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1. 4th Oct. 1862. The messengers and delegates met with the Mount Zion church, St Clair county; Introductory Sermon was delivered by A J Waldrop.

2 After a short recess, the delegates met in the Academy and was called to order by Eld. J Grimes, the former moderator, when the following members took seats to-wit:

CHURCHES	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.
Ruhamah	Jefferson	W H Wood, A J WALDROP
Shady Grove	Shelby	ELDER W S RODGERS
Friendship	St Clair	P S MONTGOMERY, J George, S B Crow
Cahaba	Jefferson	Jno Truss, M K Vann Joel Carlisle, T FRANKLIN
Hebron	"	A McDONALD, W C McLaughlin, W P Herring
New Bethel	"	N B HULSEY, J P Agerton, G T Hulsey
Pleasant Grove	"	Wm Parsons
Cedar Grove	"	H B Moor, J D Inzer, J H Oliver
Sardis	"	J L Miggs
Salem	"	Z Haygood
Harmony	Shelby	E Isbell
Bethel	St Clair	J Courson, T Adkins
Good Hope	Jefferson	T P Youngblood
Canaan	"	JAMES GRIMES
Mud Creek	"	W C Howton, L D Martin
Central	"	J D Mann, J Heifner, L A Melton
Mt Zion	St Clair	A W Brooks, L W Herring T Hand, H Pearson
Sulphur Springs	Jefferson	R Robertson, T F Waldrop.

3rd Then proceeded to the election of Moderator, Clerk and Corresponding Secretary, which resulted in the choice of A J Waldrop, Moderator; John Truss Clerk, and P S Montgomery corresponding Secretary.

4th Invited ministers to seats.

5th The following committees were appointed:

To arrange Business—N B Hulsey, G T Hulsey, T F Waldrop, and by motion the moderator and clerk were added.

On Finance—G T Hulsey, A W Brooks, and Z Haygood.

6th W H Wood was continued Treasurer.

7th CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.—From the Ten Islands Association Bro. Inzer. From Coosa River Association,—J A Collins. From North River—Minutes by Rev. J J Watts:

8th CORRESPONDENCE RETURNED—*To the Shelby Association*—T T Rodgers Jas Grimes, W C McLaughlin and A J Waldrop.

To Coosa River.—P S Montgomery, W H Wood, J D Inzer, and Jas Grimes;
To Tuscaloosa—W T Rodgers, and A C. Thomas.

To North River—N B Hulsey, and A J Waldrop.

To Ten Islands—P S Montgomery, Jno George, S B Crow, J H Oliver and W C McLaughlin

East Ala. C.—P S Montgomery, J Haygood, A McDonald, Jno George, B S Crow, James Grimes, W T Rodgers, N B Hulsey, John Truss and H B Moor.

By motion, the following committees were raised.

N B Hulsey, T P Youngblood, T F Waldrop, were appointed to report to this meeting on *Temperance*.

On Sabbath Schools—James Grimes, J D Mann and John Heifner

On Home and Foreign Missions—P S Montgomery, W Herring, W C McLaughlin.

On Documents—W H Wood, J Carlisle and L W Herring.

A J Waldrop, who was to preach the missionary sermon to-morrow, being indisposed, it was agreed that he be released, and Bro J A Collins be invited to fill his place.

10th. ordered that a collection be raised to-morrow, which shall be applied to Indian missions.

11th. On motion of Bro. Montgomery: resolved that we as a body of Christians, do spend one hour each day during our stay here in prayer to Almighty God for his blessings upon our country.

12th. B. motion Bro R W Luzer was invited to occupy the stand to-morrow, immediately after the prayer-meeting, and J J Watt in the evening.

13th. After prayer by Bro Luzer, adjourned to meet 9½ o'clock Monday morning.

SABBATH—The prayer meeting was well attended, after which the brethren preached in the order of their names to a large and attentive congregation. Many mourners presented themselves for prayer, and much good we doubt not was done.

15. 9½ o'clock Monday morning, met pursuant to adjournment. Committees reported:—*On Arrangement*—Read and adopted. *On Domestic and Foreign Missions*—Read, and during the pendency of its adoption, a collection was raised of two hundred and twenty-nine dollars for missions in our army and on motion, Bros J Truss, Z Haygood and W H Wood was appointed to expend said funds as best they can for the moral culture of the army. Appendix A.

On Sabbath Schools—Read and adopted. Appendix B.

On Temperance—Read and adopted. Appendix C

On Documents—Read and adopted. Appendix D.

16th. The next session of this body will be held with the Salem Church, Jefferson County, Saturday, before the 1st Lord's day in Oct. 1863. N B Hulsey will preach the introductory sermon, J Grimes alternate and A J Waldrop the missionary sermon, A C Thomason alternate, and A J Waldrop requested to write a circular letter for said body.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT MEETING.

On Temperance—A C Thomason, I Davis and S T Auey.

On Home and Foreign Missions—Montgomery, George and Crow.

On Sabbath Schools—Hulsey, Younblood and Agerton.

On Documents—Grimes, Rodgers and Dickey.

On Education—T F Waldrop, Robertson and Wood.

17th The committee on Finance, made this report:—Received from the churches, 43 85-100 dollars, for printing minutes, for Associational purposes 20 5-100 dollars, took up on Sabbath for Indian Missions \$53 65, took up on Monday during the adoption of the report on Domestic Missions \$229

 TREASURER'S REPORT.

W H Wood Treasurer of the Canaan Association	Dr	Cr.
To cash on hands at close of last Assn.....	16 50	
To cash collected on Sabbath 1862 for Indian mission.....	53 65	
To cash for army mission, 1862.....	229 00	
Recd from committee on finance for minute fund.....	62 40	
Total.....	\$361 55	
Creditor by cash paid NB Hulsey as corresponding messenger with the N. River and Warrior Associations.....	7 50	7 50
Remaining in the hands of Treasurer.....	\$354 05	

W H WOOD, Treasurer.

Ordered, that A J Waldrop superintend the printing of the minutes and for services he keep ten dollars out of the money, and on motion the treasurer was ordered to pay over to Bro. Waldrop both the minute and associational fund to secure the printing of the minutes.

On motion resolved, that the thanks of this body be tendered to the brethren and citizens for the hospitable manner in which this body has been entertained, and also for the use of the Academy.

A J Waldrop appointed distributing agent. A J WALDROP, Mod.
JNO. TRUSS, Clerk.

APPEDIX A.

REPORT ON FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

We your committee to whom was referred the subject of foreign and domestic missions, submit the following: That all mankind in a state of na-

are exposed to eternal death, and that Christ died for the sins of the whole world, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have eternal life; and that the preaching of the Gospel is the appointed means of God, by the hearing of which men are to believe, that they *may* have eternal life, are all truths abundantly taught in the word of G. d. Christ, when he came to offer himself a sacrifice for the sins of the world, went thro' out their cities and villages, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom. His words were: "The harvest is great." "The fields are white already unto harvest; and I must work while it is called to-day, for the night cometh when no man can work." Great effort and labor filled the pathway of the Son of God; and when he had finished his work, his last words were: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Our Lord is gone, and has not committed the preaching of the Gospel unto angels, but unto men, his followers, his church; and declared above eighteen hundred years since, 'the fields are white unto harvest.' And no period, brethren, in the history of our association, in the history of our country, demands greater effort and interest in the cause of missions than the present. The field is now truly white, *the reaping time is come.* Look at our own beloved land; has not the angel of death already thrust in his sickle and is reaping—thousands are falling continually all around you—your sons, your brothers, your neighbors are not found in our sanctuary. They have gone to the tented field many have fallen, others *may soon*; shall they die without hope of Heaven? Look at our hospitals, filled with the sick soldiers, far from the loved ones at home, in those dreary places repining and dying. O! how they need some one to tell them of a Saviour. Many of them are our sons; perhaps without any religious instruction. Brethren, they will soon be *gone*; Let us work while it is called to day. Our entire army, need religious instruction. They would make better soldiers if they all were Christians. Bad morals in camp will destroy any army. Hence it is our interest, temporal as well as religious duty to labor for the religious instruction of our armies." We would present also the red man of the west to your consideration. Our temporal interest as well as religious duty is here again connected so that it can be seen. If they be let alone, Abolition fanatics will array them as a nation against us. Brainer and Slover has done much for us there. Let us help them, they have borne the labor and heat of the day. In regard to Foreign missions, the Savior said: "The field is the world, and that it was ready to harvest," and missionary spirit is but the spirit of Christ—the outgoings of the new-born soul that has learned of Christ, that wishes the world would embrace him. As the time is short in which to make this report, we close by saying the work is great, the time is short, and what thou doest, do quickly. Respectfully submitted.

P S MONTGOMERY Ch

APPENDIX B. REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee, to whom was referred the report on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report:

We have had the same under prayerful consideration, and deeply deplore that there has been so little done for the cause of Sabbath Schools. We know dear brethren that there are difficulties to surmount, but with the same efforts we surmount all other difficulties we can overcome those in the way of Sabbath Schools. How can we do this? It is sometimes said that it is impossible to keep up Sabbath Schools in the country. To some extent this is true. But why is this so? because we have said so much and done so little. This has been, I mean Sabbath Schools, brought to our attention so often and so little done, we your committee, would urge the necessity of each church in his association having a Sabbath School. Let us determine in our hearts that we will teach our children the word of God. We are commanded to train up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. If we neglect this, we incur guilt upon ourselves. Let us all do our duty and God will bless us. Respectfully submitted.

JAMES GRIMES.

APPENDIX C.
REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is the curse of our country, the fell destroyer of virtue, and nursery of vice and crime. Wherever we turn our eyes its blighting influence is to be seen. It has invaded our churches multiplying sin, and leading its victims to ruin. And strange to say some pretenders to religion say "Tis no harm to make and sip the intoxicating glass as a beverage," arguing in these times of exorbitant prices that it is a less evil than formerly to make or have it made, forgetting that they are commanded to abstain from every appearance of evil, and that God is a spirit, and will be worshipped in spirit, (not spirits) and truth, we offer the following—

Resolved, That we recommend our ministers to preach at least once during the year on that subject and further recommend to our churches to exercise strict discipline with their members who shall be guilty of *drinking* intoxicating spirits except as a *medicine*.

N B HURSEY, Chairman.

APPENDIX D.
REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We your committee to whom was referred the duty of reporting on documents, beg leave to submit the following report: The time allotted us in which to make this report, being short, we have had but little chance to examine the various publications that may be issued by our denomination in the South at this time; and consequently are not fully prepared to know what to recommend. The war that is upon us has suspended many of our most excellent publications. It has closed many of our presses for which we lament. But while it has done this; it has done one thing for which we rejoice. Our country was being flooded with Northern *trash*, that poisoning the minds of our youth; causing our people to spend their money by the thousands for that

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which profited them not, but proved a curse. We would encourage our brethren to the reading of the scriptures, and teaching them to their children, and encouraging them to read. We also recommend to our brethren the South Western Baptist published at Tuskegee, Ala., edited by Bros S Henderson and A J Battle. This paper brethren is the only Baptist paper published in our State, and has held up under the most trying circumstances. Brethren you all ought to take a religious paper and read and encourage your children to read. We also would recommend the Banner and Baptist, published at Atlanta Ga. We also would bring to your notice, some tracts for the soldiers at the Banner and Baptist office: All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. H. WOOD, Chairman.

SCALE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE	BAPTISED	REC BY LETTER	DIS BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	RESTORED	DEAD	TOTAL	PAID FOR MINUTRS	ASSOCIATION FUND	PASTOR
Ruhamah	Rockville,	0	4	7		2		112	5 00	1 00	A J Wald
Hebron	Cedar Grove	0	1	9	1	3	4	99	3 00	3 25	A McDona
Pride's Creek	Memath's'										No represe
Harmony		0	1					17	1 50	50	J Grimes
Shady Grove		2	5	3				43	2 00		J D Mann
Bethel					1			68	2 00	95	J D Mann
Friendship			4	4				55	2 00	1 00	P S Montg
Good Hope		5	5				2	53	2 00	2 35	N B Hulse
Salem	Mt Finson						1	44	4 00		A J Wald
Union	Jonesboro										James Gri
Sulphur Springs	Elyton	9	0	0	0			15	3 50	4 00	N B Hulse
Mud Creek	Jonesboro					1		32	1 35		J Grimes
Cedar Grove	Cedar Grove	0	4			1		14	2 00		— Inzer
Sardis	Jonesboro	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	75		— Smith
Roop's Valley	McMath's										A G Thom
Big Creek	Waldrops Mills										No represe
Pleasant Grove		8	9	10		1		32	1 85		J Grimes
Mount Zion	Springville	3	2	1		5		139	3 00		R Ramsey
Central	Truss		8	6	2			44	4 80	1 00	
Rock Creek	Waldrop's Mills										N B Hulse
New Bethel		2	3	4	1			50	2 00	50	
Cahaba	Truss	0	4	1	0		1	100	3 00	2 00	A J Wald
Canaan	Jonesboro	12	6			1	2	57	1 50	1 50	J Grimes

30th minute

minutes

