

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

CHICKASAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

BETHLEHEM CHURCH,

TIPPAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,

ON THE 19TH, 20TH AND 22ND DAYS OF SEPT., 1851.



MOSELEY & GUION, PRINTERS, "ENQUIRER OFFICE,"

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ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE
 BOUNDS OF THE CHICKASAW ASSOCIATION.

NAME.

M. HALL.
 L. BALL.
 E. SMITH.
 J. BOSWELL.
 W. H. HALL.
 C. C. MALONE.
 E. BROWN.
 A. MCCAIN.
 P. KELLY.
 J. B. MORTON.
 J. H. FERGUSON.
 H. G. FERGUSON.
 A. GODWIN.
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 R. HALL.
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POST OFFICE

Pontotoc.
 Poplar Springs.
 Tardaville.
 Rocky Ford.
 Poplar Springs.
 Tardaville.
 Ripley.
 Tripoli.
 Salem.
 Salem.
 Ripley.
 Fremont.
 Ripley.
 Hico.
 Dumas.
 Pontotoc.
 Cornersville.
 Salem.
 Salem.

LICENTIATES

T. HOOKER.
 S. PHARR.
 -- MILLER.
 J. BROWN.

Poplar Springs.
 Yellow Creek.
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NAMES.	POST-OFFICE.	NAMES.	POST-OFFICE.
M. Ball,	Cherry Creek,	L. Ball,	Cherry Creek,
E. Smith,	Poplar Spring,	J. Boswell,	Tardyville,
Wm. Hall,	Rocky Ford,	C. C. Malone,	Yellow Creek,
J. S. Morton,	Shelby Creek,	P. Skelly,	Tripole,
J. H. Prescott,	Salem,	H. G. Spencer,	Salem,
A. Godwin,	Ripley,	P. H. Roberts,	Rienzie,
L. Roden,	Ripley,	A. H. Booth,	Rienzie,
W. E. Rogers,	Dumas,	W. Young,	Pontotoc,
R. Nutt,	Salem,	W. J. Thomas,	Salem,
L. W. Baily,	Cornersville,	J. C. Derryberry,	Bone Yard,
H. Thompson,	New Albany,	B. F. Hollowell,	Salem.
J. J. Andrews,	Cherry Creek,		

LICENTIATES.

F. Hooker,	Poplar Spring,	S. Pharr,	Yellow Creek,
L. Burns,	Dry Run,	J. T. Pitts,	Cherry Creek,
R. G. Tuttle,	Ripley,	A. Butler,	Bone Yard.
—Wilkins,	Carrollville,		

TIME OF MEETING,

OF THE DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS BODIES, WITH WHOM
WE CORRESPOND.

- Bear Creek Association.
- Panola Association—Saturday, before the first Sabbath in October.
- Big Hatchie Association—Saturday, before the fourth Sabbath in July.
- Cold Water Association—Friday, before the third Sabbath in October.
- North River Association—Friday, before the fourth Sabbath in Sept.
- Aberdeen Association—Thursday, before the first Sabbath in October.
- Baptist State Convention—Thursday, before the second Sabbath in Nov.

THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

CHICKASAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Will be held with the Rienzie Church, Tishamingo county, commencing Friday,
before the third Lord's day in September, 1852.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

OF

THE CHICKASAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

JOEL H. BERRY,
ELIJAH SMITH,
SIMON R. SPIGHT.

GEO. V. GAMBRELL,
JOHN BOATNER.

MINUTES.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH, Miss., Sept. 19, 1851.

The delegates composing the Chickasaw Association, assembled with the Bethlehem Church, on Friday before the 3d Lord's day in September, 1851.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. H. Booth, from the 15th chapter of 1st Cor., and 3d verse: "For I delivered unto you first of all, that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures."

The Association was then called to order by the former Moderator, Elder J. S. Morton, assisted by the former clerk. Prayer by Elder J. W. Pender.

Appointed Wm. E. Rogers and A. W. Whitten as reading clerks.

The letters from the several churches was then called for in their regular order. Read, and the delegates names enrolled. (See statistical table.)

Petitionary letters were then called for, and petitions received from the following churches, praying admittance into this body. First the letter from Macedonia was read, received, and the hand of fellowship extended to their delegates. Second, the letter from Sardis was read and received as above. The letters from Mount Olive and Hickory Grove were read and received in like manner.

The Association then proceeded to elect by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Elder M. Ball, moderator, and W. J. Riddle, clerk; and by motion, S. R. Spight was appointed Assistant Clerk.

Appointed a committee on preaching, consisting of the following brethren: J. Boatner, N. L. Ward, Elijah Smith, G. V. Gambrell, and J. Wooten, with the deacons of this church.

Appointed a committee to arrange the business to come before this body, viz: Wm. Hale, J. Boswell, J. Boatner, L. Ball, and B. Jackson, and by motion the moderator, clerk and assistant clerk, was added to said committee.

Appointed a committee on finance, viz: A. Godwin, Wm. J. Thomas and T. J. Hodges.

Appointed a committee on documents, viz: H. G. Spencer, J. J. Andrews and Wm. E. Rogers.

Appointed a committee on the state of religion, viz: J. H. Berry, A. H. Booth, Wm. Hale, A. W. Whitten, and S. R. Spight.

Correspondence from other religious bodies was then called for, and Elder Wm. M. Farrar was received as a correspondent from the Baptist State Convention, and Elders Elias Rogers, T. Smith, and R. Hale, was received as correspondents from the Cold Water Association, and Elder D. W. Andrews, with a letter, was received as a correspondent from the North River Association. Elder J. W. Pender was received as a correspondent from the Big Hatchie Association, and Elder Wm. H. Halcomb was received as a correspondent from the Aberdeen Association, all of whom were invited to take seats with us, and participate in all the proceedings of this body.

The committee appointed by the Joint Committee on the Female College, at Pontotoc, was called upon to report, which was done through their chairman, Wm. H. Halcomb. Report read and referred to the committee of arrangements.

By motion, the Association adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. S. Morton.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 20.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by the moderator.

The report of the committee of arrangements was called for. Report received, adopted, and the committee discharged.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Read the rules of decorum.

The circular letter was then called for, which was received, read, and upon a motion for its adoption, a discussion ensued, which continued until the hour of adjournment for dinner. The Association then adjourned for one hour and a half.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Wm. M. Farrar.

The consideration of the circular letter was resumed, and the motion to adopt was withdrawn; and the letter referred to a select committee, consisting of Wm. Hale, Wm. M. Farrar, A. H. Booth, J. H. Berry and Elias Rogers.

Correspondence was again called for, and R. J. Crawford and W. T. Young was received as additional correspondents from the Big Hatchie Association, and E. Moore was received as an additional correspondent from the Aberdeen Association.

Appointed correspondence to the following religious bodies:

To the Panola Association, Wm. Hale, N. L. Ward, and J. F. Herrick.

To the Big Hatchie Association, P. H. Roberts, S. R. Spight, J. S. Morton, and B. F. Hollowell.

To the Cold Water Association, B. F. Hollowell and Wm. J. Thomas. Wm. J. Thomas to write the letter.

To the North River Association, M. Ball, J. J. Andrews and Wm. E. Rogers.

To the Aberdeen Association, P. H. Roberts, S. R. Spight, Elijah Smith and J. Johnson.

To the Baptist State Convention, M. Ball, Nath. Harben, Simon R. Spight, Joel H. Berry, Elijah Smith, Hezekiah G. Spencer, Willie J. Riddle, Stephen Hurlkill, George V. Gambrell, Cullen Curlee and James Hill. S. R. Spight to write the letter.

Appointed Elder M. Ball to preach the next introductory sermon, and Elder Wm. Hale his alternate.

By motion it was resolved that this body discontinue the practice of writing circular letters.

Appointed a committee to nominate trustees for the Female College, at Pontotoc, viz: A. H. Booth, J. S. Morton, Wm. E. Rogers, H. G. Spencer and J. Boswell.

Reports from District meetings called for. The report from the first district was read and adopted. (See Appendix, No. 1.)

The report from the second district was read and adopted. (See Appendix, No. 2.)

The report from the third district was read and adopted. (See Appendix, No. 3.)

The report of the committee on finance was presented, read and adopted, and the committee discharged. (See Appendix, No. 4.)

The association then went into an election, by ballot, of five brethren to serve as an executive board, for the next associational year, which resulted in the choice of the following, viz: Joel H. Berry, George V. Gambrell, John Boatner, Elijah Smith, and Simon R. Spight.

The query from the Union Church, was then taken up, which reads as follows:

Is it consistent for Baptists to invite Pedo-Baptists to preach in their churches?

Answered in the affirmative; for the following reasons: Although we cannot have church fellowship for our Pedo-Baptist brethren, yet we have christian fellowship for all christians, and therefore can consistently co-operate with them in preaching the Gospel of Christ.

On motion the Association then adjourned until Monday morning, 8 o'clock. Prayer by Elder A. H. Booth.

SUNDAY MORNING, Sept. 21.

At a very early hour this morning, there was a very large and respectable congregation assembled at the stand, which was occupied in the following order:

At 9 o'clock by Elder J. W. Pender, at 11 o'clock by Elder Wm. H. Halcomb, at 3 o'clock by Elder Wm. M. Farrar, and

at candle-light by Elder A. H. Booth. After the services at 11 o'clock, a collection was taken up, for Foreign and Domestic Missions, amounting to \$37:05.

MONDAY MORNING, Sept. 22.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder A. Godwin.

The rules of order was suspended, to call for letters or delegates from churches not yet represented. A letter was received from Friendship Church, Tishamingo county; read and delegates names enrolled.

Reports called for. The committee on documents made their report; read and adopted, and committee discharged. (See Appendix, No. 4.)

The committee on the circular letter reported; read and adopted, and the letter ordered to be spread on the minutes, and the committee discharged. (See Appendix, No. 5.)

Report of the committee to nominate trustees for the Female College, at Pontotoc; read and adopted, and committee discharged. (See Appendix, No. 6.)

Report of the committee on the state of religion, was read and adopted, and the committee discharged. (See Appendix, No. 7.)

The report of the executive board was received, read and adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes. (See Appendix, No. 8.)

The report of the treasurer was read and adopted. (See Appendix, No. 9.)

By motion the report of the joint committee on the Female College, at Pontotoc, was ordered to be spread upon the minutes. (See Appendix, No. 10.)

RESOLUTIONS:

Whereas, the Southern Baptist Convention has formed a Bible Board, and located the same at Nashville, Tenn., therefore,

1. Resolved, that this Association recommend the Bible Board at Nashville, to the patronage of the brethren and churches of this Association.

2. Resolved, that this Association heartily approve the course of our executive board, in the distribution of Bibles, Testaments, and other religious books. Also the manner in which they have discharged their various duties, for the past year.

Whereas, oneness of sentiment and practice, is desirable among our ministers, in preaching the great doctrines of the Bible, and, further, as it is our duty to assist each other in explaining the fundamental principles of christianity, and advise together with regard to the best manner of conducting our efforts, for the salvation of sinners, therefore,

3. Resolved, that we recommend a ministers' meeting, to be held annually, at such time and place as may be agreed upon, for the purposes above mentioned. The first meeting to take place at the Fellowship Church, commencing Friday, before the 5th Sabbath in November next.

Believing that the present manner of communing among the Baptists, is not strictly apostolic, and is attended with much inconvenience, therefore,

4. Resolved, that each church composing this body, be requested to enquire into the expediency of making a change, and an expression in their next letter to the Association.

5. Resolved, that the thanks of this body is due, and heartily tendered to the good brethren and friends of the Bethlehem Church, for their very kind, reception, and hospitable entertainment of this Association, during its present session.

6. Resolved, that the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to brother M. Ball, for the very able and satisfactory manner he has presided over this Association, during its present session.

7. Resolved, that the brother Clerk superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes, and that he have as many copies printed, as the money in his hands will procure, retaining ten dollars for his services.

8. Resolved, that the trustees, appointed by this Association, for the Pontotoc Female College, be empowered to fill all vacancies which may occur by death, or otherwise.

The minutes were then read and corrected, and signed by the moderator and clerk.

After some feeling remarks by the moderator and Elder Wm. Hale, a parting hymn was sung; and prayer by the moderator.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Rienzie Church, Tishamingo county, on Friday, before the 3d Sabbath in September, 1852.

M. BALL, Moderator.

W. J. RIDDLE, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

NUMBER I.

UNION MEETING REPORT, 1ST DIST.

The Union Meeting of the 1st district was held with the New Albany church, at which time the following resolutions were passed, viz:

Resolved, that the next meeting of this body be held with the Friendship church, Pontotoc county, Miss., commencing Thursday, before the 1st Sabbath in August, 1852.

Resolved, that the next introductory sermon be preached by Elder L Ball; Elder J J Andrews his alternate.

Appointed the following brethren to write essays on the subjects to their names annexed, viz:

Elder E Smith, on the Doctrine of Election.

Elder Wm Hale, on the Sovereignty of the Church.

Elder Jas Boswell, on Relationship of Church Members.

Elder J J Andrews, on the Obligation of Christians to love their neighbors as themselves.

Elder Wm Young, on Grace.

Brother J Boatner, on Force of Tradition.

Brother Gambrell, on Christian Experience.

Brother N L Ward, on Conversion.

Brother E Tiner, on Duties of the Sisters as Church Members.

Resolved, that at the next meeting of this body, Elder M Ball preach a sermon suited to ministers and deacons, and that Wm Hale be his alternate.

E. SMITH, Clerk.

NUMBER II.

UNION MEETING REPORT, 2D DIST.

The Union Meeting of the 2d district was held with the Academy church, commencing Friday, before the 2d Lord's day in August, 1851.

Appointed the next Union Meeting to be held with the Salem church, commencing Friday, before the 2d Lord's day in August next.

Appointed Elder Wm H Halcomb, to preach the next introductory sermon, and Elder Wm J Thomas his alternate.

This seems to be all that we deem necessary to report to your body.

W. J. RIDDLE, Clerk.

NUMBER III.

UNION MEETING REPORT, 3D DIST.

The Union Meeting of the 3d district of this Association, was held with Yellow Creek church, Tishamingo county; at which time the following resolutions were passed, viz:

Resolved, that Elder L. Ball preach the next introductory sermon; and A H Booth his alternate.

Resolved, that Elder C C Malone preach a sermon appropriate to ministers and deacons:

Appointed the next Union Meeting for this district to be held with the Mount Zion church, commencing on Friday, before the third Lord's day in August, 1852.

Appointed the next Association to be held with the church at Rienzie, Tishamingo county.

Appointed brethren to write essays:

A H Booth, to finish his essay upon Communion; C C Malone, on the Sabbath; Samuel Pharr, on Intemperance; P F Boon, on the duty of Deacons; B M P Lowery, on the duty of Church Members; B F Belcher, on Hope; Bowen, on the duty

of Children to their Parents; Jesse Wooten, on the duty of Parents to their Children.

NUMBER IV.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your committee on documents, beg leave to report that we find nothing in the documents referred to us, worthy of your consideration.

H. G. SPENCER, Chairman.

NUMBER V.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD:

After hearing from you by letter and delegates, we are bound to thank God that christian love and fellowship abounds. We will appreciate your labor of love, by an address on the subject of the unity of the christian church

First, that religion or the christian church is a unit, that it admits of neither fractions nor parties, but this point is disputed. We will prove the affirmative of the above position, first, by reason, and second, by scripture; both by precept and example. First, then, reason teaches that every tree sends forth limbs and twigs, like the original stock, and of the same with it. Was it ever known that an apple tree sent forth any kind of shoot or twig than an apple?

As it is in the vegetable kingdom, so in the spiritual kingdom; all the branches of Christ's church are like the old Jerusalem stalk; every variation from the original church, however small, is illegitimate. The same pre-requisites to, and laws of the first church, are the only pre-requisites, and laws of the christian church to this day, and however small the digression from the original, it cannot be owned or blessed of God.

Second, nature teaches that there must be a unity of sentiment, in the performance of any business whatever. In architecture, one must direct and others obey; for instance the building of Solomon's Temple, Solomon directed and his servants obeyed him. Suppose that there had been as many different kinds of directions in the building of the Temple, as there are

at the present day, on the subject of religion, would the work ever have been finished? No, never; and this accounts for the reason why the commission of our lord has not long since been carried to the uttermost parts of the earth, as he commanded. Instead of obeying Christ as the great law-giver, each religious party is wanting to direct and legislate for others, hence the present disputes of the so-called christian church. Unity of sentiment, and unity of action, are indispensable in the performance of any work in art or nature; as in art or nature, so in religion; hence you see, when the Saviour gave the commission to preach the gospel in all the world, what he gave in charge to one he gave to all; as a demonstration of this fact, what said Jesus? Matthew xxviii: 28, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," &c., and in Mark xvi: 15-16, "Go ye therefore into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptised shall be saved, he that believeth not shall be damned." Now it is certain that what Matthew had in charge to preach, so did all the apostles, and after ministers.

The consideration of this subject is, to prove by express commandment, that as christians we are all bound to think alike, speak alike, and act alike, in all matters of religion. First, then, in the 17th chapter of the gospel by John, and 20th verse, we have the following language: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for all those that shall believe on me, through their works, that they may all be one, as we are one, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Now, it is certain that whatever the Saviour prayed for, is right to be done. The prayer just referred to teaches that the design of the Lord was, that those who believed on him, through the preaching of the apostles, should be one as he and his Father are one.

Again, in Paul to the Romans, xvi: 17v., we have the following language: "Now, I beseech you brethren mark them, which caused division and offense, contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them." It is certain that the apostles intended to teach the brethren at Rome, that they were not to allow any division of religious sentiment among them. So ea-

ger was he on that occasion that he commanded them to avoid such as would attempt it. Again, in 1st Cor. i: 10v., "Now, I beseech you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together, in the same mind, and in the same judgment." From this text it is clear that the apostle intended that the Corinthians should be so joined together, as not to admit of divisions; first, of speech, second, of judgment, and third, of mind; when so joined together they could have no divisions in anything pertaining to religion. Again, Paul to the Phillippians, ii: 1, 2, 3, "If there be, therefore, any consolation in Christ, any comfort of love, any fellowship of the spirit, and bowels and mercies, fulfill ye my joy, that ye be like minded, having the same love, being of one accord; of one mind, let nothing be done through strife or vainglory, but in lowliness of mind; let each esteem others better than themselves."

Comment on this passage would be useless; any person can see that the apostle intended to put down the last chance for divisions in any way possible. Once more, Paul to the Ephesians, iv: 1st and 6th verses inclusive, "I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one-another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, for there is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, and Father of all, who is above all, and through you all, and in you all."

Here are five articles of the apostle's faith, each of which is clearly a unit. Well might the apostle say that a double-minded man is unstable in all his ways. These articles of the apostle's faith was set forth for the purpose of teaching us that religion is a unit in every instance, and from these we can as easily prove the existence of three Gods, or three Lords, or three Spirits, as three Faiths, or three Baptisms. How, then, from the above, can any man come to the conclusion that whatever we believe honestly, to us it is right.

Again, another class of Scriptures teach us the same doctrine, by example, Acts 1st chap., and verses, show that when the disciples returned to Jerusalem, after the Saviour had re-commissioned them to preach the gospel in all the world, that they gathered together in an upper-room of one of the disciples, the number of the names together were about 120, and they were all of one accord, in one place, the whole 120 perfectly agreeing in all matters of religion, this being the first church assembled in perfect agreement in all things pertaining to godliness; follows it not, that all the churches of Christ should agree in all religious matters.

Again, Acts 2d chap., 1st verse, "When the day of pentecost had fully come, they were all of one accord, after the descent of the Holy Spirit." Peter opened the gospel mission, and preached a very affective sermon; some were convicted and cried out, and said, what must we do? being told, they gladly received the word and were baptised, and the same day there were collected unto them about three thousand souls. Here then was a church of three thousand, one hundred and twenty members, and they continued of one accord, and did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart. No division had yet arisen among them.

Again, a circumstance occurred in Acts, 3d and 4th chapters, which resulted in the conversion of five thousand others, which when added to the former three thousand, one hundred and twenty, makes the sum total of eight thousand, one hundred and twenty, in the church at Jerusalem, and the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul.

In conclusion, it does appear clearly, that we have shown that religion is a unit in all its bearings, admitting of neither factions nor parties.

We now submit the above to your serious and prayerful perusal, as establishing, most completely, the unity of the church. May the Lord bless truth and pardon error, and save us all for Christ's sake.

NUMBER VI.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE TRUSTEES
FOR THE FEMALE COLLEGE AT PONTOTOC.

We, your committee appointed to nominate Trustees for the Female College at Pontotoc, beg leave to make the following report, to wit:

Nathaniel Harbin, Simon R Spight, Joel H Berry, Elijah Smith, Hezekiah G Spencer, Willie J Riddle, Stephen Hurlkill, Cullen Curlee, and James Hill; all of whom are respectfully submitted.

A. H. BOOTH, Chairman.

NUMBER VII.

Your committee to whom was referred the state of religion in the bounds of our Association, beg leave to report, that they have examined the letters from the several churches, and are happy to find that most of the churches are prospering in some good degree, whilst some of them have been most signally blest; reporting near three hundred accessions by Baptism, and whilst we feel to give praise to God for his mercies, we feel to lament that no more has been done. For further information on this subject, we refer you to the report of the Executive Board; all of which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. BOOTH, Chairman.

NUMBER VIII.

The Executive Board beg leave to report:

That although their operations have not been either so extensive or successful, as they could have desired; yet, on reviewing their labors and the results, during the last associational year, they cannot but thank God, and take courage.

Your board, at an early period, secured for a short time, the services of brethren W. E. Rogers and R. Hale, but found it almost impossible to engage a missionary, to be kept constantly in the field. When about to fail in this important feature of our operations, brother M. Ball was prevailed upon to accept a limited appointment, and through him we were also favored with the services of brother L. Ball. The following report of

the former, will fully set forth the nature and extent of the labors:

“TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, &c:

Dear Brethren: Soon after I consented to serve you as missionary, I was taken sick, and was under the necessity of suspending my labors, to a considerable extent. It was the opinion of many of my friends, that it would greatly endanger my life, to continue constantly in the field. Consequently employed, (as you authorized me to do,) brother Lewis Ball to visit the churches, collect funds, &c. He has rode 30 days collected in cash \$97:00, and on old subscriptions \$39:25, and took new subscriptions for \$127:55.

I also employed brother J. J. Andrews three days. I have supplied two stations monthly, except when sick; one in the neighborhood of brother J. O. Nelson's, where I found several Baptists holding letters, who lived some miles from any church of our order. The neighborhood and brethren erected a stand and seats, which we have since occupied, where I constituted a church numbering 17 members. They are still without a house, but making arrangements to build one. This church is composed of excellent brethren and sisters, and I consider them very competent to sustain a minister, notwithstanding the great distance he may have to ride, as they will likely be supplied from a distance, this being a destitute portion of our bounds. The other station is within the vicinity of Canaan. This church I found almost extinct. There were only five members left, and upon examining the church book, I found that they had recorded no conference since 1848. I made some appointments in the neighborhood, and preached several sermons, called the little band together, and received 13 members, who were holding letters. There being no house of worship, the neighborhood came together, and purchased a quarter section of land, on which they have since erected a comfortable house, at a most beautiful situation. We have had uniformly good congregations, good order, and serious attention to preaching. The community seems to take a lively interest in the progress of the church, and could they be supplied with an efficient

minister, I have no doubt but that great good would be effected, and many added to the church. At this juncture they are not able to sustain a minister, there being none near them they will have to be supplied from a distance, if supplied at all. I would therefore recommend that the board assist them at least for one year. They will no doubt do all they can to assist themselves.

I have sold 137 Bibles and Testaments, 32 religious books, and have given to the poor 24 Bibles and Testaments. I would here state that I am of the opinion, that this is the most profitable part of our labors. There is an increasing demand for Bibles, Testaments, and religious books. Could you but witness the joy expressed by the poor widows and orphans, upon receiving the word of life, your spirits would be stirred within you, and your diligence redoubled. This should be the case with all, since we are continually saluted with cries and petitions to come and preach the word of life to us, and to our children. There are large portions of Tippah and Tishamingo counties, entirely destitute of ministers. Several churches are without pastors, among these are Mount Gilead, Spring Hill and Vernon. And as I am informed, Union has but very little preaching, their present pastor being so remotely situated, and there being such great destitution all around them. I recommend that you suggest to your successors, or to the Association, that a minister be employed to take charge of the entire destitute region, so as to devote his whole time to their wants, and also that some plan be adopted, to urge the churches to sustain him, by their prayers and contributions. In conclusion, I am truly sorry that I have been able to do so little, while there is so much to be done, to promote the Redeemer's kingdom, yet I am conscious that I have done all I could. I have labored 49 days only. May the Lord bless your efforts, and crown you all in his kingdom at last, is my prayer, for Christ's sake. Amen."

September 18th, 1851.

"M. BALL."

Your board has endeavored to aid brother Ball, in the circulation of the Holy Scriptures. Their success in this depart-

ment of their labors, seems to call forth the most lively thanks, and deepest gratitude, to Almighty God.

444 copies, including some religious books, have been distributed during the last associational year, making in all 1046 copies, since this system was adopted. There is one remarkable fact connected with this part of our labor: as we expend money in circulating the word of God, instead of exhausting our treasury, it seems to fill it. The promise that God gave through his venerable and devoted servant, Elijah, to the poor widow, that "The barrel of meal should not waste, neither should the cruse of oil fail," has been so far graciously verified to us. As the Word goes out, the little rivulets or streams of benevolence flow in, and our treasury is now more full than it has been at any former period.

After having discharged all of our liabilities, we have now on hand, available funds, including some books, a surplus of \$236:10, to be used in circulating the word of God, and of sending the gospel to the destitute. And in entering anew upon the work assigned us, and with a deep sense of our weakness and inability, we plant ourselves humbly, but firmly, upon the precious promise of God; Isa. 55: 10, 11v. "As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it to bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater, SO SHALL MY WORD BE THAT GOETH FORTH OUT OF MY MOUTH, IT SHALL NOT RETURN UNTO ME VOID, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Nor can we, in conclusion, suppress the pleasing thought, that on the return of each Sabbath morning, many hearts receive light, and strength, and joy, and peace, from the sacred pages already distributed. May the gracious work go on, until God's word shall be found in every house, His kingdom set up in every heart, and His glory fill the whole earth, as the waters cover the great deep.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOEL H. BERRY, Chairman.

NUMBER IX.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

Elijah Smith, in Account with the Chickasaw Association:

1850—Sept. 23—Received of former Treasurer,			\$ 206 03
Nov'ber— “ J. Boswell,			3 65
Dec. 25— “ do.			5 00
1851—Jan'y 1— “ M. Ball,			1 00
April 10— “ T. J. Hodges,			5 00
May 3— “ M. Ball,			3 00
Sept. 19— “ Sale of Books,			66 12
Sept. 20— “ L. Ball,			97 00
“ “ do on old subscriptions,			39 25
“ “ Bulah Church,			1 15
“ “ Sardis,			50
“ “ T. Burrese,			1 00
“ “ M. Ball, for books,			51 15
“ Public collection on Sabbath,			18 15
			\$ 498 00
FOR INDIAN MISSION:			
1851—Sept. 20—Received from Academy Church,			4 75
“ “ Cherry Creek Church,			5 75
“ “ Bulah,			75
“ Part of public collection on Sabbath,			9 57
			20 82
FOR BIBLE CAUSE.			
“ Academy Church,			2 00
“ Bulah “			75
			2 75
FOR STATE CONVENTION.			
“ Academy Church,			2 00
“ Bulah “			75
			2 75
FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.			
“ Academy Church,			4 75
“ Bulah “			75
			5 50
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			\$ 529 82
CREDITS:			
1851—Jan. 12—Paid order Executive Board,			70 00
May 3— “ “ “			99 00
Sept. 20—Paid M. Ball as Missionary,			52 00
“ “ L. Ball “			30 00
“ “ R. Hale “			10 00
“ W. M. Farrar, recent For. Mission Agent,			18 15
“ Isaac F. Herrick, “ Ind. “			20 82
“ W. M. Farrar, “ Bible “			2 75
“ W. M. Farrar, “ Agt State Convention			2 75
“ W. M. Farrar, “ For. Mission,			5 40
			\$ 310 87
Balance now in the Treasury,			<hr/>
			\$ 218 95

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIJAH SMITH, Treasurer.

NUMBER X.

PONTOTOC, Miss., Aug. 30th, 1851.

On motion,

Resolved, That brethren W. H. Halcomb, Elijah More, Elijah Smith, and S. R. Spight, be, and they are hereby appointed a committee, to present this report to the Chickasaw and Aberdeen Associations.

The joint committee of the Chickasaw and Aberdeen Associations, beg leave to submit the following report to their respective Associations.

We, having received our appointment, met, and the business of the committee being brought up, the first was to locate the Institution; whereupon the location was made at the town of Pontotoc, we receiving from the citizens of said town, for carrying into effect our noble enterprise, a lot of forty acres of land, with a spacious and commodious building, sufficiently large to accommodate seventy-five or one hundred students, valued at five or six thousand dollars. Also, a donation of seventeen acres of land, from Col. G. G. Reneau; and, also, a donation from nine brethren of the committee, of one hundred acres of land, adjoining the other land donated. We furthermore appointed agents to get subscriptions and donations, and from the report of the Executive Board, appointed by this body, we find that about ten thousand dollars have been raised, in subscriptions and donations.

We would respectfully suggest to each Association, that a Board of Trustees, consisting of twenty members, be appointed—ten in each Association, and that seven constitute a quorum to do business—to carry out the purposes of each body in building up the Institution; and we would further urge the importance of a meeting (of the Trustees,) as soon as possible, to expedite business intimately connected with the interests of the Institution.

Your committee deem it indispensable that the school go into operation by the 1st of January, 1852.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. DAVIS, Chairman.

BENJAMIN BUGG, Sec'y.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DISTRICTS.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICE.	DAYS or MEET'G.	DELEGATES NAMES.	No of Bapt.	Rec'd letter	Rest'd	Dismiss Letters.	Exclu Dead	Total in Fellow- ship.	Contra- tion for Mins.
Amariah.	1st Dist.	W. Hale.	Garnersville.	3	Elder Z. W. Bailey, * J. Bird, * J. Bontner,	4	3	1	39	7	97	2.50
Cherry Creek.	"	M. Ball.	Cherry Hill.	2	Elder M. Ball, L. Ball, E. Smith, J. T. Pitts,	46	21	1	15	3	213	3.70
Cypress Creek.	"	W. Hale.	Liberty Hill.	4	L. Ward, W. B. Goodley, T. R. Williams,*	4	11	1	6	1	93	3.00
Redell.	"	L. Ball.	Rockyford.	4	Elder R. W. P. Hooper, * B. B. Martin,*	4	11	1	8	1	56	1.50
Camp Creek.	"	J. Bassell.	Freemont.	3	J. D. Little, R. W. W. Withler,*	8	7	2	10	2	35	1.75
Liberty.	"	J. Bassell.	Fackville.	4	Elder J. Bassell, S. A. Withler,*	20	2	2	14	3	130	8.50
Mount Albany.	"	W. Hale.	Ellistown.	2	E. Darlin,* M. Bridges,* T. C. Gibson,*	1	1	1	5	3	62	2.25
New Albany.	"	W. Hale.	New Albany.	3	J. Hill, J. Danahy,* W. Funk,*	11	10	2	9	6	73	3.00
Oak Hill.	"	W. Young.	Pantodes.	3	J. J. Garner,* G. Gambrell, M. Brown,	1	2	2	6	2	71	1.80
Philadelphie.	"	W. Young.	Rockyford.	1	Elder W. Hale, M. Johnson,* J. Moran,*	1	2	2	6	1	71	2.00
Poplar Spring.	"	W. Young.	Poplar Spring.	2	Elder J. J. Andrews, J. Dillard,* J. Owen,*	3	3	3	6	1	44	1.50
Pleasant Ridge.	"	I. Ball.	Poplar Spring.	1	S. Robinson,* J. M. Johnson, C. Ward.	1	1	1	14	3	121	7.75
Frienship.	"	E. Smith.	Molino.	3	J. A. Simpson,* G. V. Gambrell, J. B. Gambrell,*	20	3	3	3	1	45	1.00
Spring Creek.	"	W. Baile.	Compsville.	1	H. Pitts,* M. Burkes,* L. H. Brantford.	1	1	1	3	1	20	4.50
Hickory Grove.	2d Dist.	E. Smith.	Harrisburg.	1	D. C. Thomas, L. W. Stephens, B. Jackson.	15	8	5	17	4	113	1.50
Academy.	"	J. S. Morton.	Ortasha.	3	W. J. R. Adams,* E. S. Taylor, W. E. Owen,*	26	5	5	17	4	82	3.00
Antioch.	"	J. Bassell.	Hatchie Turpike.	3	E. Skidman,* E. S. Taylor, J. H. Berry, J. M. Hibany	14	4	2	13	1	64	1.50
Bethlehem.	"	L. Roden.	Salem.	4	J. Swain, G. S. Malory, J. H. Berry, J. M. Hibany	1	1	2	4	4	37	1.00
Canaan.	"	M. Ball.	New Albany.	1	T. Thresher, W. H. Thorne, J. Carroll.	1	1	2	3	3	37	1.25
New Hartmony.	"	W. E. Rogers.	Molino.	3	Elder W. E. Rogers, J. H. Berry, F. Geo.,	6	2	2	3	3	67	1.25
Hickory Grove.	"	J. Bassell.	Salem.	2	Not represented.	10	4	1	1	1	41	1.00
Kelownship.	"	J. Bassell.	Salem.	4	Elders W. J. Thomas, H. F. Hallowell, F. Norris	4	1	1	8	1	44	1.00
Hickory Grove.	"	J. S. Morton.	Salem.	3	S. R. Spight, A. W. Whitten, E. Rogers,	1	1	1	7	3	53	1.00
Phony Grove.	"	J. S. Morton.	Salem.	4	Elder J. S. Morton, H. G. Spenser, N. C. Whitlow	7	4	4	7	3	81	1.50
Spring Hill.	"	H. F. Hallowell.	Spring Hill.	1	J. S. Nunnally, B. Gannell,* J. Moran,	1	1	1	7	7	57	1.50
Union.	"	L. Savage.	Black's Store.	4	J. H. W. Vorterson, L. Burks, B. Green,	35	4	4	2	2	53	1.50
Macedonia.	"	A. Godwin.	Holly Springs.	2	Elder B. Skelly,* W. G. G. B. K. Carroll,*	4	4	4	3	3	13	1.50
Sarits.	3d Dist.	H. C. Spenser.	Pray Run.	4	W. Smith,* W. W. G. G. B. K. Carroll,*	18	2	1	21	1	24	1.00
Concord.	"	P. Skelly.	Farmington.	4	Elder B. Skelly,* W. G. G. B. K. Carroll,*	17	1	1	9	9	77	1.50
Mount Zion.	"	A. H. Booth.	Farmington.	2	E. J. Cateham, M. Taylor, J. W. Taylor,	11	1	1	10	5	65	1.50
Farmington.	"	A. H. Booth.	Riswell.	1	Elder A. H. Booth, P. H. Roberts, H. G. Savage,*	10	2	2	13	4	51	1.50
Verterse Creek.	"	C. C. Malone.	Yellow Creek.	3	Elder C. C. Malone, Saml. Pharr, W. Bishop,	7	2	1	5	5	21	1.50
Frienship.	"	C. C. Malone.	Cross Ridge.	3	W. Fulphum,* W. B. Pate,* T. E. Parker,	2	1	1	13	4	65	1.50
Vermon.	"	M. Ball.	Cross Ridge.	3	Not represented.	1	1	1	5	5	11	1.50
Mogart Olive.	"	M. Ball.	Carrollville.	4	J. O. Nelson,* T. Britner,* W. A. Davis,	273	203	6	140	61	2442	62.40

Absentees marked thus *

