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OF THE

UNITED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

MT. ZION MEETING HOUSE, TALBOT CO., GA.,

ON THE

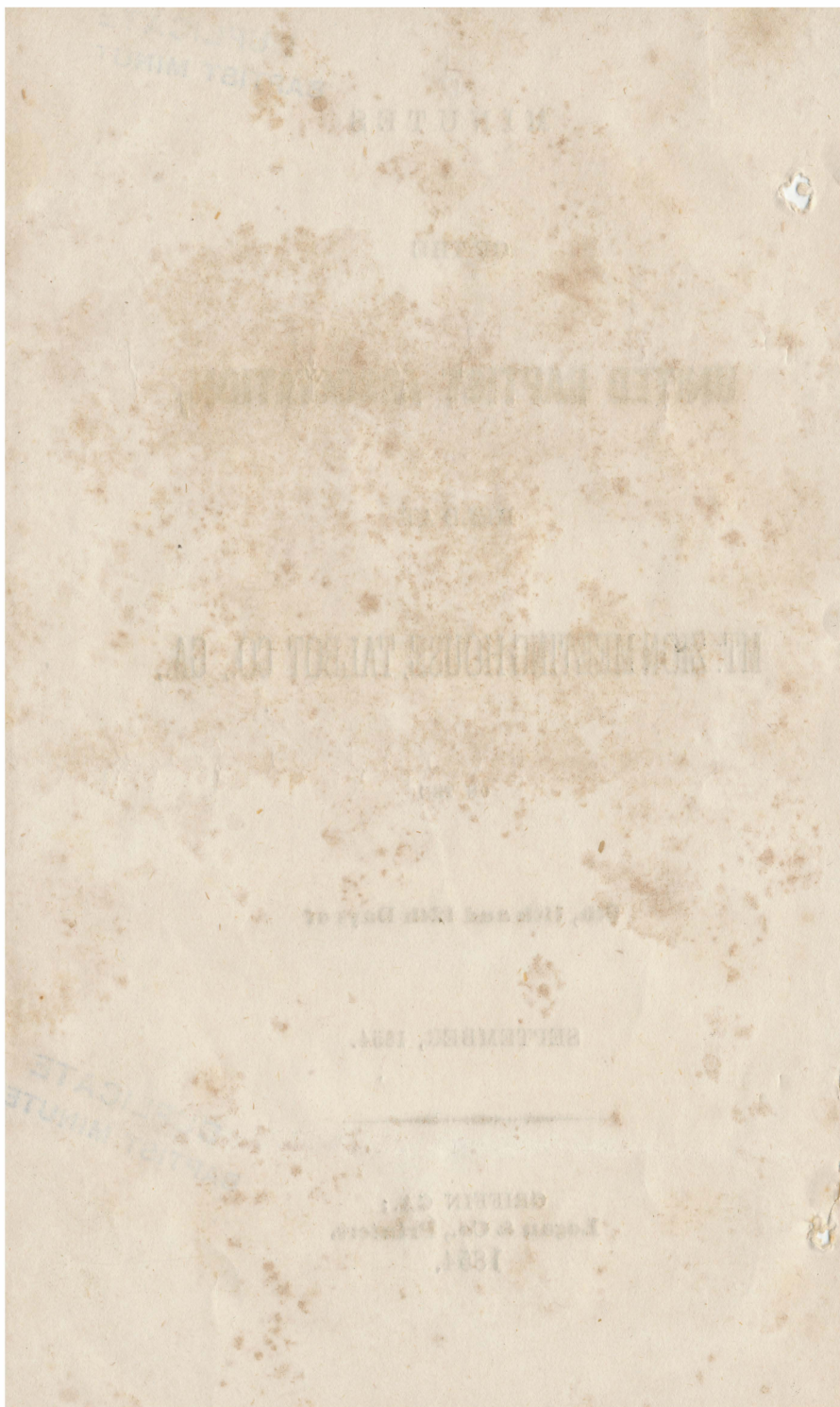
9th, 11th and 12th Days of

SEPTEMBER, 1854.



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The Introductory Sermon was preached by brother LANKFORD LEACH, from 1st Peter, 1st chapter, 22d verse: "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently."

After 30 minutes recess, the Delegates met in the house. Organized the Association; prayer by brother Dodson.

1st. Read letters from the Churches and minuted their state.

2d. Chose brother JOHN DAVIS, Moderator, and W. H. C. DODSON, Clerk.

3d. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

4th. Inquired for petitionary letters.

5th. Called for Correspondence. Received from the Chattahoochee United Baptist Association, brother D. J. Apperson, with minutes containing a corresponding letter.

Appointed Committees as follows:

On Preaching—From Mt. Zion church, brethren T. Hammock and R. Railey; from the body, Eli Whaley, John Dingler and S. J. Smith.

On Business—John Davis, J. C. R. Lockhart, W. D. Grace, T. B. Cooper and Dodson.

On Finance—L. Leach, E. J. Rogers and A. Woodham.

On Correspondence—Brethren T. Lawson, Jonathan Davis and John L. Youngblood.

6th. Called on brother S. J. Smith for the Circular letter, which was received for investigation and laid over to Tuesday.

7th. Agreed to suspend the preaching of the Missionary sermon, *sine die*.

8th. Adjourned till 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by brother L. Leach.

On Sunday, brethren D. J. Apperson and J. C. R. Lockhart, preached to a large assembly.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Met. Prayer by brother D. J. Apperson.

1st. Read the Decorum. Called the names of the Delegates, etc.

2d. Received the report of the arranging Committee.

3d. Called for the report of our Book Agents. Received a *verbal* report.

4th. Received and adopted the report of our Executive Committee. (Appendix A.)

5th. Received and adopted the report of our Financial Committee. (Appendix B.)

6th. Received the report of our Corresponding Committee, who advise us to continue correspondence with the Chattahoochee United Baptist Association.

7th. Called on the brethren appointed to visit the Churches at Bethel, Corinth and Providence, who report from the best information they have, the two first named churches have become extinct; the latter is not represented in this body this year, though not dissolved. Report received, and Committee released.

8th. Brother W. D. Grace asks the body, can a church dissolve in good order without a presbytery? the Moderator answers for the body, they cannot.

9th. Directed Damascus Church to take the Church Book of Bethel Church, dissolved, and to see to the standing of the members claiming to be United Baptists.

10th. The Church at Friendship having determined to educate brother T. Lawson, one of their licensed preachers, presented his case to the Association, and asked the brethren to aid them. The body requests the delegates to make known the request to the Churches, and to send their contributions for this purpose to the brethren by the 1st of December next.

11th. Appointed the next meeting of this body at Armagedon, Pike Co., 7 miles South West of Zebulon, on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in Sept. 1855.

12th. Appointed brother J. C. R. Lockhart to preach the introductory sermon, and W. D. Grace to write the Circular

letter. Adjourned to 8 1-2 o'clock, Tuesday Morning. Prayer by brother R. H. Daniel.

TUESDAY MORNING, 8 1-2 O'CLOCK.

Met. Prayer by T. B. Cooper.

1st. Agreed to purchase books for the use of the Ministers of this Association, to be conducted on the principle of a circulating Library—Appointed R. H. Daniel, T. B. Cooper and W. H. C. Dodson as Superintendents, to purchase such books as they may judge best, also, to regulate their own affairs. Also appointed brothers John Davis and W. D. Grace to act as Librarians to let out books as they may think best. All the moneys on *hand, or on subscription, to be paid to the Superintendents, instantler.*

2d. The brethren, J. C. R. Lockhart, E. J. Rogers, S. J. Smith and R. H. Daniel volunteered as messengers to the Chattahoochee United Baptist Association, to meet at Shilo, Macon Co., Ga., 7 miles North West of Oglethorpe, on Saturday before the 3d Sunday in Oct. next. W. H. C. Dodson to write the Corresponding letter.

3d. Heard W. H. C. Dodson's reasons for failing to answer the letter received last year from W. Jarrell. Satisfaction expressed.

4th. The contribution for Mt. Pleasant church was declared null and void, on the failure of the preacher, to whom it should have been paid.

5th. Took up the Circular letter for investigation, and after some considerable time spent in the investigation of the merits and demerits of brother Smith's Circular, the Association agreed not to print said Circular in our Minutes, and also returned it to brother Smith.

6th. Ordered the Clerk to have 400 copies of these Minutes printed, and that he retain the surplus of money sent up for Minutes and Associational purposes, for his service.

7th. *Resolved*, that the thanks of this body be, and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends in this vicinity, for their kindness during our session.

Adjourned to the time of our next appointment. Prayer by W. H. C. Dodson.

W. H. C. DODSON, Clerk. JOHN DAVIS, Mod'r.

and not by works, and of the Lord and not of man, and may the great Head of the church preside over you in your council, and keep you with us, firm in the hope, which is as "an anchor to the soul both sure and steadfast." And now to the King immortal, eternal, invisible, the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and dominion, both now and forever. Amen.

We esteem our brethren faithful, whose names appear as volunteer messengers in our Minutes. Yours in gospel bonds.

W. H. C. DODSON, Clerk. JOHN DAVIS, Mod'r.

Ordained Ministers, Post Offices and Counties.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	COUNTIES.
T. B. Cooper,	Zebulon,	Pike County, Ga.
J. C. R. Lockhart,	Daviston,	Taylor, " "
R. H. Daniel,	Butler,	Taylor, " "
L. Leach,	Erin,	Meriwether, " "
E. J. Rogers,	Daviston,	Taylor, " "
W. H. C. Dodson,	Fayetteville,	Fayette, " "

Licenciates, Post Offices and Counties.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	COUNTIES.
T. Lawson,	Daviston,	Taylor County, Ga.
E. J. Foper,	Daviston,	Taylor, " "
J. L. Youngblood,	Erin,	Meriwether, " "
G. D. Hays,	Butler,	Taylor, " "

D. J. Apperson, of the Chattahoochee United Baptist Association, Poindexter, Marion County, Ga.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Ordained Ministers in small capitals. Licentiates in *italics*.
Absentees *

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES	Sundays of Meeting	Contributions for Books,	Associational purposes,	Contributions for Minutes,	Total,	Dead,	Excommunicated,	Dismissed by Letter,	Restored,	Received by Letter,	Confession of Faith,	Experience,
Armedgedon,	Pike,	Edw Whaley, Noah Wilkinson,	4th.	00	00	05	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fairview,	"	John Dingler, <i>J L Youngblood</i> , L LEACH,	3rd.	00	85	50	3	81	4	3	0	3	0	0
Liberty,	"	J Davis, Jona. Davis, T B COOPER, W H C DONSON,	1st.	00	50	50	2	42	2	5	0	5	0	0
Friendship,	Taylor,	W D Grace, S J Smith, J G R LOCKHART, T LAWSON,	1st.	00	3	00	7	74	5	1	0	1	0	2
Mt. Zion,	Talbot,	John White, John Raily,	1st.	00	50	50	3	43	2	1	1	1	0	0
Danvers,	Taylor,	S H Larry, J P McCrary,	4th.	00	3	00	1	32	1	0	1	0	3	19
Providence,	Upson,	A Woodham, W Waller,* E J ROGERS,	4th.	00	00	60	2	27	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Pleasant	Newton,	(Not represented) Minutes 1853.	4th.	00	00	00	0	29	2	0	0	0	0	0
		(Not represented)	4th.	00	00	00	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0

* This church has for many years been compelled to wade through the fire of persecution, often without the aid of a regular Minister, and yet they have ever stood firm; may the good Lord help them, that they may never be dismayed. Cr'k.

Receipts.—Received by experience 46; Confession of Faith 1; Received by Letter 21; Restored 2; Dismissed by Letter 12; Excommunicated 14; Dead 6; Total 397; For Minutes \$15.15; Associational purposes \$5.85; Contribution for Books \$6.00.