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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

—TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.—

1. Called to order. Open by prayer.
2. Appoint committee on preaching.
3. Read statistical letters from churches.
4. The decorum shall be read.
5. Elect officers.

—PERMANENTLY ORGANIZED.—

1. Invite ministering brethren to seats with us.
2. Read petitionary letters for membership.
3. Hear correspondents from other associations.
4. Appoint standing committees.
5. Appoint a brother to preach the introductory sermon.
6. Appoint a brother to preach the missionary sermon.
7. Appoint a brother to lecture on Sabbath schools.
8. Appoint general meetings.
9. Appoint place for next session of the body.
10. Call for queries.
11. Hear report of committees.
12. Appoint correspondents.
13. Miscellaneous business.
14. Call the roll and mark absentees.
15. Provide for printing minutes.
16. Read and adopt minutes.
17. Adjourn to time and place.

—ORDAINED MINISTERS.—

- H. R. Moore, Forester's Chapel, Ala., Wm. McCarter, Level Road, Ala.
A. J. Browning, Roanoke, Ala., Nathan O'Neal, State Line, Ga.



MINUTES.

The ministers and delegates composing the twenty-seventh annual session of the Rock Mills Association met with High Shoals church, Oct. 1, 2, and 3, 1897.

On motion Rev. Nathan O'Neal preached the introductory sermon, Rev. I. N. Daniel concluding, from the 5th chapter of Matthew and 10 verse.

After an intermission of one hour and a half and singing tune, "Come thou fount of every blessing," and prayer by Rev. Wm. McCarter, the body proceeded to business.

Appointed preaching committee as follows: Brethren T. J. Embrey, A. J. Stark and W. J. Cooper, with the delegates of this church.

Read statistical letters and enrolled names of delegates as follows:

Union Grove—R. W. O'Neal and W. C. Brown.

Macedonia—T. J. Embrey and M. P. Stewart.

Big Springs—H. E. Hester, W. A. Vowel and T. J. Camp.

High Shoals—Wm. Weathers and M. F. Ussery.

Beulah—A. J. Stark, — Arrington and J. S. Prestage.

Union Hill—P. P. Bailey and S. H. Bailey.

Paron—J. H. Kitchens and W. J. Cooper.

Pleasant Grove—A. J. Brown and Wm. Basset.

Read the decorum and called for amendments to the same.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended, and Bro. P. M. Gross was elected Moderator and R. L. Bramblee clerk, by acclamation.

PERMANENTLY ORGANIZED.

Invited ministering brethren to seats with us.

Called for petitionary letters for membership.

Called for correspondents, and received Rev. J. O. Bledsoe and Robt. Birdsong from the East Liberty, and Revs. W. H. Wright and I. N. Daniel from the Arbacoochee Associations.

Appointed standing committees as follows:

Finance—M. F. Ussery, H. E. Hester and W. J. Cooper.

Publications—H. E. Hester.

Missions—M. F. Ussery.

Sunday Schools—G. W. Watson.

Temperance—J. L. Pritchett.

These brethren may select another to assist them, and prepare their reports for the next session of the body.

On motion Bro. A. J. Browning was appointed to preach the next introductory sermon.

Report of Preaching Committee:—Rev. I. N. Daniel will preach at early candle light. Rev. J. O. Bledsoe will preach at eleven tomorrow.

On motion the body adjourned until tomorrow at 9 o'clock a. m., after prayer by Rev. W. H. Wright.

Rev. I. N. Daniel not being present, Rev. H. R. Moore preached from the 8th chapter of Romans and 10th verse.

SECOND DAY.

Pursuant to adjournment met at 9:45 o'clock. After singing and reading of the 15th Psalm and prayer by Rev. I. N. Daniel, the body proceeded to business.

The regular order of business was suspended, and renewed the call for statistical letters and received the letter and delegates from Rocky Branch church. Delegates, W. T. Bradley, G. A. Gross and J. W. F—

On motion Rev. H. R. Moore was appointed to preach the next missionary sermon.

On motion R. L. Brumeloe was appointed to lecture on Sunday Schools at the next session of the body.

General Meetings.—Big Springs has the general meeting of the second district Friday before the third Sabbath in August, 1898. The general meeting of the first district will meet with Pleasant Grove church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1898.

Rocky Branch gets the next session of the body, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1898.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended, and renewed the call for correspondents. Received W. H. Stewart, F. P. Nickol and G. W. Hill from the East Liberty Association and Dr. G. S. Anderson, of Auburn, Ala., Evangelist of the State Board of Missions.

Called for reports of standing committee.

Read and adopted the report on missions.

On motion an intermission of 10 minutes prevailed.

After intermission, by request of Rev. J. O. Bledsoe, Dr. G. S. Anderson preached from the 24th Chapter and 14th verse of Matthew. Collection \$3 25 for state missions.

Intermission of 1:30.

After singing and prayer by Bro. G. W. Hill, the body proceeded to business.

Report of Preaching Committee.—Rev. J. O. Bledsoe will preach at the stand at 3 o'clock, and Rev. I. N. Daniel will preach at the church to-night.

Read, received, and adopted report on Sunday Schools.

Read, received and adopted the report on Temperance.

Heard and adopted the report of Finance.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion, the clerk will have one hundred and fifty copies of the minutes printed and retain the balance for his services.

On motion a committee was appointed to work up a ministers' institute as follows: H. R. Moore, W. H. Wright, and W. J. Layton.

On motion, Rev. J. O. Bledsoe was indorsed by this association as colporteur and Evangelist of the State Board of Missions.

On motion the business part of the body adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

THIRD DAY.

On Sunday morning, according to appointment, Bro. Wm. Weathers, lectured on Sabbath schools, followed by R. L. Brumbeloe. At eleven o'clock Rev. H. Allen preached the missionary sermon, followed by Rev. H. R. Moore, from the 28th Chapter and latter clause of the 22nd verse. Collection amounting to \$5.55, after which refreshments were served, and services were suspended.

May God's choicest blessings rest upon High Shoals church and surrounding community for the appreciative manner in which they entertained the association.

P. M. GROSS, Moderator.

R. L. BRUMBELOE, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

Missions.—We your committee on missions, beg leave to make the following report.

We are glad to report the spirit of missions has improved within the last year in the bounds of the Rock Mills Association. We do hope and pray that it may continue to increase from year to year, and that every Christian may feel it his indispensable duty to contribute to the glorious cause of religion, whereby the injunction of the Savior to the Apostles may be fulfilled, where he said, "Go teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. WM. WEATHERS, Chm'n.

Sabbath Schools.—We, your committee on Sabbath schools, beg leave to make the following report:

As far as our knowledge reaches there is very little interest manifested in the Rock Mills Association in Sabbath schools. We would urge the delegation of this association that we prayerfully consider the great responsibility of training our children as we should. If we fail to teach them right, they are sure to be taught wrong. Dear brethren, this is very necessary. There are only three Sunday schools in the bounds of this association. Let us wake up to this most important duty. May the Lord help us to do our whole duty toward the young and rising generation. Let us earnestly consider this grand obligation. J. J. CAMP, Chm'n.

Temperance.—We your committee on temperance, beg leave to make the following report:

We are sorry to say that this joint evil meets with so much encouragement by us who are the professors of Christianity. It is said that we should abstain from all filthiness of the flesh, and abide in Christ by His Word abiding in us. H. R. MOORE, Chm'n.

Finance.—We your committee on finance, beg leave to make the following report:

State Missions	11.25
Foreign Missions	28.95
Home Missions	13.75
Indigent Ministers	55c
Poor	2.00
Orphans' Home	5.00
Clerk -1, by collection \$3.60	4.60
Minute fund	10.15
Collection Sunday	5.55
Total	82.20

W. F. USSERY, Chm'n.

Financial exhibit by churches will be shown top of page 7.



CHURCHES.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Indigent Ministers	Orphan's Home	Minutes
Beulah	\$2.00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$1.00
Big Springs		2 25				1.00
High Shoals	7.50		7.50			1.00
Macedonia		1.00	14.00			1.50
Paron		5.00			5.00	1.50
Pleasant Grove						1.00
Rocky Branch			7.45			1.55
Union Grove		5.00				.75
Union Hill	50	50		.55		.75

10.00 / 13.75 / 28.95 / 10.05

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in one only living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; these three are one.—Corinthians viii, 6. Denteronemy vi, 4. Matthew xxviii, 19. II Cor. xiii, 14. I John v, 7.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice.—II Peter i, 21. II Timothy, iii, 16.
3. We believe the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.—I Peter i, 25. Ephesians i, 4. II Thessalonians i, 13.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.—Roms. iii, 23; v, 12; iii, 10.
5. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature.—Romans v, 6. John iv, 44. Ephesians ii, 15. Phillipians ii, 13.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputation of Christ's righteousness.—Romans v, 1. Galations ii; 16-20.
7. We believe that saints shall persevere in grace and not finally fall away.—II Corinthians xii, 9. Colossians iii, 4. Romans viii, 38, 39.
8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the church of Christ; and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion is the only baptism.—Matthew iii, 5, 6, 13, 16. Acts ii, 37 38. Acts viii, 38, 39.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.—Acts xvii, 31. John v, 28, 29.
10. We believe that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.—Matthew xxv, 46.
11. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances except those who are called of God, and have been regularly baptized, approved by the church, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery. I Timothy v, 22. Acts vi, 6.

Statistical Exhibit.

CHURCHES	PASTOR	CLERK	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE	S. S. SUPT. AND P. O. ADDRESS.	Officers and Teachers.	S. S. Pupils.
Beulah	J. B. Strickland	A. J. Arrington	Hillsby, Ga.	J. L. Prestage, Hillsby, Ga.	6	23
Big Springs	T. G. Layton	H. E. Hester	Onaha, Ala.	Wm. Weathers, High Shoals, Ala.	4	61
High Shoals	W. H. Wright	J. R. Slitt	Wehadkee, Ala.	G. W. Watson, Forresters Chapel, Ala.	5	61
Macedonia	J. C. Motley	G. W. Watson	Forresters Chapel, Ala			
Paton	J. G. Bledsoe	J. L. Pritchett	Texas, Ga.			
Pleasant Grove	A. J. Browning	A. J. Brown	Roanoke, Ala			
Rocky Branch	W. H. Wright	H. C. Boone	Haywood, Ala.			
Union Grove	J. B. Strickland	R. W. O'Neal	State Line Ga.			
Union Hill	C. Holaway	T. T. Kilgore	Roanoke, Ala.			
				Preaching Sabbath.	2	23
				Membership	57	23
				Dead	6	4
				Excluded	1	43
				Dism'd by letter	8	1
				Restored	2	2
				Received by letter	4	2
				Baptized	5	4

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