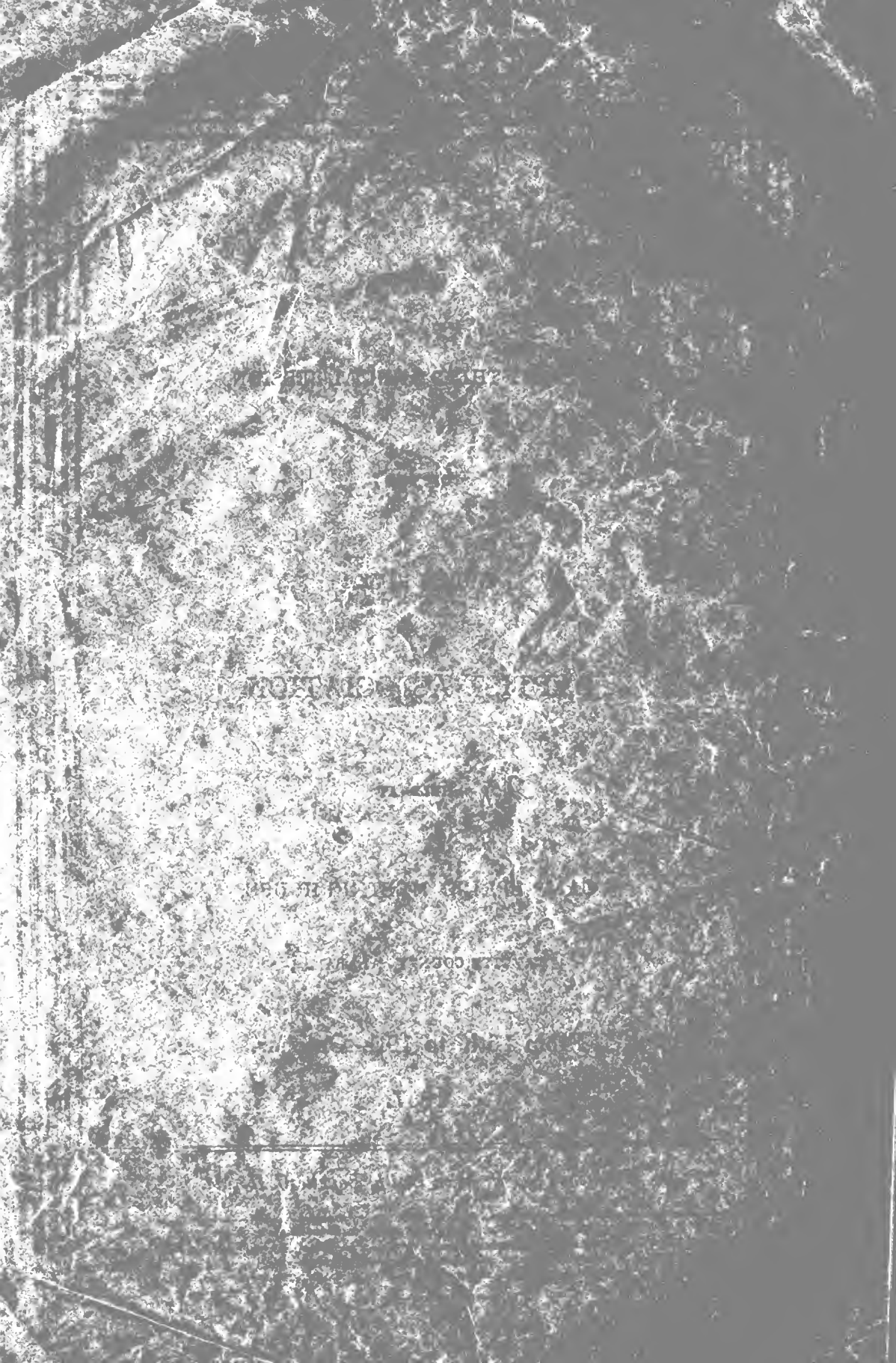


MINUETS
OF THE
TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL SESSION,
OF THE
NORTH RIVER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT
CAMP SPRING MEETING-HOUSE,
FAYETTE COUNTY, ALABAMA;

From 16th to 19th October,
1857.

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STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE NORTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, FOR 1857.

Total.	54	150	200
Died.	1	58	250
Excluded.	3	1	58
Dismissed.	3	4	210
Restored.	1	23	300
Rec'd by L.	5	33	150
Baptised.	3	14	50
	1	18	100
	1	59	250
	3	57	240
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	11	100	...
	20	125	...
	13	60	...
	17	220	...
	45	100	...
	34	150	150
	82	225	...
	25	100	...
	14	100	90
	31	75	75
	79	150	...
	83	300	...
	55	75	...
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	47	100	50
	3	10	100
	20	100	...
	3	20	100
	35	100	...

Delegates Names,
Absentees marked thus.*

- A. Files, L. Lee, * James McDuff,
 J. Rushing, * J. Black, E. Howel, *
 H. Yerby, J. Harton, G. B. Collins,
 D. G. Kirkland, L. Lindsey, A. F. Bell,
 P. M. Newton, S. Baker, L. B. Harbin,
 J. H. Brazier, S. Henderson, * T. Carter, *
 Y. Amerson, * J. Penly, W. A. Edmonds,
 W. Swindle, L. Williams, S. H. Karr,
 I. Gutry, * A. A. Smith, S. A. Smith,
 Not represented, 'by Garner, Files, for
 Not represented. [minutes]
 J. J. Watts, H. Sumner, * A. Keaton, *
 H. Earnest, Wm. Cobb, * N. J. Patton, *
 E. Chaffin, C. Holliman, * R. D. Casey, *
 A. Bobo, M. Rainwater, S. M. Rainwater,
 D. Loftis, P. Gillum, J. Brock,
 J. Black, T. Ray, D. Lockhart, *
 P. Mcgee, J. J. Wheeler, J. Williams, [ford,
 Not represent.
 A. godfrey, S. P. Rowland, * J. H. shackle-
 J. Mcgee, J. Draper, H. Smith,
 J. T. Collins, S. Hankins, * E. W. Lawrence, *
 E. H. McDaniel, J. Hill, J. Hankins, *
 A. Markham, D. S. Harris, K. Adkins,
 Not represented!
 W. W. Brocks, * A. B. McClain * J. Cummins, *
 Not represented.
 A. L. Dugan, E. G. terrell, * D. C. Morrow, *
 T. Tucker, * T. Harper, J. R. Tucker, *
 S. Tyler, * D. B. Leard, * N. V. Reaves,
 B. Steel, * H. Bearfield, * A. Plaxico, *
 E. Nix, * James Taylor, J. R. Capshaw,
 John draper, simeon smith, & S. winter,

Ordained Ministers.

- A. Files,
 J. Rushing,
 R. Walden,
 L. B. Harbin,
 R. M. Adkins,
 T. M. Gabbert,
 J. J. Watts,
 E. Chaffin,
 P. Landford,
 J. L. Lindley,
 S. P. Roland, C. T. Willborn.
 R. Adkins, A. Markham, J. H. spann,
 E. R. Little,
 G. W. Little,
 A. L. Dugan, Thomas Rideout,
 S. Tyler,
 N. B.—Licentiates.....

Churches and Counties.

- Bethlehem, Tusca, Ala.
 Shepherd, Fayette, "
 Pilgrim's Rest, "
 Fayetteville, "
 Hepsebeth, "
 Clear Spring, "
 Mount Joy, "
 Providence, Waker, "
 Peasant Grove, "
 Ebenzer, "
 Jasper, "
 Liberty Grove, "
 Lebanon, Fayette, "
 Emmaus, Marion, "
 Camp Spring, Fayette, "
 Frindship, "
 Bethel, Monroe, Miss.
 Mount Zion, Fayette, Ala.
 Antioch, Marion, "
 Bethabara, Fayette, "
 Macedonia, "
 Corinth, "
 Shiloh, Marion, "
 Zion, "
 Peasant Hill, "
 Newprospect, Hancock, "
 Ebon, Marion, "
 Shady Grove, "
 Holly Springs, "
 Hopewell, "
 Union, Hancock, "
 Liberty, Franklin, "
 Wackleburg, Marion, "

1st District. — 2d District. — 3rd District. — 4th District.

MINUTES.

Friday October the 16th 1857.

The Delegates to the 23d annual session, of the North River United Baptist Association, met at Camp Spring, Fayette County, Alabama. The introductory sermon was delivered at the stand, by L. B. Harbin, from 1st, Corinthians, 15th chap., 58th v. After one hour's intermission for dinner, the delegates assembled in the Meeting-house, and were called to order, and prayer offered by the former Moderator, A. Markham.

1. Letters from the various churches composing this body, were read, and the delegates names enrolled.

2. The door of the Association was opened for the reception of newly constituted, or dismissed churches, when delegates with petitionary letters, from the Hackelburg church, Marion county, Ala., and from the Clear Spring church, Fayette county, Ala., and from the Shiloh church, Marion county, Ala., and from the Liberty church, Franklin county, Ala., and from the Lebanon church, Fayette county, Ala., and from the Liberty-Grove church, Walker county, Ala., came forward. The letters were read and approved; and upon motion, said churches were unanimously received. The Moderator then gave to their delegates, the right-hand of fellowship, and invited them to take seats as members of this body.

3. Proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of L. B. Harbin, Moderator; and Miles Rainwater, Clerk.

4. Visiting ministering brethren, were invited to seats, and to participate in the deliberations of the meeting.

5. The following committees were appointed: 1st—On arrangement of business; A. Bobo, A. Files, A. L. Dugan, and the Moderator, and Clerk. 2d—On Documents, R. Adkins, A. F. Bell, P. McGee, A. Markham, and D. G. Kirkland. 3rd—To arrange preaching: P. M. Newton, S. H. Karr, D. S. Harris, and the Deacons of Comp Spring church. 4th—On Finance: Jas. McDuff, H. Smith, and W. A. Edmonds.

6. Adjourned to half after 8 o'clock to-morrow morning; prayer by the Moderator.

Saturday Oct. 17th 1857.

7. Met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by elder H. G. Smith.

8. Received and adopted the report of the committee on arrangement.

9. Called the names of the delegates.

10. Read the Constitution, Rules of decorum, and Declaration of Faith.

11. Received correspondence from the Tuscaloosa Association, a letter and minutes, by her messengers, Elder Enoch Dodson, and Asa Guin; from the Big Bear Creek Association, a letter and minutes by her messenger, Elder L. T. Parker, and from the Canaan Association, a letter and minutes by her messenger, Elder H. G. Smith; the correspondence was cordially received, and the messengers invited to seats.

12. Returned correspondence to the Tuscaloosa Association, L. B. Harbin, A. Files, and J. F. McDuff, McDuff to write the letter. To the Canaan Association, H. F. Earnest, L. B. Harbin, and A. A. Smith, Smith to write. To the Big-Bear Creek Association, R. Adkins, A. L. Dugan, P. M. Newton, and E. Chaffin, Adkins to write. To the Columbus Association, J. J. Wheeler, P. Gillum, H. Smith, R. Adkins, and A. Markham, Smith to write.

13. Dropped correspondence with the Muscleshoals Association, on account of the great distance.

14. Received and adopted the report of our Treasurer as follows:

The Treasurer of the North River Association,	Dr.
To amount sent up by the churches, for minute and associational purposes,	\$42.10.
To ballance of old minute fund,	1,75.
To ballance on hand for domestic mission, after settling with G. W. Little,	
and R. Adkins, at last session,	10,00.
To collection on Sabbath,	33,70.
To Indian mission fund,	2,60.

Aggregate, \$90,15.

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For printing minutes, and Clerk's fee,

\$39,00.

Paid L. B. Harbin, traveling expenses;	8.00.	
Paid R. Adkins, the ballace due for his first year's missionary labors,	5.00.	\$90.15
Total credit,	\$47.00.	\$47.00
Ballance in Treasury, October the 17th 1857,		\$43.15.
Of which sum, there is for domestic mission,	\$38.70.	
For Indian mission	2.60.	
And for minute fund,	1.85.	
		\$43.15.

MILES RAINWATER, *Treasurer.*

15. Appointed Miles Rainwater, Trensurer for next year.
16. Received and adopted the Circular letter, as prepared by J. H. Spann. (see appendix.)
17. Dispenced with the writing of Circular Letters.
18. Received appointments of District meetings. The 1st, District meeting to be held with the Hesebeth church, Fayette co., Ala., commencing Saturday before the 2d Sabbath in Sept, 1858; A. Files, to preach the introductory sermon, Joel Rushing, alternate; L. B. Harbin, to preach on Sabbath, on Baptism, R. Adkins, alternate; also, a minister and Deacon's meeting, will be held with the Bethlenem church, Tuscaloosa co., Ala., commencing on Saturday, before the 5th Sabbath in March 1858; also, one to be held with Shepherd church, commencing Saturday before the 5th Sabbath in August, 1858. 2d District meeting, to be held with the Pleasant-Grove church, commencing Friday before the 4th Sabbath in Sept., 1858, L. B. Harbin, to preach the introductory sermon, R. M. Adkins, alternate; J. J. Watts, to preach on Sabbath at 11 o'clock, on the duty of Ministers and Deacons, L. B. Harbin, atermate; also a Ministers and Deacons meeting, to be held with the Pleasant-Grove church, commencing on Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in June; 1858. 3rd District meeting, to be held with the Friendship church, commencing Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in July, 1858; P. Landford, to preach the introductory sermon, S. P. Rowland, alternate; S. P. Rowland to preach on Sabbath at 11 o'clock, on the persverance of the Saints, S. Winter, alternate; also, a Minister and Deacons' meeting, will be held with the Mascedonia church, commencing on Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in August, 1858; S. P. Rowland, to preach the preparatory sermon, P. Landford, alternate. 4th District meeting, to be held with the Hopewell church, commencing on Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in Sept., 1858; A. Markham, to preach the introductory sermon, J. H. Spann, alternate; also, appointed Zion church, Marion county, Ala., as the place for holding the next Association; and appointed a Minister and Deacons' meeting, to be held with the Holly Sring church, commencing on Saturday before the 2d Sabbath in May, 1858; A. L. Dugan, to preach a preparatory sermon, A. Markham, alternate.
19. Our next Association, will be held with Zion church, Marion county, Ala, commencing on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, 1858.
20. Appointed Elder J. J. Watts, to preach the introductory sermon, L. B. Harbin, alternate.
21. Adjourned until 1 o'cloce P. M. prayer by A. L. Dugan.
22. Met pursuant to adjournment.
23. Received the the report of the committee on Documents, in which the attention of the Association was called to the following items, requiring their action, which were taken up:

First item in said report, reconmended the appointment of a committee to prepare an obituary notice, of our much beloved brother, Wills Richards deceased. Accordingly, A. F. Bell, A. Files, and R. Adkins, were appointed. Second item: The committee reported that they found, that it had been the custom of some of our churches, to receive members under their watch-care. The Association advises the churches, to discontinue the practice. Third item is, a query from Zion church, reported, as follows: "Is it right for a deacon, to officiate as deacon, in the Baptist church, after his wife has departed from Baptist principles, and been excluded from our church fellowship. In answer to this query, the Association says: "Yes it is right." Fourth item, the New Prospect church, petitions the Association, to grant her a letter of dismission.
24. Granted the New Prospect church, Handeok county, Ala., a letter of dimission.
25. The committee on Finance reported as follows: Received from the churches for minutes and Associational purposes, \$51.05. Their report was adopted.

26. The Executive board made their report, which was adopted as follows: Your Executive board, beg leave to report, that at our first meeting, we received no correspondence. At our second meeting, which was held in Fayetteville, we received from Shepherd church, \$3, 25; from Hephsebeth, \$2,00; from Pilgrim's Rest, \$2,35; from Bethlehem, \$3,00; from Pleasant Grove, \$2,00; from John Garner, \$1,50; from R. Files, \$3,00; from the 1st Dist., collection on Sabbath, 9,55; from Zion, \$2,50; and from Fayetteville church, \$10,00. Whereupon we proceeded to appoint Elder L. B. Harbin, to travel and preach three months as our missionary. To-day, the 17th, of October, 1857, held our 3rd meeting, and received the report of our missionary, (See appendix, B.) L. B. Harbin, and paid him sixty dollars, in full for his services three months; and we have on hand for domestic mission, \$16,70. The above humbly submitted.

A. F. Bell, *Chairman*.

27. Appointed an Executive board, consisting of brethren, A. F. Bell, A. Bobo, D. G. Cirkland, Levi Lindsey, and M. Rainwater.

28. Our corresponding letters to sister Associations were read and adopted.

29. Adjourned until half past 8 o'clock Monday morning, prayer by R. Adkins.

Sabbath, October 18th 1857.

The stand was occupied at 9 o'clock, by elder H. G. Smith,—text, Hebrews the xii, and 25 v., at 11 o'clock, elder J. J. Watts, delivered an able discourse in defense of missions, from Romans x, and 13, 14, 15, vs; at the close of which, there was taken up in cash \$32,40 for domestic mission. At 1 o'clock, elder D. W. Andrews, preached, from Mathew, xv. 22, to 38 vs., inclusive. The speakers manifested great zeal in the cause of God. The congregation was large and attentive, and we hope much good was effected. The meeting was protracted until Wednesday night, during which time, there were 12 members received by experience, and 4 by letter; and several others professed a hope. To God be all the glory.

Monday October, 19th 1857.

30. Met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by the moderator.

31. Called the names of the delegates, and marked absentees.

32. Received the obituary notice of brother Willis Richards, deceased; and advised the committee on that case, to have it published in some Baptist periodical.

33. On motion, it was agreed to reconsider the adoption of our corresponding letter, to the Columbus Association.

34. On motion, agreed to inform the Columbus Association, in our letter of correspondence with her, by adding a post script to said letter, of the standing of Josiah Winter, amongst us, and that he has been spread upon our minutes as an excluded minister, for immoral conduct.

35. Received and adopted the report of our new executive board, as follows: We held a meeting to-day 19th, Oct., 1857: and employed Elder L. B. Harbin, to travel and preach until the 1st of December next; in such parts of our bounds, as he thinks most good can be effected; and we agree to pay him the rates of \$20,00 per month. Also, we appointed our 1st, meeting to be at Camp-Spring, on Saturday before the 2d, Sabbath in December next: and we requested our missionary to be with us at that time. Our 2d meeting, will be at Fayetteville, on Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in June 1858, at which time we request the churches to send up their contributions to the board; and we recommend the churches, to pursue the same plan of last year, in collecting missionary funds, Respectfully submitted.

A. F. BELL, *Chairman*.

36. Collecting and forwarding agents were appointed; one in each church: Bethlehem church, Lewis Lee, Shepherd, Jacob Shepherd; Pilgrims Rest, H. Yerby; Fayetteville, A. F. Bell; Hephsebeth, S. Baker; Mountjoy, W. A. Edmonds; Providence, S. H. Karr; Pleasant Grove, A. A. Smith; Emaus, C. Holliman; Camp Spring, A. Bobo; Friendship, J. Brock; Bethel I. Black; Mount Zion, Peter McGee; Bethabara, J. Shackelford; Mascendon, B. Smith; Corinth, J. T. Collins; Zion, H. Adkins; Pleasant Hill, W. C. Blackwell; Enon, J. Watson; Shady Grove, D. Morrow; Holly Spring, J. Neal; Hephewell, Tho's. Harper; Union, N. V. Reaves; Clear Springs, J. H. Brazier; Lebanon, H. F. Earnest; Liberty Grove, R. A. Jones; Shiloh, J. B. Wood; Liberty, B. Steel; Hackelburg, E. Nix.

37. Appointed a committee consisting of R. Adkins, A. Markham, S. H. Karr, Simeon Smith, A. L. Dugan, L. B. Harbin, A. A. Smith, and A. F. Bell, to visit, and enquire into the standing of Ebenezer and Jasper churches, Walker county, Ala., and we clothe said committee, with power to settle all difficulties existing in said churches; and to desolve them if

they should think best so to do.

38. Resolved that we advise our churches, to raise a general fund for the purpose of purchasing Baptist books, to circulate in our bounds.

39. Adopted our corresponding letter to the Columbus association, with a post script concerning Josiah Winter, added thereto.

40. Adjourned to half after 1 o'clock p. m.

41. Met pursuant to adjournment.

42. Resolved that this association, recommend the churches composing this body, to adopt the use of the Baptist Psalmody, as the Hymn Book in their public worship.

43. Resolved that we advise our brethren, (in view of the great evil arising from the use of spiritous liquor,) not to engage in it's traffic at all; and we advise them to discontinue its use as a beverage all together.

44. Authorised our treasurer to pay R. Adkins, \$5,00 for his time and expense in going as our messenger, to the Big Bear Creek association.

45. A. F. Bell, D. G. Kirkland, and Levi Lindsey, were appointed as a committee, to take charge of our book fund, and to act as agents for this body in the purchase of books; also we raised \$17,90 in the association, and paid the same over into their hands, as a book fund.

46. Resolved that we have one thousand copies of our minutes printed, and that the Clerk superntend the printing, and reserve 1,00 for correspondenc, and have \$10,00 for his services.

47. Distributing agents were appointed, 1st Dist., A. Files; 2d Dist., Simeon Smith; 3rd Dist., S. P. Rowland; 4th Dist., A. Markham.

48. Resolved that we tender our thands to the Camp Spring church, and the vicinity around her, for their kind hospitality toward us during this present session of the association.

49. Adjourned to meet with Zion church, Marion county, Ala., prayer by D. W. Andrews, L. B. HARBIN, Moderator.

MILES RAINWATER, *Cleak.*

APPENDIX, (A.)

N. B.—The next session of the Caanan association, will be held with the Rufama church, 8 miles North East of Elyton, embracing the 1st Sabbath in October, 1858. The next of the Tuscaloosa, will be held with the Salem church, Tuscaloosa county, Ala., embracing the 3rd Sabbath in Septsmbler, 1858. The next of the Big Bear Creek, will be held with the Pleasrnt Grove church, Itawamba co., Miss., commencing Friday before the 4th Sabbath in Sept. 1858.

APPENDIX, (B.)

Missionary's Report.—DEAR BRETHREN.—I commenced my labors, as your missionary, the 24th of July 1857. Since that time I have Traveled 764 miles—Preached 63 sermons—Delivered 51 exhortations—Witnessed 47 conversions—Baptised 25 persons—Ordained 5 leacons—Constituted 3 churches, and have received of your missionary board, sixty dollars in full, for my three months services; all of which is humbly submitted. Oct. the 17th 1857.

L. B. HARBIN, *Missionary.*

APPENDIX, (C.)

CIRCULAR LETTER.

On the subject of Brotherly Love.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS.—In the discharge of my duty, according to previous appointment; I have chosen a subject upon which, I now proceed to write. Though the subjects of Divinity are numerous, and the foundation of chritianity, rests more or less upon them all, ther's few that are of more importance to the christain, than Brotherly-love. If this subject be duly considered, by the believers in Christ—treasured up in their hearts, and practiced in their conduct toward each other at all times, the Church of the Living God will prosper—Zion will go forth wearing her beautiful garment—shining as the morning sun in his splendor. Otherwise, the cause of Christ must mourn and languish.

Brotherly love, is affection to our neighbors, and especially, to the Saints; prompting us to every act of kindness toward them. It does not indeed, consist merely in pity to others,

and relief of them, 1st Corin., 13th chapt., nor in love to our benefactors only, and those who are related to us, Matt. 5th chapt. 46 & 47 verses. It must flow from love to God, and extend to all mankind, yea, we are required by the highest authority, to love even our enemies, Matt. 5th chapt. 44th verse; not so as to countenance them in their evil actions, but to forgive the injuries they have done to us. Love to the Saints must be particularly cultivated, for:—1st. It is the command of Christ. "A new commandment I give unto you. That ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." John 13th chapt. 34th verse.—If we love Christ, then let us keep his commandments. 2. We should love one another because we all belong to the same Father, and family. We are of the household of faith; Gal., 6th chapt. 10th verse. What a beautiful and desirable thing it is for all the members of a family, to live together in peace and love; and prove their love by doing all they can, to render each other happy. Parents delight to see their children act in this way. If earthly parents take pleasure in seeing their children kind to each other, how much more does the God of love, delight in his children, when they love one another? 3. We hereby give proof of our discipleship. Hear the voice of our blessed Redeemer, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another;" John 13th chapt. 35th verse. Love to God cannot dwell in the heart, that is destitute of brotherly love. "If a man say I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him; "That he who loveth God love his brother also;" John 4th chapt. 20 & 21 verses. If we are christians indeed, we have the best of reasons to love one another; for the same Jesus that redeemed us, redeemed our brother; and the same spirit that dwells in our hearts, is the guide of our brother.

4. The holy warfare in which we are engaged calls for union of heart and sentiment; our foes are raising against us, Satan is continually marching his troops around, and wherever he finds a weak place in our fortifications, he begins his wicked delusions with all his forces. Therefore, we have no time for disputing or caviling about trifles. We should have on the whole armour of God, and go heart and hand, to meet the insolent foe. An army never was known to succeed in battle, without being united; neither can we be successful in pulling down the strong holds of satan, without a united effort. But let us possess this lovely union, and we need not fear. Our Captain will lead us on till warfare and tribulations are ended, and we receive our discharge and arrive safe at home.

5. If we are truly regenerated, and born again, we are all heirs of the same King—all influenced by the same spirit—all traveling the same path, and all going to the same place—the christain's home. Is this the case? Yes, every christain heartily responds. And do we love one another as we should? If we do not, we are without excuse; for seeing the above is true, there is no good reason why we should not love all christians. But we fear many of our brethren are far out of their duty in this particular. Why is it that some of the churches at times become confused, and some of them even now, are almost rapped up in disputes?—Why is it the case that so few are converted and received into the fold of Christ? Brethren, it is because we do not manifest enough of that ardent love, which is calculated to unite christians together by cords not easily broken? When we are thus united, the churches are at peace; and the car wheel of Zion seems to be unclogged, and moves on in complete harmony—christians are enabled to rejoice in hope of a blessed immortality; they often meet together in prayer, and supplication to God, and their lights shine; they are not under a bushel, but on a candle stick, that all may behold the light, and come to it. In this way sinners see our good works and glorify our Father which is in Heaven. The world takes notice to the church, and when discord prevails, and the brethren and sisters seem to have no care, or love for each other, the world in transport continue their course of wickedness, and say there is no reality in religion, even those who profess to be christians, are striving against each other. But, on the other hand, let the church be in peace, and the brethren and sisters united in the discharge of duty, in short, "Let brotherly love continue, (Heb. 13 chapt. 1 verse.) and the world can but see a beauty in that love and union. It makes them ashamed of their own dark crimes, for the great light of the church enables them to see their wickedness. Jesus Christ works through his people in this way, to the destruction of satan's kingdom, and the conversion of sinners. This is the state that christians delight to see the church in. O! what a glorious sight to see brethren and sisters marching heart and hand, in the strait and narrow path that leads

to heaven. We may in the language of David exclaim: "Behold! how good and how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psalm 133 and 1st v. We are all desirous of ere long reaching the portals of eternal bliss, and receiving a glorious welcome into the new Jerusalem. Therefore, let us all travel in one band, like soldiers bound for the victory; Jesus will gently lead us along, his footsteps have trod the way before us. Let us follow our glorious leader, and if we see our brother or sister faltering by the way, let us assist them by our utmost endeavours; and peace and safety will attend us while we continue in the way of truth and holiness.

6. We should prove our love to one another, first, by praying for our brethren, Eph. 6 chapt. 18th v. If our brother is in distress, or has backsliden, we should pray for him. While Peter was in prison, bound with chains, his brethren prayed for him without ceasing; and he was released from the prison, Acts. 12th chapt. 5th to 11th vs. The prayers of the righteous yet avail much, and the Lord may hear our prayers and deliver, and restore those whom we pray for. 2. It should be proven by bearing one another's burdens, Gal. 6th chapt. 2d v.—The misfortunes and distresses to which christians are incident are many, and we should use our endeavours to lessn them. Perhaps our brother is poor and in great want; this is a great burden and gives embarrassment even in the church. Then distribute unto him of the substance the Lord has given you, every man according to his ability. If he be in trouble from some other cause no matter what, we should convers with him freely; we perhaps might drop a word that would comfort him. 3rd. This love should be manifested by forbearing and forgiving one another, Col. 3rd chapt. 13th v. Has our brother offended us, then if he does not come to us, we should go to him, in the spirit of meekness, and if he acknowledge frankly, forgive him, for though we have sined much, yet Christ forgives us when we ask him in faith.—4th And lastly. We should prove our love to our brethren, by reproving, admonishing, exhorting, and establishing each other in the truth; Heb. 10th chapt. 24th & 25th v.

Dear brethren and sisters; let us be faithful, and discharge our whole duty. We have but a short pilgrimage on earth; our warfare will soon be accomplished; then we will be united in heaven, where we will love one another with a perfect love, and dwell with Jesus forever in glory. May God by his Holy Spirit guide us in duty's path, for the Redeemer's sake.—
Amen.

J. H. SPANN.

Received of M. Rainwater, \$25,00 in full for printing 1000 copies of these minutes.

R. ALLEN SMITH.





