.....	1 00		

Respectfully submitted,
FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The report on Documents was read and adopted.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

There is but little for your Committee on Documents to report. We find that some of the churches gave directions to their pledges which we recom-

mend your body to concur in. We further recommend that it be inserted in the Constitution of this Association that this body shall adopt Friday before the first Sunday in October of each year as the time for the meeting of this Association,

We further find that there is a query from Judson Church as to the illegality of inter-communion. We recommend that the brethren search the scriptures for their own conviction on this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. MCGEE,
W. M. J. MARTIN,
J. W. RICE.

Bro. G. L. Fleming moved that the discussion on the query sent up from Judson Church be postponed until the meeting of the next Association. Concurred in.

The regular order of business was dispensed with and Bro A L Martin addressed the body in the interest of the Tennessee Baptist, and some books on "The Parable."

Bro J W Herndon addressed the body in the interest of the Alabama Baptist.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

On motion, Bros W W Whiddon, J W Whiddon, J J Boyett, was excused.

The following resolution offered by Bro G L Flemming, was read and adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are tendered to this church and the community, for the kind and courteous manner in which they have entertained this Association during its present session.

Bros J B Ward, J W Herndon and others, addressed the body in regard to the condition of Sardis Church, and, on motion, \$12.50 was appropriated to Sardis Church to assist in paying a pastor. The motion was so amended as to allow \$15.00 to Sardis Church.

The Committee on Preaching reports that Bro A L Martin is to preach the farewell sermon at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion, adjourned for preaching. Benediction by Bro J W Malone.

MONDAY 11 A. M., Oct. 4, 1887.

Bro A L Martin preached the farewell sermon upon Acts chapter 20, and apart of the 32nd verse. "And now, brethren, I commend you to God."

After which the parting hand was taken to meet again

with the church at Mt Pleasant, Dale, on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1888.

Closing prayer by Bro Martin.

J. W. FOSTER, Moderator.

W. A. McCLENDON, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

A L Martin.....	Abbeyville	D E Burdeshaw.....	Headland
Aris Armstrong.....	Headland	J C Skipper.....	Headland
S J Knowles	Headland	B Herndon.....	Shorterville
J W Herndon.....	Shorterville	J W Malone.....	Wesley
R B Lee.....	Eufaula	Moses Bracken.....	Bracken
A Daughtey.....	Cowarts	S W Lock.....	Headland

LICENTIATS.

J A Campbell.....	Headland	J W Knowles.....	Bracken
B J Fordham.....	Lawrenceville	S T Spivey.....	Bracken

STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—A L Martin, T A Trawick, Z T Kirkland.

Home Mission—S M Singletary, D B Sowell, D W Capps.

Foreign Missions—W F Mills, J L Fowler, C V Miller.

To open discussion on Missions—R C Deal.

Education—Thos F Essay, B W Herring, R C Granberry.

To open discussion—J A Campbell.

Temperance—S J Belcher, R B Lee, Aris Armstrong.

To open discussion—A J Armstrong.

Aged and Indigent Ministers, and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers—J H Spivey, Z T Kirkland, Armstead Armstrong.

Sabbath Schools—W L McGee, Jno B Ward, Andrew Whiddon.

To open discussion—J W Thomas.

Publications—J E Ray, M E Smith, Geo T Roberts, Bro J W Herndon.

To write to Churches on Missions—J J Boyett.

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 are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

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

adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. This Union shall be known and distinguished by the style and title of 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 graduation—one messenger for every fifty members, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their churches, before they take their seats.

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

ART. IV. The Association shall not interfere with rights of the churches of which she is composed. She shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall only act as an advisory 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

STATISTICS OF THE JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1887.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE OF CHURCH CLERKS	Membership last Reported.	INCREASE BY				DECREASE BY				Present Member- ship.	SUNDAY SCHOOL			Minute Fund	State Missions.	Preaching Sabbath	Reports Revivals
						Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.		Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in Library.				
Abbeville.....	Henry	A L Martin	J W Foster	Abbeville	65		4			5			2	64	S	S					1-3
Adoniram	"	S A Savelle	J S Barnett	Hardwicksburg	53	11	1			1				69							2-3
Bethel.....	Barbour	J W Malone	A P Belcher	Belcher	105	3	6	1		2	2		1	121	S	S					4
Beulah.....	Henry	R Deal	J G Patterson	Dotham	114		14		3	24	4			107	S	S					3
Bethlehem	"	R C Deal	B W Herring	Headland	112	6	15		3	4	4			131	S	S					1
Christian Grove	Barbour	R B Lee	G B James	Eufaula	56	4	2		1	1	2			55							1
Center	Henry	S Williford	F M Roney	Bracken	83	13	8		2	11	2			87							3
Concord*	"	Moses Bracken	F M Kirkland	"	54																2
Fellowship	"	R Deal	H Wiggins	Abbeville	105	7	5		5	1	1		2	110							2
Friendship	"	S A Savelle	J F Phillip	Otho	26	10	7						1	41							1
Hebron	"	J C Skipper	J M Armstrong	Columbia	39	14			1	2	1			49							1
Judson	"	J W Thomas	J W Thomas	Otho	63	11	9		2	11	1		1	73							1
Liberty*	"	Wm Brunar	C D Parrish	Gordon	54																4
Lawrenceville	"	A L Martin	N L Hawley	Lawrenceville	35	1	5			4			1	37							4
Mt Pleasant*	Barbour	A L Ray	A L Ray	Kings	22																
"	Dale	R C Deal	J A Stephens	Strickland	128	7	10			8	2		2	131							4
Mt Ariel	Barbour	R B Lee	W C Jernigan	Belcher, Barbo'r Co	20	3	4		1	2				24							3
New Hope	Henry	J W Malone	A Sterling	Shorterville	50	4			2	6				49							3
Oaky Grove	"	Moses Bracken	W A Wheddon	Bakersville	23					1	3			23							1
Pleasant Grove	"	A L Martin	W A McClendon	Abbeville	113				3	12	6		1	100							4
Pleasant Hill*	"	S Williford	N L Sellers	Gordon	37																2
Sardis	"	J W Herndon	F M Elmore	Abbeville	13				1					16							2
Shorterville	"	A L Martin	W F Mills	Shorterville	97																2
Smyrna	"	R Deal	W F Jordon	Cowart's	63	2			1	3	1			59							4
Tolbert	"	Aris Armstrong	M P Shelly	Baker	89	11	8		1	3	3			101							3
Totals					1624	107	96		27	100	33		11	1447							

Churches that are marked thus ; * were not represented.



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