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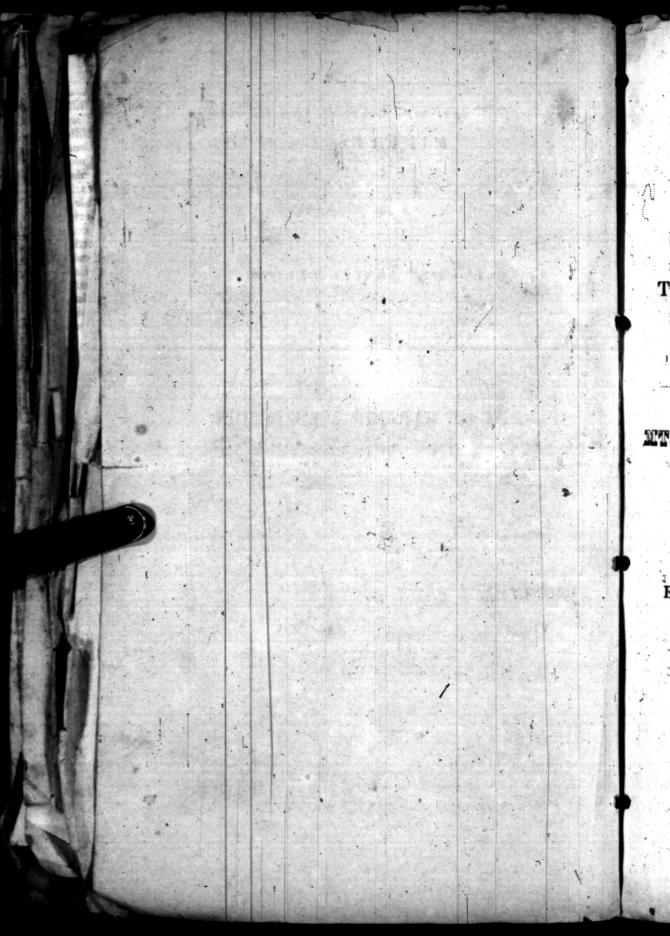
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EBENEZER, Jasper County, Miss. October 3, 1857.

This day convened with the Ebenezer Church, the delegates to the twenty-first Annual Session of Mount Pisgah Baptist Association, togetter with a large congregation, and were addressed by Elder E. L. Carter, who preached the Introductory Sermon, founded on Ez. xxvii chap., 22 verse.

After a short intermission, the delegates assembled at the church house for business, when the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder L. P. Murrell, Prayer by brother Killen, Elders Joseph Chandler and Drury Sumrall appointed to preach at the stands. Brothers Wm. R. Butler and W. J. Morris were appointed to read

letters-J. B Gough Assistant Clerk. M. Tyler, J. Bailiff and E. Price were appointed a committee on Finance.

Letters were received and read from forty-two churches-delegates names enrolled, and general statistics noted. Hopewell, Sardis and New Prospect, Scott Co., no correspondence. (See table of churches.)

Brothers Benjamin Thigpen and W. J. Morris were appointed to act as Tellers, and the Association proceeded to elect by ballot, Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. L. P. Murrell, Moderator; N. L. Clarke, Clerk; J. M. Pace, Treasurer.

The Moderator took his seat, made some appropriate remarks, and announced the Association ready for business. Reading of the Rules of Decotum dispensed with. Visiting brethren invited to seats with the body.

Proceeded to afford an opportunity for the admission of new churches into the body. Paulding Church, Jasper to., and Ocoha Church, Covington Co., presented themselves by letter and delega es, and being found orderly and orthodox, were admitted, and the right hand of fellowship given to the delegates.

Received correspondence from the following sister Associations, viz: From the Harmony, a package of minutes by their Messenger, Elder J. Lawrence. Next meeting at Thomastown, Saturday before messel Churc next. Bro.L. Miss., discon discon Broth ant Hi in Oct Elder Moun Lord' Ap Wm. W. W Clerk Morri inatio Reec A.H Butle Ca sions, o'cloc Re the su Co Lawr name Ou Th

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r Associations, eir Messenger, aturday before fourth Lord's Day in Sept. next. Ebenezer—letter and minutes by their messenger, Elder J. P. Johnston. Next meeting with Indian Spring Church, Jones Co., Miss., Saturday before fourth Lord's Day in Sept. next. Liberty—letter by their messengers, Elder Wm. Thigpen and Bro.L. B. Ellis. Next meeting to be held with Salem Church, Jasper Co. Miss., Saturday before third Lord's Day in Sept. next. Correspondence discontinued. The Bro. Clerk to write a letter stating the reasons for discontinuance. Bethlehem—A letter and bundle of minutes by Brother Carter. No messenger. Next session to be held with Pleasant Hill Church, Newton Co., Miss., Saturday before second Lord's Day in October, just. Strong River—letter and minutes by their messengers, Elders J. L. Chandler and F. M. Meeks. Next session to be held with Mountain Creek Church, Rankin Co., Miss., Saturday before the third Lord's Day in Oct. inst.

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Appointed the following committees : On Preaching-J. H. Rush, Wm. Thomas, A. Pace and J. A. Wheeler. On Queries and Requests-W. White, W. R. Butler and D. Killen. On motion, Moderator and Clerk were added. On Documents and State of Religion-W. J. Morris, E. L. Carter, W. A. Hutson and Charles Stephens: On Nom inations-E. L. Carter, J. B. Gough, L. Jenkins, W. West and H. N. Reece. On Indian and Foreign Missions-N. L. Clarke, W. White, W. A. Hutson, J. A Hitt and S. J. Hitt. On Writing Letters-W. R. Butler, W. White, W. J. Morris and W. West.

Called for the reading of the report of the Board of Domestic Missions, which was read, received and made the special order for 10 o'clock Monday.

Resolved, That a public collection be taken up on Lord's Day for the support of Domestic Missions.

Committee on Preaching, reported that Elders L. P. Murrell, J. Lawrence and N. L. Clarke preach on Lord's day in the order of their names.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

LORD'S DAY, Oct. 4.

The ministers labored according to their appointment. Bro. Murrell founded his discourse on Luke, xxiv chap. 46-47 verses. Bro. Lawrence on Prov. xiv chap. 32 verse. Bro. Clafke closed the services by exhortation and prayer. The congregation was large, and from the attention and seriousness during the services, and the tenderness and concern in the close, we have great reason to hope that much good will result from the labors of the day. Quite a number came forward for prayer in the close of the services. A collection was taken up for Domestic Missions, amounting to \$25-40.

MONDAY, Oct. 5, 1857.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator. The roll called and Roles of Decorum read.

Adopted the former order of business.

Received a letter of friendly correspondence from the General Association of Regular Baptist of South-Eastern Mississippi, by the hands of Bros. N. L. Clayke and J. A. Hitt, who were recognized by the right hand of fellow hip.

On motion proceeded to arrange correspondence to sister Associations : Ebenezer-E. L. Carter and W. West, messengers. Liberty-Correspondence discontinued. Bethlehem-N. L. Clarke, H. Giff and C A. Hutch, messengers. Harmony-W. R. Butler, L. P. Murrell and W.A. Matson, messengers. Strong River-L. P. Murrell, S. J. Hitt and W. A. Hutson, messagers.

Called for Reports of Committees. Committee to Write Letters, reported-etters adopted. (alled up report of Missionary Board, which was read and adopted. (See Apendix A).

O. Decaments and State of Religion, reported-report adopted. (Appendix B).

On Qveries and Requests reported -- report adopted. (Appendix C). On Nominations reported-report adop ed. (Appendix D)

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On Finance reported-report adopted. (Appendix F).

On motion, agreed to discontinue the fifth Sunday Dis.rict Meeting, WHEREAS. We have learned with sorrow the recent death of Elder R.T. Gatewood, a minister, and heretofore a member of this Associa-

Res fred, That while it becomes us to how with resignation to the will of our fleaverly Father in the removal of our brother; yet, as a token of our regard for the d-ceased, the clock of this body be reques-ted to collect the facts necessary and write a short but appropriate obituary notice of our departed brother and fellow taborer, and have it published to fle misures of this meeting.

Lesoleed, That this Association transfer her missionary work to the General Association of Regular Baptists of South Eastern Mississippi -it agreeing to supply our destitution.

WHEREAS By the recent change in the Constitution of this State the election takes place each year on the first Monday in October;

thereby couff cring with the time of meeting of this body : Therefore, Resolated, That for the future, this Association meet on Saturday before the third Lord's Day in September in each year.

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this State October; Therefore, Saturday Res lved. That this Association for the future appoint but one corresponding messenger to any sister Association with which we correspond.

Resolved, That this Association represent herself in the approaching Annual Meeting of the General Association of Regular Baptist of South Eastern Mississippi, with Decatur Church; and send up to that body all funds in the hands of our Treasures for Missionary purposes. Brothers E. L. Carter, W. R. Butler, B. B. Windham, I. Anderson, W. A. Hutson, M. Tyler, I. M. Pare, W. J. Morris, C. Stephens, J. F. Barbour, J. Holland, J. Talum, M. B. Kirk, O. Bieland, E. Price, and W. West were appointed delegates.

Resolved. That the finds in the hands of the Treasurer J. M. Pace, received from the toomer Treasurer Withour a specification is to which find they belong d, be considered as to longing to the Domestic Missionary funds.

Resolved Tha Elder James Marchant preach the next Introducto y Sermon, and that Elder N. L. Clark the her alternation

Residued. That the clerk have these menutes project and distribute to same to the charches, reserving a sufficient number for the purposes of correspondence receive twenty doubers for the services and draw on the Treasurer for the same, as also for the amount necessary to pay for printing.

Resolved, That the next Annual Meeting of this body be held with Leaf River Church, Smith Co., Miss. Saturday before the third i ord's Day in September $u \neq x - 12$ miss much east of Ruleigh.

R solved. That the thanks of this body are due and here by rendered to be never Church and community for their kinduces and liberality in sustaining this body while it seasion with them

Resolved. That we now adjoirn to meet with Leaf River Church, 12 miles North East of Rateigh mith, co., Miss., Saturday before third Lord's Day in Sept. 1858.

The Minutes were real and approved. A parting hymn was sung, during which the d legates gave to each ther the parting hand of Christian affection Thus passed and closed harmoniously the twenty first Annual Meeting of M unt Pigah Association of Regular Baptists. Closing pr yer by beother S J Hitt.

L. P. MURRELL. Moderator.

N. L. CLARKE, Clerk.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.-L. P. Marrel', W. R. Butter, Hillsboro; W. H. Hatsel, Pepsacola; E. L. Carter, Claiborne; J. G. H*Bugh, S. J. Hitt, Polkville; Henry Gill, David Killen, Union; A. Wiestend, Herbert; N. L. Clarke, D. catur; W. A. Hutson, --- Sims, Green Bush; John Williams, Garland-ville; James Merchant, Raleigh; Wilson West, Pineville-15.

LICENTIATES -- W. White, L. Crosby, Bulueta; L. Jenkins, Conahatta; H. N. Reéce, Decatur; * John Thornton, Raleigh; Jacob Carr, Sherman Hill; J. H. Rush, J. Auderson, Claiborne; L. Bisset, Green Bush; D. Dove, Decatur; M. M. Bishep, Garlandsville; J. Scutborough, Battle Field; J. A. Hitt, G. W. Barnes, M. Blanchard, Pineville; James Marshal, Orion-16.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH AND GOSPEL ORDER AS AMENDED AT THIS SESSION.

Preamble.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst the churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz :

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1. We believe, in one Priune God-the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2 We believe the Seciences of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of A dam from his original rectitude, and in him all his posterity; in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depayved nature—consequently, the Scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ, before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with an holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone, through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one modiator between God and men-the man Christ Jesus, who, by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice in becoming and offering for sin, hath by his most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness, to every one that believeth.

6. We believe the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth ; that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey

7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of taith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God, from a principle of love.

9: We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, that the happiness of the rightcous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Gospel Order as Amended.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly sovenant, to keep up a Godly discipline, agreeably to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only head and law giver of his church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof. 3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supporter Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus-Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second soming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptised church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel, and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every members that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

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APPENDIX A.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF MISSIONARY BOARD.

Exexezer, October 3, 1837.

BRETHREN : Through the goodness of God, we are permitted to present you this, our thirteenth annual report as your Missionary Board; in doing which, we desire humbly, to return thanks to our Heavenly Father for his mercies extended to us through another Associational year, and for his blessings upon our work.

Your Missionary, brother Carter, proceeded to the work according to his appointment forthwith, after the adjournment of your last annual meeting, spending about eight days in each month in preaching to the destitut . We are satisfied that brother Carter has labored in great faithfulness, and rejoice that his labors have not been in vain. Brother Carter has spent ninely seven days in the work, preached ninety-six times, besides various discourses at the white side, exhortations, &c. baptised 16 persons, received 5 by letter, constituted one church, ordnined 2 descons, sustained the relation of supply to 3 churches, all, or a part of the time, and traveled 1504 miles.

Thus, brethren, we have presented a short account of the labors of your Missionary during the past year. In conclusion, we would state that there remains some destitution, within our bounds that we should endeavor to supply. Your Board, upon mature reflection is of the opinion that it can be most conveniently done under the direction of the General Association. And hence, would recommend a transfer of our Missionary work to that body, together with the funds on hand for Missionary purposes. Respectfully submitted.

L. MURRELL, Chairman.

N. L. CLARKE, Secretary.

APPENDIX B.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee on Documents and state of Religion, Report, That from the documents they gather, nothing of special interest, and that the Minutes will sufficiently exhibit the state of religion in the churches ; offering only the following resolution

on the subject of publications: Resolved, That the Mississippi Baptist is in every way worthy of the patronage of the Baptists of Mississippi, and we cordially ufge our brethren to take and read it.

W. J. MORRIS, Chairman. Respectfully submitted.

APPENDIX C.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Your Committee on Querries and Requests respectfully submit the following Report: We find but one request, and that from Leaf River Church, asking the Association to hold its next annual meeting with her, which we 'recommend be granted. We also find from the same Leaf River Church the following query, viz: "Is it according to gospel order and christian pro-

priety for Baptists to engage in dancing or playing, or to suffer it in their houses ?" To which we recommend the following answer: We think it is not It does not comport with that orderly walk and godly conversation to which the scriptures admonish us.' Reveling is one of the things in the catalogue of the works of the flesh, from which the scriptures certainly require us to refrain as the followers of Christ, and devotees of his holy religion, bound to shun every appearance of evil, and to glorify him in our bodies and spirits which are his. And we give it as our advice that when members of the church indulge in either of the modes of reveling menticned in the query, or suffer the indulgence of either in their houses; that the church should require of them a confession of repentance for it, as an offence against christian proprioty, and against the cause of Christ, and his holy religion. Nor can we look with any favor upon the unholy practice of Baptists sending WYLIE WHITE, Chairman. their children to dancing schools.

APPENDIX D.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTLE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, present the following Report ; Believing that the Missionary operations of this body will be transferred to the General Associ-

have pornipated po Missionary Board, leaving the matter to the deliberation of the As stion, we sociation. We nominate brother James Merchant to preach the next introductory sermon, and brother N. L. Clarke his alternate. E. L. CARTER, Chairman,

APPENDIX E.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Indian and Foreign Missions feel some embarrassment in reporting upon this subject before you, seeing that so little notice has been taken of this important work by the churches composing this body ; though from year to year it has been before us. Yet it has claims upon na, to which we should not close our eyes. The term I plian Mission is only used to designate the gaspel work almong the heathen in America, from that in other lands. The work is the same, and from its very character and design should ever commond itself, to our favorable consideration. We should ever bear is plus that while we enjoy the sunshine of the Gospel, other nations are in the aight of heathenism. They have not the scriptures-they hear not the voice of mercy.

"Shall we whose souls are lighted By wisdom from on high ;

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The lamp of life deny ?"

The Bible, christian sympathy; yes, our own consciences, answer, no! They all urge us to la box to give them the words of life, the gaspel of silvation. The success that has attended the labors of motion Missionaries among the heating in America and other countries should stimulate u+to greater activity in the work Thomsand have already, through grace, been brought to submit to the Pilnee of Peace. It is most sincerely urged that brethren will not overlook this importast department of christian labor. We offer the foll wing resolution : /

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the clurches composing the same, the Important work of Indian and Foreign Missions. That they take up collections each year, either public or private, for the support of this couse. Prudence would suggest this be at a period in the year when other objects of benevolence are not pressing-say in the spring season of the year. Submitted.

N. L. CLARKE, Chairman.

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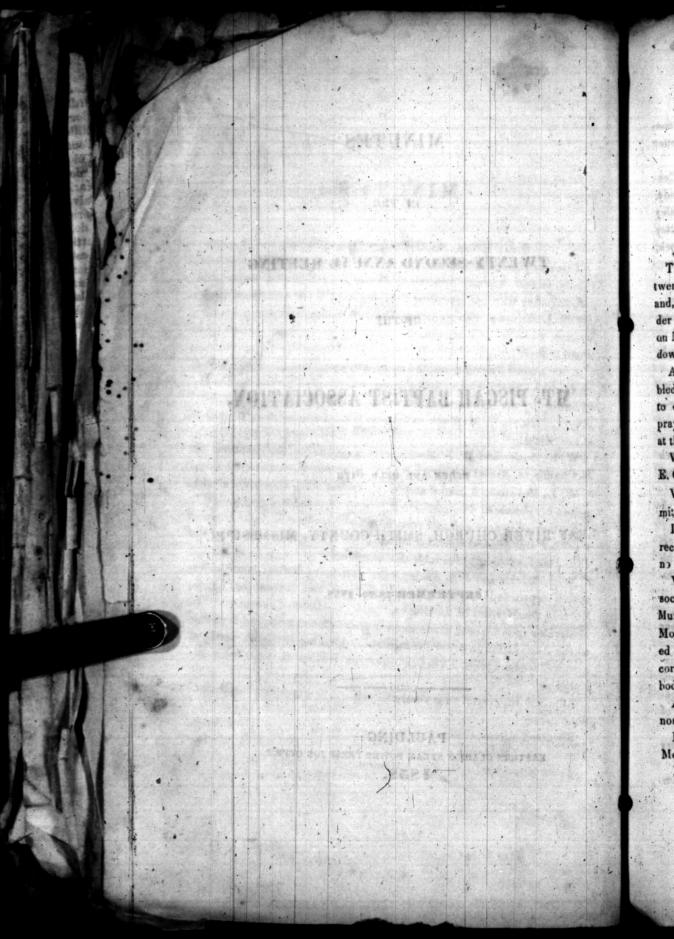
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LEAF RIVER, Smith County, Miss., September 18, 1858. This day convened with the Leaf River Church, the Delegates to the twenty-second Annual Session of Mount Pisgah Baptist Association, and, together with the attending Congregation, were addressed by Elder N. L. CLASKE, who preached the Introductory Sermon, founded an Neh 6c .- 3v. "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down to thee." S san alded. We consider to onthe hear standars of

After a short intermission, the delegates from the Churches assembled in the Church-House for business, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder L. P. Murrell, who engaged in prayer. Elders F. M. Meek and John Williams appointed to preach at the Stand. IF of 10 H M and and 7 H Hermond shill of

W. R. Butler and W. J. Morris were appointed to read letters. H. E. Chambers, Assistant Clerk. The second of an apport it off of

W. L. McIntosh, I. Bailiff and W. C. Porter were appointed a Committee on Finance.

Letters were received and read from 44 Churches-delegates names recorded and general statistics noticed. From Herbert and Ellisville n) correspondence. (See table of Churches.)

W. J. Morris and J. S. Antley were appointed Tellers, and the Association proceeded to elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. L. P. Murrell, Moderator; N. L. Clarke, Clerk; I. Bailiff, Treasurer. The Moderator took Lis seat, made some appropriate remarks, and announced the Association in order for business. Reading of the Rules of Decorum dispensed with. Visiting brethren invited to seats with the hody.

Afforded opportunity for Churches wishing to come into the body-Say dies M. day H. H. none came.

Received correspondence from Strong River. Elder F. M. Meek, O he send off so had at Messenger. No letter or minutes. From Ebenezer, a-bundle of Minutes.

Elder W. A. Hutson was received as correspondent from the General Association of Regular Baptists for S. E. Mississippi, with a letter and package of minutes, asking further co operation.

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Elder J. S. Antley appeared before the body as the agent of Central Female Institute, asked and obtained leave to read before the body, the Reports of the Board of Trustees of said Institute. Bro. Antley was received, the Reports read, and the privilege allowed Bro. Antley to present the claims of the Institute before the Association at 10 o'clock, Monday morning.

On motion proceeded to appoint Committees.

On Preaching-G. W. Barnes, James Jones, W. White, H. Dunn. Queries and Requests-W. A. Hutson, J. Canadas, Wm. Thomas, D. Dove.

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Documents and State of Religion - W. J. Morris, E. W. Roebuck, N. L. Clarke, N. B. Roberson.

Nominations- W. R. Butler, J. H. Rush, J. F. Barbour, J. A. Hitt. On Missions-N. L. Clarke, S. J. Hitt, D. Riche, W. Sterling-Moderator added.

To Write Letters-H. E. Chambers, M. H. Curry, H. Reed. Committee on Preaching, reported that Elder J. S. Antley preach in the forenoon on to-morrow. Elder L. P. Murrell in the afternoon, and that Elder S. J. Hitt close t e services.

Adjourned to meet at nine o'clock, Monday morning.

LORD'S DAY.

The Brethren labored according to appointments, and from the order observed, and the attention given, we have reason to believe with good effects. A collection was taken up amounting to \$19.25 for Domestic Missions, and \$7 50 for Indian Missions.

MONDAY, September 19, 1858. The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Hutson. Adopted the former order of business.

On motion, proceeded to arrange correspondence to Sister Associations. To Bethlehem-Daniel Dove, Mcssenger. Harmony-Wm. R. Butler, Messenger. Strong River-J. A. Hitt, Messenger. Ebenezer-J. H. Rush, Messenger. Each bearing a letter and package of Minutes.

Called for Reports of Committees. Committee to Write Letters reported. Letters adopted.

On Documents, Publications and State of Religion, reported. Re-

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Elder J. S. Antley addressed the Association in behalf of Central Female Institute, Clinton, Miss. In response to the request of the Board of Trustees of said Institute, presented by Bro. Antley, it was agreed to have the report of said Board printed in the Minutes of the Association. (Appendix F.)

Resolved, That the Association proceed to appoint delegates to the General Association of S. E. Mississippi, and that the Treasurer of . this body pay over to the delegates all funds in his hands for benevolence. W. A. Hutson, John Williams, W. L. McIntosh, N. B. Roberson, W. White, W. R. Butler, I. P. Murrell, N. L. Clarke, W. J. Morris, J. H. Rush, and G. F. Smith, were appointed delegates.

Resolved, That it is with emotions of deep regret that we notice the evidences of accumulating tendencies to open communionize our denomination in these United States: And that, in the opinion of this Association, to concede, or acknowledge the various Protestant Pedo-Baptist Societies to be Evangelical or Scriptural Churches of Christ, or otherwise to endorse them as such, is the same as, and is, in fact, acknowledging of the Evangelical organization and Scriptural authonity, and divine right of the Church of Rome to legislate and change ordinances which she claims; and from which the Protestants have brought their Pedo-Baptism, and under whose authority they now hold it; for they have found no other on which to predicate it; and tends directly to open communion, by removing the foundation upon which is based the main arguments for close communion. And,

Resolved, Further, that we regard Campbellism and Mormonism as beresies, and their immersion as nullities.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Churches composing our body the organization of Sunday Schools whenever practicable, and that they use therein the Sunday School B offs and Libraries published at the S Western Publishing House, Mashville, Tenn, rather than those of former publishing organizations.

Resolved, That the time of the meeting of this body be changed from its present, to the Saturday before the second Lord's Day in October. Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tens dered to this Church and community for their kindness and liberality extended to us while among them.

Resolve 1. That the Clerk have the Minutes of our proceedings printed, distribute the same, reserving a sufficient number of copies for correspondence, receive twenty dollars for his services, and draw on the Treasurer for the same, as also for money to meet the expenses.

Resolved, That the next meeting of this body be with Pleasant Hill Church, Newton county, Mi., Saturday before the second Lord's Day in October, 1859.

Resolved, That Elder W. A. Hutson preach the next Introductory Sermon, and that Elder L. P. Murrell be his alternate.

Resolved, That we now adjourn to meet with Pleasant Hill Church, 11 miles west of Decatur, Newton County, Miss., Saturday, before the second Lord's Day in October, 1859.

The Minutes were read and approved. A parting hymn was sung, during which the delegates and brethren gave to each other the parting hand of Christian affection. Thus passed and closed, harmoniously, the Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of Mount Pisgah Association of Regular Baptists. Closing prayer by Elder N. L. Clarke. L. P. MURRELL, Moderator.

N. L. CLARKE, Clerk.

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LIST OF THE NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.—L. P. Murrell, Conehatta; W. R. Butler, Hillsboro; W. H. Hatsel, Pensacola; E. L. Carter, Ocoha; J. G. H. Baugh, Polkville; S. J. Hill, Polkville; Wilson West, Pineville; N. L. Clarke, Decatur; Henry Gill, Union; D-Killen, Union; A. Winstead, Herbert; W. A. Hutson, Green Bush; John Williams, Garlandsville; J. H. Rush, Claiborne.

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APPENDIX A.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND STATE RELIGION.

Your Committee on Documents, Publications and State of Religion, beg leave to offer the following Report :

That, from the reading of the Letters from the different Churches, we find a majority complaining of coldness, barrenness, and declension; while but few have been able to report any special outpouring of God's grace upon them. Most, if not all of them, however, are in peace, and all are supplied with the ministrations of the word of God. We view, that, while there is much for which we should be thankful to God, in the state of the Churches, yet there is much to deplore, which we fear exhibits disease in the body. Various and multiform may be the causes conspiring to produce this unpleasant state, but to none can it be attributed more than dereliction in christian duty. That faith, which, if possessed as a grain of mustard seed, would enable its possessor to say to this, that, or the other obstacle, be removed, and it would be removed, is not possessed. That spirit of wrestling prayer that knows, nor will take no denial, is not exercised. Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Your Committee would say to each individual member of Christ's Kingdom, that he read the Scriptures daily and meditate thereon. That he pray by day and by night-that he study diligently the things that make for the peace, welfare, and prosperity of Zion, as well as for his own soul. That he foreake not the assembling together as the manner of some is; to be always at his post, abounding in every good word and work, and above all, let brotherly love abound. As Christ has loved us, so ought we to love one another. and another of blands and a sile by all dent.

Your Committee feel, and would here give utterance to that feeling, that if such was the general life of Christians, we would not be pained with complaints of coldness, barrenness, &c., but our hearts would be made to rejoice over the conversion of sinners and the prosperity of the cause of the Redeemer. To all we say try it for one year and put God to the test, and see if he will not open the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing that there will not be room to receive. Lord speed the day when such complaints shall no more salute our

ears. On Publications, your Committee will only say that our interest as a people requires that we have a faithful organ for intercommunication, and such an organ is found in the "Mississippi Bapiist," worthy or We hope our brethren will look to their interest in our patronage. this matter. W. J. MORRIS, Chairman.

Submitted.

APPENDIX B.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Your Committee on Queries and Requests report, that they find six Churches request letters of dismission, viz: Polkville, Zion Hill, Ocoha, Providence, Harmony, and Sharon, which we recommend be granted. Also the request of Pleasant Hill Church, for the next annual meeting of this body to be with her, be granted. 1 - NO .. 207 1 SA "A SALA S

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W. A. HUTSON, Chairman.

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APPENDIX C.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS. We, your Committee on Nominations report, that we have nominated Elder W. A. Hutson as a suitable person to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder L. P. Murrell as his alternate. W. R. BUTLER, Chairman.

Submitted.

APPENDIX D. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS. Your Committee on Missions report, that there is great reason why the friends of Missions should be encouraged in their work. Not a year passes, but gives some new evidence, at home and abroad, that God is approving and prospering the labors of his people in the work of Missions. Not quite three quarters of a century have passed since Carey, the great pioneer of Modern Missions, went from England to India, and yet how vast the change! The work has gone forward-the energies of the Church have been enlisted, prejudices overcome, and one coun-

try after another has been occupied until the standard of the Prince of Peace has been reared in almost every land, and thousands have been converted to God. While we rejoice over this, we must at the same

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A few more years of perseverance and the destitution of our own country will be supplied. But, looking beyond our own population, see the red man of the West, claiming the sympathies, prayers, and aid of the people of God. They walk in darkness, they go down to death. The Gospel alone can give them light-can give them life. We are their debtors-according to our ability we should give them help. Our brethren are among them, let us sustain them. Yet,'still, while looking to the heathen of our own domain, we should not forget that the field is the world. We are blessed above all nations. For what end ? That we may consume it upon our lusts? Verily, no; but that we may be a blessing to the world. Let us bear in mind that God does not give us liberty, wealth and opportunity for our own sakes alone, but that in the enjoyment and use of these blessings we may do good to others; that from us the glorious Gospel may go forth over all the earth. We should feel that Foreign Missions have claims on us that we should not slight. Our brethren are in Asia and Africa. ' Let us pray much for them, and support them as we are able. Therefore, in view of the importance of Indian and Foreign Missions, and also of the fact that at the time of out Autumnal anniversaries, other claims are pressing on us. Your Committee would renew the recommendation of last year, that at a point of time intermediate between, our Annual Association, the Churches take up the subject of Indian and Foreign Missions, and contribute to them according to their choice and ability, and forward it to its proper destination. We are the more encouraged to renew this recommendation as one Church, at least, has adopted the plan, and find themselves pleased with it.

Submitted. N. L. CLARKE, Chairman.

APPENDIX E.

EPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance report, that they have exam Treasurer's Report and find a balance in his hands for Asso	ociatio	nal ,
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W. L. McINTOSH, Chairman.

CLINTON, Mississippi, Sept., 1858.

To the Mount Pisgah Baptist Association:

The Board of Trustees of the Central Female Institute, to the

Mount Pisgah Association, beg leave to submit the following report: Said Institute at this place, has been in a growing state of successful progress, as you are aware, for the last five years. And, from your proximity to it, we feel that you, together with all *Baptist Churches* and *Associations*, situated in Central and Eastern Mississippi, are alike interested in the successful progress of the Institute.

We have, therefore, thought proper to make a full report to you, in common with other Baptist Associations, of the situation and wants of the Institute, and to invite your hearty co-operation.

The Board of Trustees are gratified in being able to state, that the condition and prospects of the Institute is of a more permanent and encouraging character than ever before. Professor Hillman, Principal of the Institute, has secured for the ensuing scholastic year the entire Faculty of the past year. All of whom, by their skill and adroitness in their several departments, have secured for themselves, not only the confidence of the Principal, but the utmost confidence of the Board of Trustees, and we may safely add, that of the patrons of the School-And after the many merited commendations of the Editors, and other writers who were in attendance, and witnessed the last Annual Examination and commencement exercises of the Institute, as published in the Mississippi Baptist, Hinds County Gazette, Southern Sun, Vicksburg Whig, Brandon Republican, and Democratic Platform, for us to add more, would the character of the high in the estimation the well established cessary to procure to Institute buildings. we shall have, ere loss speedily be filled w

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to add more, would be altogether gratuitous. Suffice it to say, that the character of the Faculty of the Institute stands pre-eminently high in the estimation of an intelligent and generous public. And with the well established reputation of such a Faculty, no drumming is necessary to procure Scholars, to fill the prescribed limits of our present Institute buildings. Had we double the space, as fondly anticipated we shall have, ere long, in the erection of a spacious building, it would speedily be filled with pupils.

The Board has purchased a very eligible and convenient site, situated within the outskirts of Clinton, containing 18 87-100 acres, for which we pay twelve hundred dollars, and the Board has adopted a plan of building, and have appointed a committee with instructions to advertise for the building of said edifice, to be let out to the lowest responsible bidder. The present Institute buildings, and other property, owned by the Board of Trustees, we estimate as being worth from sixteen to eighteen thousand dollars, free from debt. With this available amount, and having two energetic and successful agents in the field, viz: Elder H. Nabring and Elder J. S. Antley, we feel warranted in letting out the building as soon as we can find a contractor on reasonable terms. And here we must urge the importance of the enterprise, as one in which the Baptists of Central and Eastern Mississippi are essentially interested; pecuniarily, intellectually, and above all, as the friends of Zion; and we must not be refrained from asserting, that the Baptists generally of the State of Mississippi are interested in the suc-Mississippi College, which College is justly and rapidly growing in usefulness, and in the confidence of the Denomination throughout the State, and of the public generally.

The College Chapel to be erected the coming year, the use of which for public occasiors will be granted to the Institute, will enable the Board to economise on the extent of the Institute building, not having to provide an Assembly Room. Yet at least ten thousand dollars, or upwards, must be yet raised by donation, subscription, or otherwise, in addition to the sixteen or eighteen thousand dollars above mentioned. And as the immediate friends and guardians of the Institute, we invite your fostering care, and through you, and our agent, Bro. Antley, the liberal and philauthropic contributions of your Church members, and all persons friendly to the enterprise. For further particulars in relation to the interests of the Institute, we respectfully refer you to Be reu'J. S. Antley, J. M. Lewis, D. S. Snodgrass, J. M. Night, and I. H. Milliken, members of our Board, whom we have commissioned to bear you this our report, and as Messeugers from us to your fraternal body. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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