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MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CANAAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

SULPHUR SPRINGS CHURCH,

Jefferson County, Alabama, Oct. 6th, 1866.

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MINUTES.

SATURDAY, October 6th, 1866.

1st. The Congregation assembled at the stand. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder James Grimes. After a short recess, the delegates assembled in the meeting house, and were called to order by the former Moderator, Elder A. J. Waldrop.

2nd. Letters from the Churches were read and delegates names enrolled.

3rd. Elder A. J. Waldrop was chosen Moderator, Elder J. Grimes Recording, and A. G. Waldrop Corresponding Secretary.

4th. Appointed a Committee on preaching, viz: Elder N. B. Hulsey, R. Roberson and John Wilkes.

5th. Appointed a Committee on Arrangement of business, viz: B. S. Crow, Z. Hagood and T. A. Melton.

6th. Appointed a Committee on Finance; viz: B. S. Thompson and O. A. Franklin.

7th. Appointed a Committee on Documents, viz: J. Grimes, S. T. Vann. Appointed M. K. Vann, Treasurer.

8th. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED—From Tuscaloosa Letter Association by Brother Cobb, from the Warrior River, G. D. Statan, messenger. The right hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator. From the North River, Letter and Minutes.

9th. Correspondents returned to the Shelby Association, J. Grimes and W. C. McLaughlin; to the Coosa River, S. B. Crow and J. Pierce; to the Tuscaloosa, A. C. Thomason and W. T. Rogers; to the North River, W. B. Corley and W. J. McCrary; to the Ten Island J. A. Baker and E. M. McDonald; to the Warrior River, A. J. Waldrop, Z. Hagood and R. H. Irwin.

10th. Agreed, that all money taken up on Sabbath be applied to Domestic Missions.

11th. On motion, agreed to read the rules of Decorum, and to strike out of the 9th Article these words, to-wit: "and the exclusion of Churches."

12th. On motion, agreed to adjourn until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

SABBATH.—The Stand was occupied according to appointment and the preaching was listened to by a large and attentive congregation. After the sermon, preached by Elder A. J. Waldrop, on missions, pledges were made to the amount of about two hundred and forty dollars, for Domestic

Missions, Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

13th. The Association was called to order by the Moderator and was opened by singing and prayer.

14th. Called for the report of Committee on Arrangement. Agreed to adopt the programme of business of last year.

15th. On motion, it was agreed that the missionaries report to the Executive Committee, and that Committee to report to the Association.

16th. On motion, agreed to appoint Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, which resulting in the appointment of A. J. Waldrop, Z. Hagood, A. C. Thomason, B. S. Thompson, and T. F. Waldrop, ten dollars was raised to be sent up to that Convention.

17th. Appointed the next meeting of this body to be held with the Ruhamah Church, Jefferson county, Alabama, eight miles North-East of Elyton, commencing on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, 1867.

18th. Appointed A. C. Thomason to preach the Introductory Sermon, and J. Grimes alternate. W. T. Rogers to preach the Missionary Sermon, and A. C. Thomason alternate.

19th. On motion, appointed A. C. Thomason the duty assigned him last year, to write out a condensed history of the Canaan Baptist Association.

20th. Called for the report of the Executive Committee on Domestic Missions. Received and adopted. Appendix A.

21st. Called for the report of the Committee on Finance. Received and adopted. Appendix B.

22. On motion instructed the Committee on Finance to pay over all moneys in their hands to the Treasurer, M. K. Vann.

23d. On motion, agreed to have the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in the minutes.

24th. On motion, appointed brother A. C. Thomason to right up the Association Book, and present it at our next Session for examination.

25th. On motion appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of the minutes, and to have as many copies printed as funds will justify, and reserve fifty copies for correspondence, and distribute the minutes, and that he have ten dollars for his services.

26th. The Moderator then appointed the following Committees:

27th. On Temperance—J. GRIMES, J. Dickey and J. P. Massey.

28th. On Sabbath Schools—W. D. Lovett, J. A. Baker and E. B. Waldrop.

29th. On Home and Foreign Missions—A. C. THOMASON, D. Davis and M. Moses.

30th. On Education—A. J. WALDROP, T. V. B. Moore and O. W. Wood.

31st. On motion, an Executive Committee, consisting of Z. Hagood, J. Carlisle, M. K. Vann, S. T. Vann and B. Praytor, was appointed to superintend the Domestic Mission.

32nd. The Executive Committee employed two Missionaries to ride two months, November and December, and report the result of their labors.

33d. Resolved, That this body recommend to the Churches, composing the same, as the harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few, to pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth more laborers into His harvest; that they hold prayer meetings once a month for this specific object.

34h. Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due to Sulphur Springs Church, and Surrounding community, for their kind hospitality during our present session.

A. J. WALDROP, Moderator.

JAMES GRIMES, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, report the following: That in accordance with the request of your body, we appointed two Brethren, (viz.) *Elders J. Grimes and N. B. Hulsey*, to ride in the bounds of the Association, for which we agreed to give them \$1 25 per day, who made their report to us as follows: Bro. Grimes labored seventy-five days, baptised one. Bro. Hulsey traveled eighteen days, baptised one, and three standing over for baptism, and was forced to retire from the field, owing to bad health. We have received and adopted these reports, believing they discharged their duties, all of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. CARLISLE, Chairman.

CONSTITUTION:

ARTICLE 1st. This body shall be known by the name of *The Canaan Association of United Baptists*.

2d. It shall be formed of Delegates from all the Churches which may connect themselves with this body.

- 3d. Any Church may be admitted into this Association with the general consent of the members present, at any regular meeting.
- 4th. Any Church may withdraw from this body, at her own discretion, on application for dismissal.
- 5th. This Association may, at any regular meeting, declare dissolution of union with any Church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.
- 6th. Any Church in this Association, with fifty members under, may send three delegates, and an additional one every fifty after the first fifty.
- 7th. At each session of the Association, a Moderator, a Recording and Corresponding Secretary, shall be chosen by ballot, who shall hold their offices until successors are elected.
- 8th. The meeting of the delegates shall be held on the Saturday before the first Sabbath in October of each year.
- 9th. The design of this body is to promote the cause of the religion within the several Churches of which it is or may be composed, by Domestic Missions, the education of pious and promising young men hopefully called of God to the ministry, and by other benevolent plans, so far as the Church may enable it by their voluntary contributions.
- 10th. In addition to the objects specified in the foregoing article, this Association will extend its favorable regard to all the benevolent plans now cherished and supported by angelical christians.
- 11th. As it respects the internal concerns of the Church, this body shall have no authority, but shall be considered merely as an advisory council.
- 12th. As it respects the general concerns of this body, and for the mutual benefit of the Churches composing the same, it shall be the duty of each Church to forward with their delegates, a written communication to every annual meeting of this Association, specifying the names of the delegates, and the state of the Church.
- 13th. Any Church being thoroughly convinced that she has a member called of the Lord to the work of the ministry, and feeling it her duty to send him out to preach the Gospel, shall call from two or more Churches the aid of their ministers, who, in connexion with the Church, shall examine the candidate, and if deemed qualified, may license him to preach the Gospel among the Churches, at discretion—which shall be reported to the Association, and entered on

the minutes.

14th. Any Church in this body, having a preacher who she deems worthy of ordination, shall call a presbytery of ministers from sister Churches to officiate in the work; and all Presbyteries in ordaining ministers or deacons; or in constituting Churches, shall be governed by the Abstract of Faith adopted by this Association.

15th. The delegates from the Churches shall be considered as holding their appointments until others are appointed to succeed them.

16th. This Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the delegates present, at any annual meeting.

RULES OF DECORUM.

RULE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have a discretionary right to call to order at any time.

4th. Any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet, and on obtaining permission, proceed, which shall be signified by the Moderator naming the person or otherwise.

6. No person shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, and every motion made and seconded, in order shall come under the consideration of the Association, and be decided on, unless withdrawn by him who made it.

7. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided on, or withdrawn, before another shall be offered.

8. When a question is taken up and sufficient time allowed for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association on the subject, and those in the affirmative of the question shall signify the same by saying aye, and those in the negative, no. The Moderator shall announce the decision.

9. The Association shall be governed in all cases by majority, which shall be by two thirds at least of the members present.

10. No member shall speak more than twice to the same

proposition, without leave of the Association, nor more than three times, without the concurrence of three-fourths of the members, nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debates have been carried through.

11. The appellation of brother shall be used in the Association, by members in their addresses, one to another.

12. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain leave of the Moderator.

13. The names of the delegates shall be called, as often as the Association may direct.

14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which has a tendency to interrupt public speaking.

15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time, but he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

16. Any member violating these rules, shall be reprov'd at the discretion of the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

17h. These rules shall be read at the opening of every session of the Association, and may be altered or amended when two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting shall deem it necessary.

15. ADDITIONAL RULE. The Moderator shall appoint committees for the transacting of any business which may come before the Association from time to time, but the occasion and number of each committee shall be by consent of the body.

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