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MINUTES.

1. The Congregation assembled in the new house, and the Introductory Sermon was preached-by Elder S. Rowe, from the 20th chapter and 28th verse of the Acts of the Apostles : "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God. which he hath purchased with his own blood." Twenty minutes intermission

After intermission the delegates convened in the old house and the Association was organized by singing and prayer. Prayer by the former

Brother D. A. Skipper is appointed to preach to the Congregation in the new house in the afternoon.

The Letters from the Churches were then handed in and read.

By a move and second and vote of the body, Brother W. M. Howell, was elected Moderator and Brother Stephen Rowe, Clerk.

7. In ite | visiting Brethren not of the body to seats with us.

8. Called for petitionary letters from newly constituted Churches and received a letter from the Mt. Olive Church, which was re-rived into the fellowship of this body, and the band of Fellowship extended to her delegates.

9. Called for correspondence from Religious bodies and received from the

Newton Association the Brethren T. J. Darmany and Wm. Crutchfield. 10. Appointed the following committees, viz:

On Preaching-King White and J. B. Mathias, with the delegates from the Antioch Church.

On Finance-T. Barnes, W. J. Daniel as d J. D. Brantly. On Publications-E. Marlin, W. W. Trotter and A. Bevis. On Documents-S. Rowe, D. Williams and N. E. Barkwell.

On Sabbath Schools - D. H. Horn, J. J. Grantham and J. S. Worrell,

On Missons-B. H. Banks, W. Cook and J. C. Coleman. On Nominations -- A. Bevis, W. E Linzy and H. Everett,

On Decease of Ministers-E. L. Holly, E. H. Marlin and A. Bevis.

On the State of the Churches-S. Rowe, D. H. Horn and W. J. Daniel.

11. Returned correspondence as follows, viz:

To the Eufaula -Association. Salem-

Judson-Brethren, B. H. Banks, A. Bevis, D. A. Skipper, W. M. Howell. J. C. Coleman and Wm. J. Cook.

Bethel,-W. M. Howell. 44 Florida

Bowen -J. J. Grantham.

Newton-E L. Holly, D. A. Skipper and W. M. Howell.

12. Agreed to meet at 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning for prayer. Adjourned business to 81 o'clock, Monday morning. Prayer by Brother

SABBATH, OCTOBER 25th, 1868. 1. The Congregation assembled at 9 o clock for prayer.

2. After prayer, the Principal and Alternate both being absent, the Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder B H. Banks, at 11 o'clock.

Brother W. M. Howell preached in the afternoon and Brother T. J. Dormany preached at night.

Brother Dick Ellis, a colored preacher, preached to the colored people.

The congregation was large and attentive and an interesting state of feeling was manifested among the people.

The sum of seven dollars was collected for Association purposes. MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 26TH, 1868.

The Association convened according to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Rowe. Read and approved the minutes of the two past days.

2. The committee on preaching report Brother Skipper to preach at 11 o'clock and Brother Howell to preach the farewell sermon.

Called the Roll.

Renewed invitation to visiting members to seats with us.

Renewed call for correspondence.

6. Called for report of Executive Committee and received a verbal report that they had accomplished nothing, for lack of means.

7. On motion and vote of the Body, the Moderator appointed the following Brethren, Executive Committee, viz : T. Barnes, D. H. Rorn, E. H. Marlin, J. B Mathias and A. Bevis, the Moderater to be added, Brother Barnes. Treasurer.

8. Renewed call for newly constituted churches and received a verbal petition from the church at Pleasant Level, (her letter having failed to reach) and on evidence of its being a sound and orderly church, it was received into fellowship with this body.

9. On motion agreed to dispense with appointing delegates to the Florida

Baptist Convention for the present.

10. The committee on documents report nothing claiming the attention of the body, except a query from the Church at Pi grim's Lest, and the Church at New Hope, formerly Holme's Creek, asks a letter of dismission to join Newton Association.

11. The report of the committee on publications was read and adopted (see appendix A.)

12. A document including resolutions adopted by a union meeting at Ebenezer Church, Wasington county, was received and read, proposing the establishment of a Denominational Paper, under the patronage of Southern Baptists.

The enterprise was approved.

13. On motion agreed to suspend the order of business, to consider the propriety of establishing a general Association to be formed by a union of the adjacent Associations, and agreed to appoint a delegation to meet at Brundege, Alabama, on Saturday, before the the 5 h Sabbath in November next, for the foregoing purpose and if such an Association shall be formed, agreed to instruct our delegation to lay before it the subject of a denominational paper and ask its co-operation in the enterprise. Delegation: J. J Grantham, J. B. Mathias, D. H. Horn, E. H. Marlin, E. L. Holly and W. M. Howell.

14 On motion, appointed Brother W. M. Howell principal agent in the foregoing enterprise and request the delegates of this association to act as agents in procuring subscriptions for said paper and make their report to Brother Howell.

15. On motion, adopted the following resolutions :

1. RESOLVED-That, when this Association adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in October next.

2. RESOLVED.—That we recommend the churches to open up, and continue a quarterly correspondence and endeaver to awaken up a deeper interest in the

great cause of Sabbath Schools and the promulgation of the Gospel.

16. The query from the Church at Pilgrim's Rest was taken up, which reads as follows: "Is it politic or scriptural to admit in the Church testimony against an accused member outside of the Church?" and the following answer agreed upon. It is the opinion of this body that worldly testimony may be taken, but with due caution.

17. A letter of dismission was granted to the New Hope, Church, formerly Limestone, to join the Newton Association.

18. A query from the Pine Barren Church was read and taken up, which reads as follows: "Is it right to receive a man into the Church who has two wives, and has been divorced from his legitimate wife?" and on motion, agreed to dispose of it in the following manner. In the indefinite manner in which the query is presented we are unable to give an answer.

19. The report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted. [B] The report on Missions was read and adopted. [C]

The report on nominations was read and adopted. [D.]

The report on decease of Ministers was read and adopted. [E] 23 On motion, agreed to dispense with the Corresponding Letter and that a brother be appointed by the nominating committee to prepare a Circular Letter to be inserted in the minutes of our next session. 24. Treasurer's report was read and adopted. [F]

The report on Finance was read and a adopted [G]

26. Ap ointed our next session to be held with the Friendship Church commencing on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October, A. D. 1869.

27 On motion, instructed the C erk to have five hundred copies of these Minutes printed and distributed, and that he have thirty dollars for his services.

28 Appointed a Union meeting to be held at the Surdis Church commencing on Friday be ore the 5th Subbath in November next. It sively I ban and half a

29. Adopted the following resolution:

Resolved that the thanks of this b dy afe tendered to the citizens of Antioch Church and vicinity for he courteous and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Association during its present Session, and hope that God will prosper them and save them eternally

30. Adjourned to hear the farewell sermon, at night, and characteristics

81. After the tarewell sermon by Brother Howell, a hymn was sung and the parting hand taken and prayer mule. The Association was then adjourned to the time and place above mentioned.

W M HOWELL, MODERATOR.

STEPHEN ROWE, CLERK.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE WEST LURIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I We believe in the existence of one only true an ! living God, and that He has made himself known to he people, under the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Gnost, the same in essence, and equal in divine perfection. Exodus xx: 3; I-a ix: 6-46; Matt_xxiii 19; Mark xii: 32; John i 1-4; and v: 23; and x: 30; 1 John v: 7.

ARTICLE II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rule of faith and proctice. 2 Sam xxiii: 2; Acts

1:16; 2 Tim iii: 16-17; 2 Peter 1:21

ARTICLE III We believe in the wetrine of election; that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that they should be holy and without bl me before him in tove; having predestinated them to the adoption of children, by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will. Matt. xx : 16; and xxiv : 32; John x:ii; 18; a -1 xv, 16-19; Acts xiii : 48; Rom. viii; 38, 29; and ix: 10-16; and xi: 5; Eph. i. 4-11; 1 Thess. 1: 4; 2 Thess ii : 13 ; 1 Peter i : 2.

ARTICLE IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, Gen vi : 5; Psalms v: 9; Eccle, viii: 11; Rom. 6: 20; and vii; 18; and vii; 8; 1 Cor. ii: 14; 2 Cor. v: 14, Eph. ii: 1-3; Col. ii; 2-3

ASTICLE V We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own will and ability. John vi : 44, 45; Rom, xi:6; Eph ii:8.9

ARTICLE VI We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ. Isa. ivii; 8; Acts iv : 11, 12; Rom. iii;21-86; and v . 6 ; viii : 9 ; x . 11-21.

ARTICLE VII We believe that God's elect shall be called , regenerated and sanctified by the holy Chost John vi . 63; and xvi : 13-, 14; 1 Cor. ii: 10-12;

2 Cor. i: 10-12; Epb. ii: 1-10; 2 lim. i; 9; lit. iii; 4-7.

ABTICLE VIII We believe that nothing can separate the true believers from the love of God; but that they wil be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation: John vi . 87; x . 28-o0; xiii; f; xvii; 23; Phil. i . 6; Heb vi : 17, 18 : 1 Peter i 45.

ARTICLE IX We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that immersion only is baptism. Matt. iii ; 5 12 : Mark i : 5 ; Luke iii : 7; Acts ii : 38-42; John iii : 23; Rom. vi : 3, 4; Col. ii : 12: 1 Peter iii : 21; Acts xviii: 8

ABTICLE X We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgement. Job xix : 26, 27 ; Daniel xii : 2 ; Hos. xiii : 14 ; Mark xii : 24-27 ; 1 Cor.

xv ; 2 Cor. v : 10.

ARTICLE XI. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal. Matt. xxv : 46; 2 Thess. i : 9; Daniel xii : 2; Mark ix : 43, 44; Luke ii : 17; xvii : 26, John iii : 36 : 2 Thess. i: 7-9; Rev. xiv: 9-11.

ARTICLE XII. We believe that no minister has a fight to administer the ordinances, unless he is called of God and come under the mposition of hands by a presbytery, and is in fellowship in the church of which he is a member. Isa. Ixii: 6; Mal. ii: 7; Acts xiv: 23; Rom xii: 5, 7; 1 Cor 1; 1; 2 Cor, v: 18; Col. iv: 17; 4 Tim i: 12; Eph iv: 11-13.

DECORUM.

1. Every query sent up to the Association by any Church in this union, shall be read, and put to vote by the Moderator, whether it shall be debated or not; and if there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn: provided, afways, that those be first considered that affect the union of the churches.

2. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

3. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in debate, or use indecorous language,

4. No person shall speak more than three times upon the same subject,

without leave of the body.

5. No member shall abruptly break off of absent himself without leave of the body; and if he so does, he shall be marked as an absentee.

6. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the

Clerk, and called over as often as the body may require. 7. The Moderator shall, be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member. provided the chair be filled; but he shall not vote, except the

body be equally divided. 8. It shall be the duty of the Moderator, to see that these rules are strictly

observed by the body 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular record of the proceed-

ings of the body, 10 The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moder-

11. Amendments may be made, to this form of government by two-thirds of the members in session.

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STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After the Introductory Sermon, the Association will convene, and be with singing and prayer, then,

1. Read letters.

2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.

3 Juvite visiting brethren to seats with us. 4. Call for and read Petitionary Letters.

5. Call for Correspondence. . RECOLDED LIA 34.

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On Nominations. On Decease of Ministers. 9. On the State of the Churches, 10. Write the Corresponding Letter. 11 Appoint Correspondence. Second day open as before. 1. Read Minutes of previous meeting. Call the Roll. Renew invitation to seats Renew call for Correspondence. Attend to unfinished business. Call for report of Executive Committee. Call for Treasurer's Report, Elect Executive Committee and Delegates to Convention. Appoint any other Committee required. 10. Call for Reports of Committees in order. 11. Appoint the next Association. 12. Order number of Minutes and pay of Clerk. 13. Miscellaneous business, 14. Read Letter of Correspondence and Minutes 15. Farewell Sermon, 16. Parting hand, 17. Adjourn.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS,

WITH THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

W. M. HOWELL Moderator	
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REPORTS

(A.)

PUBLICATIONS.

nittee on publications would report as follows: There are many papers published by our denomination at different points which of a hearty support by Baptists The Religious Herald, Edited ster, Richmond, Virginia, The Western Recorder, edited by

Brother R. M Dudley, Louisville, Kentucky, the Christian Index and Southwestern Bapptist by Brother J. J. Poon, Atlanta, Georgia, and others are very excellent papers. But as the most bold and most strictly Baptist paper is the Baptist, edited by brother J. R. Graves, Memphis, Tennessee. We would therefore, recommend this as one of the very ablest and best Baptist papers now published. It is a lamentable fact that very few Baptist papers are taken and read by the brethren in this Association. We urge our brethren to take and read these papers, not as matter of duty, merely, to sustain our denominational literature, but for the real benefit to be derived from them.

We further recommend for the consideration of your body the propriety of establishing a denominational paper within our own bounds.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. H MARLIN, Chairman.

(B.) The Committee on Sabbath Schools have had the same under consideration and instruct me to report that, we find Sabbath Schools organized and in operation at the following Churches, viz. At Ebenezer. Washington county, Smyrna, Henry county, Alabama, Pleasant Hill, Jackson county, Florida, Orange Hill, Washington county, Fla., Campbellton Church has had a Sabbath School a portion of the year only, Greenwood Church has had a Sabbath School up to the

time the sickly season set in but has discontinued since that time. Your committee are fully impressed with the importance of Sabbath Schools and recommend that the churches all use a proper means to organize a school within their bounds, and we would further recommend that we adop a system of Sabbath School Conventions that shall meet, say, quarterly, semi-annually and anually, that an increased interest may impart itself to the people of our Association. It is impossible to sustain Sabbath Schools unless our people do

more to make them interesting.

Respectfully submitted

DAVID H. HORN, Chairman.

Recommend the Sabbath School paper, Child's Delight.

Your committee on Missions report that they can say, but little on the subject, as there is little or no manifestation on the part of the churches to the spread of the Gospel, either among us, or abroad. We find 27 churches composing this Association, and we find funds sent up from the same, not exceeding \$7,00 all told, consequently, our missions have come to a stand-still and unless the churches do more in the future, than they have in the past, we will be compelled to dispense with the missionary operations, entirely, and let the cause go down, partly through the neglect of those who profess to love the cause. We would say to the churches composing this Association; let us show our faith by our works, or cease to talk about the propagation of the Gospel

B. H. BANKS, Chairman.

Your committee on nominations beg leave to report that they have nomina-(D.) ted Brother R. C. B. Lawrence to preach the introductory and J. J. Grantham his alternate; Brother B. H. Banks the Missionary sermon and Brother M. Osborn his alternate. Brother W. M. to write the annual Circular Letter. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A BEVIS, Chairman.

Your committee on the decease of Ministers, report as follows: Our Association has been highly favored of God during the last Associational year, with regard to the preservation of our Ministry, as none have died during the last year, we feel truly thankful to the All wise Ruler of the Universe for this favor. Respectfully submitted.

E. L. HOLLY, Chairman

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