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MINUTES

OF THE

STONE MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

STONE MOUNTAIN, Sept. 10, 1859.

1. The Stone Mountain Association met with the Stone Mountain Baptist Church. Brother A. T. Holmes preached the Introductory Sermon at 11 o'clock, from 1st Samuel xv, 22, 23.

2. After an intermission of an hour and a half, the Association met in the Church. Opened with prayer, by Bro. J. Walker.

3. All the Churches were represented by Delegates and Letters.

4. Elected Bro. Posey Maddox, Moderator, and re-elected T. A. Gibbs, Clerk.

5. Received Correspondence from the following Associations :

Georgia Association.—C. P. Mayfield and L. G. Steed.

Lawrenceville Association.—L. Loveless and W. L. Bird.

Flint River Association.—W. G. McMichael.

Appalachee Association.—D. H. Monerief, J. Nunnally, J. H. Bell, A. E. Culbreth, J. W. Langford and J. W. Jackson.

6. Agreed to correspond with the Noonday Baptist Association, and received as correspondents from that body W. M. Johnson, W. H. Robert and H. Collins.

7. Invited Ministers of our denomination to take seats with us; accepted by brethren J. Walker, F. M. Haygood, V. A. Gaskill and E. W. Warren, Editor of the Christian Index; also recognized the presence of J. H. Rice, Agent of the Landmark Banner and Cherokee Baptist.

8. Appointed the following Committees :

On Preaching.—F. Maddox, P. Maddox, from the Church; G. Spence, R. T. Hull and S. M. Johnson from the Association.

On Finance.—J. O. McDaniel, J. Cook and O. Seaman.

On Correspondence.—J. T. Clark, J. Chaffin and W. Owens.

On the State of Religion.—A. T. Holmes, J. L. Baker and J. Lyon.

On Nominations.—T. J. Shepherd, J. H. Born and T. Chambliss.

On Deceased Ministers.—S. B. Churchill, J. Richardson and J. Nix.

On Publications.—J. McDonald, J. B. Slack and S. Mayfield.

On Missions and Bible Operations.—I. Dean, J. McDaniel and G. B. Hudson.

On Sabbath Schools.—J. L. Gresham, J. Lacey and W. Thames,
9. Received from bro. A. C. Dayton, Corresponding Secretary of the S. S. S. Union, a letter and package of the "Children's Friend," which were distributed among the members of the Association.

10. Bro. E. W. Warren addressed the Association in behalf of the Christian Index, which was listened to with marked interest. Bro. J. Walker then presented the claims of his paper.

Bro. J. H. Rice, of Rome, presented the prospects and design of the Landmark Banner and Cherokee Baptist.

After prayer by W. H. Robert, adjourned to 8½ o'clock Monday morning.

11. On Sabbath, the Stand was occupied by brethren W. G. McMichael, J. Walker and E. W. Warren. The brother appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon was not present; by request, the second named brother preached the Missionary Sermon, when a collection was taken amounting to \$53.05.

In the house, bro. J. McDonald preached at eleven o'clock to the blacks; collected among them \$3.60 for African Missions.

MONDAY MORNING, 8½ O'CLOCK.

Opened with prayer, by bro. F. M. Haygood.

12. Called the Roll and read the Rules of Decorum.

13. Renewed the invitation to correspondents; received from the Central Association bro. W. G. McMichael.

14. Appointed Correspondence as follows:

Central Association—J. B. Slack, T. J. Shepherd and J. L. Baker.

Flint River Association—W. Thames and T. Chambliss.

Appalachee Association—J. B. Slack, J. L. Baker, T. A. Gibbs and S. B. Churchill.

Hightower Association—A. K. Seago, J. T. Clark and J. McDonald.

Georgia Association—J. B. Slack, A. T. Holmes.

Lawrenceville Association—J. B. Churchill, J. McDaniel, J. H. Born and J. Nix.

Noonday Association—S. Root, J. McDonald, L. Dean, J. Walker, P. Maddox, J. B. Slack, A. T. Holmes and W. Moseley.

Cherokee Georgia Baptist Convention—A. T. Holmes, J. McDonald, J. B. Slack, J. L. Gresham, F. M. Haygood, S. B. Churchill, A. K. Seago, T. A. Gibbs, L. Dean, J. Nix and P. Maddox.

15. Elected the following brethren delegates to the Georgia Baptist Convention : P. Maddox, T. A. Gibbs, J. B. Slack, J. McDonald, S. Mayfield, W. Thames, and A. T. Holmes ; Alternates, J. T. Clark, I. O. McDaniel and J. Nix.

16. Re-elected T. A. Gibbs, Treasurer.

17. Appointed Union Meetings as follows :

First District—At Peach-tree Church, commencing Friday before the third Sabbath in August ; brethren P. Maddox and J. Lacey agreed to attend.

Second District—At Bethany, Friday before the fifth Sabbath in July ; brethren J. Lacey, P. Maddox and F. Maddox agreed to attend.

Third District—At Salem, commencing Friday before the fourth Sabbath in July ; brethren J. Nix and J. McDonald are expected to be there.

18. The next Session of this Association will be held with the Second Church at Atlanta, commencing Saturday before the second Sabbath in September, 1860.

19. Received and adopted the Treasurer's Report. (App. A.)

20. Received and adopted the Corresponding Letter.

21. The Committee on Nominations report, that bro. S. B. Churchill preach the next Introductory Sermon, S. Mayfield, Alternate ; bro. J. J. Wallace the Missionary Sermon, J. McDonald, Alternate.

22. Received and adopted the following report of the Committee on Deceased Ministers :

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers, beg leave to make the following report :

Whereas, Your Committee have learned that Death has not made any ravages in our Ministerial ranks, we feel under renewed obligation to an All-wise Providence for the manifestation of His kind protection, in His preserving care manifested towards His ministering servants during the past Associational year. We have no death to report, and would respectfully call the attention of the Body to

the importance of suspending all other business, and spending a short time in thanksgiving and prayer, for His great goodness toward us. All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. B. CHURCHILL, *Chairman.*

In accordance with the above recommendation, suspended the regular order of business—bro. T. J. Bowen led in prayer.

23. Received and adopted the report of the Financial Committee. (App. B.)

24. After prayer by bro. A. T. Holmes, adjourned to 2½ o'clock.

2½ O'Clock.

25. Open with prayer, by bro. J. B. Butler.

26. Renewed invitation to Ministers—accepted by bro. J. B. Butler.

27. Received and adopted the report of the Committee on Publications. (App. C.)

28. Received and adopted the report of the Committee on Missions and Bible Operations. (App. D.)

29. Received and adopted the report of the committee on Sabbath Schools. (App. E.)

30. Received and adopted the report of the committee on the State of Religion. (App. F.)

31. *Resolved*, That the 14th item in the order of business be stricken out.

32. Agreed to have 1500 copies of our Minutes printed and distributed in the usual way, and that the Clerk have thirty dollars for his services.

33. We recommend that the churches increase their Minute fund, in order to meet the increasing demand.

34. *Resolved*, That any member of this body who may be present at any Association with which we correspond, may report himself a delegate by presenting a Minute containing his name.

35. *Resolved*, That we tender our thanks to the brethren and citizens of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality towards this body, and to the Methodists for the tender of their house for the use of this Association.

36. After some appropriate remarks by bro. E. W. Warren, the parting hymn was sung, and bro. J. T. Clark leading in prayer, the Association adjourned to the time and place of its next meeting.

POSEY MADDOX, *Moderator.*

T. A. GIBBS, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

<i>T. A. Gibbs, to Stone Mountain Association,</i>		DR.
Sept. 1858—Received of Financial Committee.....		\$210 75
“ 1858—Amount on hand		13 91
Total.....		\$224 66
<i>CONTRA—T. A. Gibbs,</i>		CR.
Sept. 1858—Paid J. H. Campbell, Ag't of Foreign Mis...\$		71 60
“ “ “ W, P. Harley, Ag't of Dom. & Ind. Mis.		74 15
“ “ “ J. Walker, for Bible & Col. So. at Macon		12 00
Oct. “ “ For Printing Minutes		30 00
“ “ “ Freight, Postage, &c.....		4 00
“ “ “ Clerk.....		27 91
Jan. 1859—Paid J. J. Toon, F. Lec. of S. B. P. Society...		5 00
		\$224 66

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. A. GIBBS, Treasurer.

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FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

Your Committee on Finance present the following report :

WHERE FROM.	Domestic Mission.	Indian Mission.	African Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Bible.	So. Sab. Sch Union.	General Purposes.
Atlanta 2d.....	20 00			20 00			
Indian Creek.....	3 35			3 35			
Rehoboth.....					4 00		
Tanner's.....	10 00						
New Providence....	1 00						
Covington.....	6 95			6 50			
Long Shoal.....	2 56	2 50		1 00	1 00		
Social Circle.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	8 00	10 00	2 80
Union.....	2 50			2 50	3 00		5 00
J. H. Rice, <i>Rome, Ga.</i>	1 00						
S. M. Johnson.....					2 00		
J. F. H. Anderson.					50		
J. Ellington.....					50		
S. Johnson.....							1 00
C. Lackey.....	2 00						
J. Cook.....	1 00			1 00			

Amount collected on Sabbath, after Missionary Sermon, \$56.65 ; of which last amount Levi Mercer gave Domestic Missions \$3, Indian Mission \$1, S. B. P. Society \$1. Also, Blacks contributed of the above amount, for African Missions, \$3.60.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. O. McDANIEL, Chairman.

RECAPITULATION.

Domestic Missions.....	\$ 87 45
Indian “	13 50
African “	13 60
Foreign “	68 35
Bible.....	19 00
Southern Sabbath School Union.....	10 00
Southern Baptist Publication Society.....	1 00
General Purposes.....	8 80
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Sum total.....	\$221 70

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Your Committee on Publication respectfully report—1. That we deem it necessary and desirable to patronize and promote, by the grace of God, a literature of Southern and Baptistic character.

2. This can be effected without aversion to local Baptistic interest at the South and South-west, our object being the diffusion of Gospel light, through the agency of the press.

3. While we disclaim any conflict with other religious denominations, let us present our Sabbath Schools especially with no books or papers but such as emanate from the Book of God. Our title page must be one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

Respectfully submitted. J. McDONALD, Chairman.

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MISSION AND BIBLE OPERATION REPORT.

Your Committee on Missions and Bible Operations, ask leave to make the following report :

We profess to believe in the cause of Missions, yet, by reference to the letters sent up from the Churches, we find we are doing but little in the cause. We claim for ourselves the name of Missionary, while, as an Association, we are doing but little—as Churches, few are doing anything, and as members, a large majority doing nothing—our contributions amounting only to above 7 cents to the member. Are we right in calling ourselves Missionaries? Might not the ad-

dress of the apostle James be directed to us with force, "Show me thy faith without thy work, and I will show thee my faith by my works?" Are we living up to the Golden Rule, "Doing to others as we would they should do to us?" Do we appreciate the benefits of the gospel blessings that cannot be estimated by dollars and cents?

If, of one blood, all the nations of the earth are made, should we not recognize the heathen as our brethren, and be more earnestly engaged in endeavoring to extend to them the knowledge of the Savior.

As to Bible operations, your Committee would simply call attention to the Bible and Colporteur Society at Macon, as affording ample facility for the exercise of our benevolence in sending the word of God to the destitute in all regions. It is a noble institution, sustained by the intelligence, liberality and piety of Georgia Baptists, and calls upon us just now for our prayers and contributions.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. That as individuals and churches, we cultivate more than we have done, the spirit of missionary benevolence for all mankind.

2. *Resolved*, That we take measures at the present Session, to arrange for the support of a Missionary among the Indians.

L. DEAN, *Chairman*.

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The Committee on Sabbath Schools make the following report :

We find only three Sabbath Schools mentioned in the letters from the different churches. Think, for a moment, brethren—twenty churches in this Association report no Sabbath Schools. We profess to believe, that the hope of the church is in the rising generation. Our children, shall we raise them up in ignorance of the truths we profess? The injunction is, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it;" "Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."—Brethren, we urge you to a discharge of the important trust confided to you. Establish Sabbath Schools in every Baptist Church where it can be done, in which your children will be taught the doctrines of the Bible.

J. L. GRESHAM, *Chairman*.

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Your Committee on the state of Religion, submit the following report :

Nothing of special interest has transpired within our limits, during the past year. We lament that the truth demands of us a humiliating confession of the low state of piety among us. Our churches, in general, report no considerable increase either in membership or pecuniary contributions to the great benevolent enterprises of our denomination. Most of them confess themselves to be, and for a long time to have been, in a very cold and lifeless condition. Some report even a decrease in membership. We are deeply mortified at our deficiencies! Dear brethren, what shall we do?—We can only fall down, and burying our faces in the dust, and cry, “God be merciful to us sinners!” Pray for us, brethren! pray for us, that that glorious Person, “who beareth the seven stars in His right hand, and walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks,” may not visit upon our churches the awful sentence which He threatened upon the ancient church at Ephesus, and remove from their midst the heaven-lit candlesticks, which only can dispel the darkness, which seems to be pressing upon us! And that that same gracious and divine superintendent and supporter of the churches, may grant to you more abundant light—stimulate you to more active and delightful animation, and make you worthy of everlasting crowns. Respectfully submitted.

A. T. HOLMES, *Chairman.*

**NAMES AND POST OFFICES OF MINISTERS
BELONGING TO THE STONE MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.**

O R D A I N E D.

F. M. Haygood, Atlanta,	J. Lacey, Sheffield,
P. A. Hughes, “	J. R. George, Lithonia,
J. McDonald, “	S. Mayfield, Conyers,
A. T. Holmes, “	W. B. Richards, Oak Hill,
J. W. Stallings, “	J. Nix, White House,
J. T. Clark, “	F. Maddox, Stone Mountain,
J. J. Sims, “	J. J. Wallace, Covington,
V. A. Gaskill, “	S. B. Churchill, Yellow River.

L I C E N T I A T E S.

W. W. Lowery, Rocky Plain,	G. Spence, Social Circle,
R. B. Underwood “ “	P. Maddox, Stone Mountain.
B. Edwards, Covington,	

The following Table will show the progress of the Association since it was constituted :

	Baptized.	by letter. Received	Restored.	Dis'md.	Exclud.	Dead.	Total.	
1839							588	
		Association was constituted with						
1840	98	56	5	61	13	2	738	
1841	39	48	1	35	14	3	758	
1842	282	77	3	72	15	11	1023	
1843	174	66	7	92	21	6	1156	
1844	167	89	6	120	8	6	1265	
1845	87	54	5	118	23	3	1272	
1846	46	63	4	184	30	14	1160	
1847	57	55	5	103	20	10	1171	
1848	78	76	7	143	18	10	1150	
1849	167	110	3	83	26	15	1346	
1850	62	106	2	132	24	10	1338	
1851	110	145	6	101	15	20	1400	
1852	91	116	6	121	17	21	1441	
1853	106	100	21	106	31	21	1484	
1854	128	131	2	132	22	16	1559	
1855	180	143	6	164	23	7	1591	
1856	93	132	6	142	34	11	1577	
1857	85	107	0	143	29	17	1554	
1858	85	123	7	120	25	15	1556	
1859	57	167	11	131	28	18	1610	
Totals,	2182	1964	113	2303	435	238	26747	

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1. Read the Letters from the Churches.
 2. Elect a Moderator and Clerk.
 3. Receive application for membership from the churches.
 4. Call for correspondence from sister Associations.
 5. Invite Ministers of our own denomination to seats with us.
 6. Appoint the following committees :
 - On Preaching.
 - On Finance.
 - On Correspondence.
 - On the state of religion.
 - On Nominations.
 - On Deceased Ministers.
 - On Publications.
 - On Missions and Bible Operations.
 - On Sabbath Schools.
 7. Read any communications addressed to this Body.
 8. Invite addresses from such Agents as may be recognized by the Association.
 9. Appoint Correspondents to sister Associations.
 10. Elect Delegates to the Georgia Baptist Convention.
 11. Elect Treasurer.
 12. Appoint General Meetings.
 13. Appoint the time and place of the next annual meeting.
 14. Receive report of Treasurer.
 15. Receive reports of committees in order of their appointment.
 16. Miscellaneous Business.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	PASTORS, OR SUPPLY.	POST OFFICE.
Atlanta 1st, } Atlanta 2d, } Peach Tree, } Harmony, } Indian Creek, } Rehoboth, } Fanners, } New Providence } Bethany, } Lithonia, } Macedonia, } Rock Dale, } Rock Bridge, } Stone Mountain } Union Grove, } Zion, } *Covington, } Long Shoal, } County Line, } Macedonia, } Salem, } Social Circle, } Union, }	Fulton, " DeKalb, Fulton, DeKalb, " Henry, " Gwinnett, DeKalb, " Newton, Gwinnett, DeKalb, " Newton, Gwinnett, DeKalb, Newton, " " " " " Walton, Morgan,	A. T. Holmes, J. I. Whitaker, L. Dean, A. K. Sengo, J. O. McDaniel, J. T. Clark, J. McDonald, J. A. O. Mann, T. Chamless, J. Walker, W. Mosley, M. P. Talton, G. B. Hudson, W. Thames, J. Nix, J. T. Bentley, S. B. Churchill, J. McDaniel, J. H. Born, B. F. Chapman, J. Lyon, O. Seaman, D. McClung, A. J. Minor, W. Owens, P. Maddox, F. Maddox, W. F. King, J. Richardson, J. Chaffin, R. T. Hull, J. B. Slack, T. J. Shepherd, S. Mayfield, J. M. White, R. B. Underwood, J. D. Roberson, J. Cook, S. M. Johnson, J. L. Baker, J. Lacey, J. L. Gresham, T. A. Gibbs, G. Spence, H. C. Fuller,	A. T. Holmes, J. T. Clark, P. A. Hughes, T. W. Mathis, H. Collins, " J. H. Hartsfield, S. Mayfield, S. B. Churchill, S. Mayfield, " S. B. Churchill, " S. B. Churchhill, " " F. Maddox, C. C. White, " J. J. Wallace, S. Mayfield, N. N. Edge, " J. Lacey, J. B. Butler, J. Lacey,	Atlanta, " Decatur, Atlanta, Decatur, " Rough & Ready, Stock Bridge, Stone Mountain, Lithonia, " Conyers, Rock Bridge, Stone Mountain, Lithonia, Oak Hill, Covington, Conyers, Rocky Plains, Covington, " Social Circle, Rutledge.
FIRST DIST.			SECOND DIST.	
THIRD DIST.				
			Time Met'g.	Contributi'n for Minutes.
			Whole No...	Blacks.....
			Whites.....	Dead.....
			Excluded....	Dismissed...
			Restored....	Rec. by Let.
			Baptized....	
			57	167
			11	181
			28	1263
			254	1610
			38	95

*Formerly Bethlehem.