## MINUTES ANNUAL SESSION

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Held with the Baptist Churcii in Greenville, Ga., October 4, jand 7, 1878.
C. GILMORE, Moderator,
G. W. Pitts, Clerk.
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## MINUTES.

Friday, October 4th, 1878
According to previous understanding, the Cabin Creek Association met the Baptist church in Greenville, Ga., at 10 o'clock A. M.
Tha introductory sermon was preached by Rev. D. Alexander of Meriwether county. Services were opened by Rev. W. H. Groves, of McDonough, by singing 108th page of the Cluster. Prayer by G. W. Pitts. The speaker then arose and sung the 37th hymn, and invited the attention of the audience to the text, which may be found in the Book of Jude, latter clause of the 3d verse: "Earnestly contend for the faith, which was once delivered unto the saints. The speaker spoke chiefly upon the great importance of faith, showing plainly in his argument that, without faith, it was impossible to please God.

Adjourned, to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was opened by Rev. J. Fews, Moderator, by singing on page 40. He then made a feeling address to the delegates, and offered prayer.

On motion, church letters were called for. Only 29 were received, as some were not on hand.

A reading committee was then appointed, consisting of J. Knight, F Moore, E. L. Weems, C. Sewell, J. R. Buckner, and W. H. Prudence.
After which went into election for Moderator and Clerk. It resulted in favor of Rev. C. Gilmore, as Moderator, and G. W. Pitts, as Clerk.
After some brief remarks by the elected officers, a preaching committee was appointed by the chair, consisting of Rev. D. J. Wimbush, 0. Beck, G. Stargel, and J. Bush.

On motion of W. H. Grove, the hours for meeting and adjourment were set as follows: Meet at 8 A. m., adjourn at 12 m . ; meet at 2 P. м., adjourn at 6 P. m.

## SECOND DAY.

## MORNING SESSION.

Met at 8 o'clock A. m. Meeting was opened by Rev. G. Shockley, by singing on page 109 of the Cluster and prayer.

The house was declared open for business, the roll called, and the Minutes read and approved.

On motion, seats were reserved for delegates.
Corresponding delegates present were invited to seats with us. Rev. G. B. Mitchell and Dr. J. E. G. Terrell accepted the invitation.

On motion of Rev. D. J. Wimbish : That the Association appoint no more general meeting without invitations. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
Met at 2 o'clock P. m. Meeting opened by Rev.C. Gilmore, by singing page 130 of the Cluster and prayer.

The house was declared open for business. On motion, preachers were sent to different churches for services.

New letters were called for. Four were presented and received.
Another call was made for corresponding delegates. Four answered and were invited to seats with us, viz: Rev. J. Russell, G. Singfield, Li-
ceniates Daniel Williams, and P. M. Mobley-all from the Western Union Association. A corresponding letter from the Rev. Owen George, of Atlanta, Ga., from the Ebenezer Association, was read with much pleasure. Also, a corresponding letter from the Rev. J. H. Davis, of the Western Union, regretting that he could not attend himself.

A resolution by J. Chapman, that all money sent to the Association should be applied to the purpose for which it was sent, and none other, was adopted.

The report of the Treasurer was called for. He had on hond $\$ 24.59$.
The report of the committee on general meetings was read.
G. W. Pitts handed in 90 cents remaining in his hands; G. Stargel, $\$ 1.60$, and D. J. Wimbush, $\$ 1$.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

## On Missions.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that, after giving due consideration to this important matter, we find that there is yet much need of the Gospel in destitute places in our bounds, and we yet find ourselves unable to send a missionary into the field. But as we find there is one in the field, sent by our white brethren, we will do the best we can to sustain this glorious work. Submitted by
G. Shockley, chairman ; J. Bush, J. Fews, D. Alexander, P. Jenkins.

## On Temperance.

Your committee beg leave to report that we are glad to say that some of our churches have not forgotten to hold up before the aged and young the great importance of temperance, not only in ardent spirits, but in all transactions of life ; and hope all ministers of the Gospel will continue to preach the great destruction of intemperance, and the enjoyments to be derived from soberness and righteousness. Submitted by
J. D. Wimbush, cnairman ; J. Chapman, A. D. Sinsley, S. B. Blesset, S. M. Mitchell.

## On Sabbath-Schools.

We, your committee, beg leave to report, we would that the pastors of every church will have a Sabbath-school in their churches, and the pastors teach their members to send thier children to the Baptist Sabbathschool, and the pastors shall report in the next Association the progress of their Sunday-schools. Submitted by
J. R. Buckner, chairman ; D. M. Pate, M. Miles, E. Mims, P. Martin.

## On Education.

We, your committee, beg to report that affter giving due considoration to the subject of education, we find it now needed as much among our people as ever, and indeed more so, and hope it inay take its rapid strides throughout the entire land, until every child, man and woman shall share its great benefits, and the Cabin Creek Association may go forward, do more and talk less in this one needful cause. Submitted by
W. H. Groves, chairman ; F. D. Moor, S. Head, J. M. C. McMichael, J. A. C. Knight.

## On Deceased Ministers.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we find that it has pleased Almighty God only to take one of our ministers from our midst since our last Association convened, and thank his kind providence that he has spared us to meet in this humble body once more, to speak of his glorious name. The deceased minister was the Rev. J. Williams. Dea-
con Solomon Sutton, a member of the Friendship church, Meriwether county, a true follower of the meek and lowly Lamb, has also been taken from among us. He died in the triumph of the living faith, and desired that his funeral beeapreached at the ensuing Association, to convene at Greenville, Ga. Submitted by
D. Wilson, chairman ; G. Stargel, E. Wright, G. Glass, D. Green.

Prayer was offered by Rev. D. Wilson in the behalf of the bereaved relations.

## On Stite of the Churches.

We, the Committee on State of Churches, beg leave to report, that as far as we can learn from the churches connected with our- Association, the Lord has blessed each and every church with prosperity and peace. All are in glorious prospects, with some little exception. Submitted by
J. T. Lawson, chairman; M. Jinks, B. Jenkins, R. Trice, L. Wipper. On Business.
We. your Committee on Business, beg leave to report that we are glad to say, after a close examination, we find that the Association is out of debt, and also find four churches desiring to join our body, viz : Mt. Zion, Coweta county; Poplar Springs, DeKalb county; Fellowship, Upson county, and Piney Grove, Meriwether county. Submitted by
G. Barrow, H. D. Dickerson, E. Hall, C. S. Shehee, P. Pate.

## Financial Report

of money sent up by different churches and for different purposes :
DR. .
For Minutes. . . ............................................................ $\$ 4175$
For Missions ........................................................................ 2415
For Sunday-school. ....................... ....... ........... . ........... . 275
For general purposes.... ...................................................... 560
Taken up Sunday at the churches for Missions............................ 3535
Added to the money in the Treasury.............. ..................... 2459
Total......................................................................... . $\$ 13419$
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Paid Clerk.................................................... . . . . . . $\$ 2500$
Paid Assistant Clerk................................................................. 500
Paid Sexton................................................................. 250
Paid for Minutes....... . .............................. . . . . . . . . . . . . . 4175
Total. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 74$ 25-\$74 25
Balance in Treasury. ................................................. $\$ 5994$

## On Nominations.

We, your committec, beg leave to report that the next session of this Association will be held with the Baptist Church in Hampton, Georgia, Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1879. Introductory Sermon preached by Rev. D. J. Wimbush. Alternate, Rev. E. Hightower.

Missionary Sermon preached by Rev. C. Gilmore. Alternate, Rev. J. Lawson. Doctrinal Sermon preached by the Rev. H. Dickerson. Alternate, Rev. G. Schockley.

There shall be one General Meeting held in Carrol county, Mount Cavalry Baptist Church, commencing Friday before the second Sunday in August, conducted by the Rev. D. J. Wimbush and W. H. Prudence. There shall be a Missionary Sermon preached in every church of this Association, and take up money for the missionary cause. Each church
shall hold the money taken up until the meeting of the next Association, and send the same up, and the report of their meeting by their delegates on the face of their church letter.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. E. Hightower, R. Chester, G. Strickland, M. King D. Matthews.
Adjourned at 6 o'clock, P.M.
We adjourned to meet at night in a Mass Meeting to be addressed by a white brother, Rev. E. S. Harris, on Missions. It was very admirable as well as instructive. He was followed by several of the delegates, D. Wilson, W. H. Groves and others on the same subject.

## SABBATH DAY.

Notwithstanding the Association adjourned on Saturday, the 5th, to meet on Monday, the 7th, to complete all business, yet the worship of the Sabbath day was looked forward to with high anticipation; hoping, and believing, that we would be visited on that day by the Spirit of God, and, through faith and humble prayer, we are proud to say we were not disappointed.

At the dawn of day, perhaps about the hour of that Sabbath morn that Mary Magdalene and other followers of Christ visited the sepulchre to see their risen God,

Old Peter ran on behind,
Strong in faith, pure in design;
John, we learn, was in the lead, Stronger speed poor Peter need.

> He thought to see his Master rise, But, indeed, to his surprise, He that died upon the tree Had rose and left for Gallilee.
> An Angel rolled away the stone, That made his flight from yonder throne, To the city the watchmen tled, That had been left to guard the dead.
> The Son of God had left the grave, Our immortal souls to save. Angels sung, in holy tie, The conquering God no more will die.

About that early hour on the Sabbath morning, wagons, buggies, and various other vehicles, were heard making their way to the sanctuary in which the Association was held, reminding us of the wise men leaving Jerusalem to visit the babe of Bethlehem, for the Messiah was expected there. And he was there at the coming forth of the brilliant sun, who seemed not sparing with his golden beams, scattering them on towering mountains,, high hills and humble valleys, even over countries where tue gospel never has been preached. No doubt, the poor, downtrodden Africans shared a part of his golden beams, where the churchgoing bell is seldom heard, and but few missionaries in that dreary land to teach the word of God.

At 8 o'clock, sharp, the old veterans of the Gospel, and many others, assembled at prayer meeting, sung their praises to God, and knelt in humble prayer.

At the hour of 10, prayer meeting gave way and Sabbath-school commenced, Prince Martin, Superintendent, and sixty scholars arrayed in white taking their seats. The Rev. D. J. Wimbush, however, seemed to be the regulator of the opening. After the singing of many beautitul songs, O. Beck, of Griffin, Ga., was called upon for prayer. The school was then addressed by W. H. Groves, of McDonough, Ga., who made very becoming and appropriate remarks on the occasion. W.H. Prudence
was to have made some remarks, but time would not permit. The Superintendent and his aids are no doubt entitled to great credit for the advancement of their pupils, and the beautiful appearance made by them on that morning. The Sunday-school consisted of sixty or seventyfive scholars.

At 11 o'clock, the Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. D. Wilson, of Griffin, Ga. Services were opened by W. H. Prudence by singing 857 hymn of the Psalmist, and offering prayer. The text selected by the Rev. Wilson, from which a forcible and admirable argument was made, was John xiv: 6-"Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." The information of God's word expounded by the preacher, and the enjoyment thereof, were of no common magnitude. (At the same time, services at the white Baptist and Methodist churches were going on.)

The Doctrinal Sermon was preached by Rev. J. Lawson, from John viii ; 36-"If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Services opened by singing 17 th hymn of the Cluster, after which Rev. G. Shockley sung on page 167 and offered prayer, upon which the youthful preacher arose in the sacred desk, surveying his vast congregation, sung a few verses, then called the attention of the audience to his text. The sermon was well timed. The horrors of everlasting slav ery and the great glory of everlasting liberty were deeply descanted on by the speaker. Services were closed by Rev. G. Shockley, who, like old Paul, spoke boldly and clearly in defense of the gospel of God, causing many hearts to rejoice. So great was the multitude of people that they could not find accommodation in all the churches.

The Lord's supper was administered at night-a solemn yet an admirable scene. Many souls rejoiced and hearts burned in the fervent love of God.

## MONDAY SESSION.

The delegation assembled.
9 o'clock, A. M. $^{\prime}$.
Meeting was opened by Rev. D. Wilson by singing from the Cluster, on page 136, and offered prayer.

Roll called.
Minutes read and received.
On motion, it was decided that the names of no delegates should appear upon the face of the minutes, that had deserted the Association without the consent of the chair.

A motion passed, that all the missionary works transacted by this Association since its commencement should appear upon the face of the Minutes.

A motion made that all moneys sent from different churches to the Executive Board should be forthwith forwarded to the Treasurer. Also decided that each and every church composing this Association should send to the Clerk and receive their Minutes in sixty days.

The former Treasurer, G. Stargel, was re-elected.
The Executive Board was then appointed by the Moderator consisting of G. Schockley, Chairman; J. Lawson, E. Hightower, W. H. Prudence, W. H. Groves, D. Matthews, J. Chapman, T. Williams.

With great care a letter was read from the Rev. F. Quarles, encouraging the Association to take more interest in aiding in erecting the great Baptist Institute, for the education of the Baptist denomination and all others that wish to be with us.

On motion, it was decided that this Association send $\$ 10.00$ to aid in erecting the Institute. $\$ 5.00$ for Missions and $\$ 5.00$ for Minutes.

Resolution offered by E. M. Harris, that the Articles of Faith shall be found upon the face of our Minutes from time to time hereafter. Carried.

Resolution of 0 . Beck: Resolved, that all pastors of churches composing the Cabin Creek Association, shall have a voice in the body whether or
not delegated from their churches.
Resolved, That all delegates from this Association, have a right to present themselves to other Associations as corresponding delegates, when taking a Minute with them, hoping they may be received.

Respectfully submitted, by W. H. Groves:
Resolved, That we, the delegates of the Cabin Creek Association, offer to the citizens of Greenville, Ga, both white and colored, our heartfelt thanks for the kindness extended to us during our stay in their midst, and we pray that the good Lord may ever pour out his blessings upon them, and grant them health and happiness, and all the necessaries of life.

Respectfully submitted, by G. W. Pitts:
As a delegate to that Association, I can but take part with my brother, W. H. Groves, in his good wishes towards the citizens of Greenville, Ga. We were met by our colored friends with open arms and warm hearts who were not sparing in any comforts they could bestow upon us, the welcome and cheering voices of our male friends and the becoming conduct, and sweet smiles of the ladies will not soon be forgotten, we can but feel grateful to the white citizens also, who did not frown on us with indignation, but from their conduct, we at once felt that we were welcome in their city to transact the business for which we met, not only that, we believe they were willing to aid our colored citizens in making us comfortable and happy according to the rules of propriety. Long may live the citizens of Greenville, Ga., and enjoy the smiles of heaven and ever prosper.

At the hour of 11 o'clock, we adjourned sine die to meet in Hampton, Ga., Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1879.
C. GILMORE, Moderator.
G. W. PITTS, Clerk.

## NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Mt. Zion, Griffin, Ga., -Rev D. Wilson, Rev. G. Schockley, O. Beck, V. Dickerson, C. Henton, J. Chapman, G. W. Pitts, J. R. Buckner, W'. Kyer, P. Pitts.

Mt. Zion, Barnesville, Cia.,--Kev. C. Gilmore, S. Head, P. Jenksins, S. Shehe, B. Jenksins, J. Bush, T. Williams.

McDonough, McDonough, Ga.,-W. H. (łroves, Thomas Holland, Peter Pate, D. W. Pate.

Zion, Hampton, Ga.,-W. H. Prudence, R. Chester, Luther Miles, R. Ball.
Friendship, Meriwether county, Ga.,-D. Matthews, R. Thrash, H.
Laster, S. Underwood, H. Underwood, D. Gaston, C. H. Hawkins.
Shoal Creek, Pike county, Ga.,-Isaac Piance, Felix Josia.
Greenville, Greenville, Ga.,-D. Render, Sr., William Render, Prince Martin.

China Grove, Coweta county, Ga.,-E. M. Harris, James Mitchell, H. D. Dickerson.

Shoal Creek, Henry county, Ga.,-Rev. J. P. Lawson, S. T. Walker.
County Line, Butts County, Ga-Rev. E. Hightower, S. E. Blessett.
Macedonia, Sunny Side, Ga-J. E. Jordan
Mt. Olive, Henry county, Ga-L. Nipper, G. F. Selffridge.
Cane Creek, Meriwether county, Ga-Jerry Snelson, Jackson Stinson.
Philadelphia, Henry county, Ga-Daniel Parham, I. Matthew, Jerry
McConnickley.
Pine Grove, Upson county, Ga-JJ. Fews.
Antioch, Upson county, Ga-A. D. Tinszey, J. Fews.
Mt. Calvary, Pike county, Ga-Anderson Maddox, Adam Keeber, D. Alexander.

Big Spring, Henry county, Ga-Ellic Weems, Bruce Weems.
Providence, Spalding county, Ga-H. B. Beckham, H. D. Dickerson.
Mt. Pleasant, Pike county, Ga-John Holloway, Stewart Allen.
Mt. Zion, Meriwether county, Ga-Rev. D. Alexander, J. R. Willis, F.
P. Hoor, W. I. Hallon, B. Barrow, G. Stargel, R. Allen, E. Hall, S. T. Warner, E. U. Writ, B. A. Goodin, D. U. Glass.

Mt. Pleasant, Spaulding county, Ga-E. H. Sewell.
Mt. Calvary, ( arrol county, Ga-J. Gambard, R. Laster, G. Strickland.
Wolf Creek, Henry county, Ga-R. C. Hode.
Friendship, Spaulding county, Ga-
Mt. Olive, Pike county, Ga-M. Anthony, Ned Tarver.
Pleasant Grove, Spaulding county, Ga-R. M. Jinks.
Bethel, Monroe county, Ga-C. McCollon.
Macedonia, Thomaston, Ga-J. Hollamon, W. King, G. Green, J. Worthy.

Fellowship, Upson county, Ga-F. Redding.
Rocky Creek, Butts county, Ga-Rev. E. Hightower, N. Head.
Poplar Spring, De Kalb county, Ga-S. Mitchell, J. Brown.
Mt. Zion-S. T. Farmer.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I. "We believe in one only living and true God, and that there are three persons in the God-head; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."
Proofs: I. Cor. 8:6. Deut. 6:4. Jer. 10:10. Matt. 28:19. I. Cor. 13:14.
II. "We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice."

Proofs: II. Peter, $1: 21$. II. Tim. 3:16. Ps. 119:29-31. Eph. 2:20.
III. "We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election."

Proofs : I. Peter, 1:2-5. John, 6:39. II. Tin. 1:19. John, 15:16. Eph.
1:4. Acts, 13:58.
IV. "We believe in the doctrine of original sin."

Proofs : Rem. 3:3. Rom. 5:12. Ronn. :3:10. Jer. 17:9. Ps. 51:5. Eph. 2:3. Job, 14:4 Rom. 8:7. Titus, 1:15. Rom. 7:18 23. Gal. 5:17.
V. "We believe in man's impotency to recover himself, from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability."

Proofs: Rom. 5:6. John, 9:44. Eph. 2:1-5. Phil. 2:13. John, 6:63.
VI. "We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ."

Proofs : Rom. 5:1, 8, 6. Rom. 3:28. Rom. 4:3. Jer. 23:6. I. Cor. 1:30. Isa. 55:11.
VII. "We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified hy the Holy Spirit."
Proofs : I. Peter, 1:2. Rom. 8:29, 30. II. Thes. 2:13. Jude, 1. Gal. 4:7, 7. John, 4:9. Rom. 1:7. II. Cor, 1:2. I. Thes. 2:13. John, 10:28. II. Cor. 7:1. Heb. 12:14.
VIII. "We believe the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away."

Proofs: II. Cor. 12:9. I. Cor. 10:13. Cor. 3:3, 4. Jer. 32:40. Rom. 8:38. Heb. 6:18, 19. John, 14:19.
IX. "We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects to these ordinances; and we believe thatthe true mode of baptism is immersion."

Proofs: John 1:6. John 3:32. John 1:25. Matt. 3:5. Matt. 28:29. Matt. 3:7. Matt. 28:19. Acts 2:28. Acts 5:14. Acts 8:12. Acts 10:74. Acts $16: 14,15$, also verses 33 and 34 . Acts $18: 8$. Acts $8: 38,39$. Rom. 6:4, 5. Col. 2:12. I. Cor. 11:23, 26. II. Cor. 6:14. Acts 2: 42. Acts 20:7. I. Cor. 16:3.
X. "We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment."

Proofs : Acts 14:15. John 5:28, 29. Matt. 26:46. II. Cor. 5:10. Rom. 14:10. Acts 17:31.
XI. "We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal."

Proofs: See the Scriptures affixed to the 10th article. See also II. Cor. 5:1, 6, 8 . Judges 7.
XII. "We believe that no ministers have a right to administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition hands by the Presbytery.

Proofs: Lev. 8:1, 2. Heb. 5:4. Matt. 9:38. Acts 13:2, 3. I. Tim. 4:14.

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF CABIN CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

## ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This Association shall be known as the Cabin Creek Baptist AssociaTION, and shall be composed of such churches as hold the doctrine of human dcpravity ; salvation by the atonement of Jesus Christ; election to eternal life; regeneration by the Holy Spirit; resurrection of the saints; the immersion of believers upon a profession of faith in Jesus, and the administering of the Lord's Supper to those only who have been admitted by experience and baptized into the visible church.

Sec. 2. Every church shall be entitled to two delegates, but any church having over one hundred members may have one additional delegate to eyery fifty members.

## ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1. The object of this Association shall be to promote the union and preserve the purity of the church, by giving counsel to the churches within its bounds; to sustain missions in destitute places; to encourage Sunday-schools, temperance, education, and in all Scriptural ways to promote the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth-but in no way to affect the independence of individual churches.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Conmittee of seven members, who shall be elected annually.

Sec. 3. It shall bc the duty of the Moderator to preside at all meetings.
Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a true account of the proceedings of the body, to prepare them for publication whenever so directed, and keep a file of the Minutes for the use of the body.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys and other valuables of the Association, and to pay them out as the Association may direct. At each annual meeting he shall submit to the body a financial report. His books shall be open for examination by the Executive Committee at all times, and, at the expiration of his term of office, shall turn over to his successor the books and other property belonging to the Association.

Sec. 6. The Executive Committee shall attend to all the business of the Association when the body is not in session. The committee shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in the Association, and to appoint a Treasurer in case of a vacancy.

## ARTICLE III.

Section 1. Any church whose C'onstitution is regular, and whose Articles of Faith are in harmony with this Association, may be admitted upon application. Sec. 2. Any church wishing to withdraw from this Association, shall be allowed to do so upon request.

Sec. 3. This Association may correspond with any other Association holding the same faith and doctrine of this body.

Sec. 4. At the opening of the Association an Introductory, Missionary and Doctrinal Sermon shall be delivered by some minister appointed by the Association.

Sec. 5. This Association shall hold its annual meeting on Friday before the first Sunday in October.

SEC. 14. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.
STATISTICAL TABLE.


