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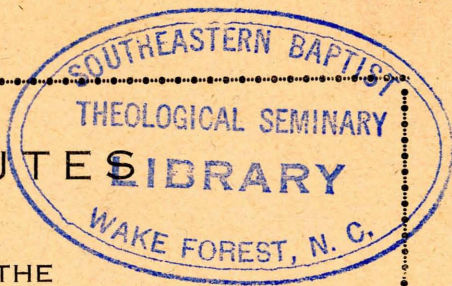
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Proceedings.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. J. Hays. After one hour's intermission the Messengers assembled in the house. Prayer by Elder J. J. Hays, after which letters from three churches were read and names of Messengers enrolled.

1st. On motion elected Elder H. Hand Moderator and Jas. R. Giddens Clerk.

2nd. Called for visitors to seats with us. Received Bro. J. J. Hays from Altamaha River Association.

3rd. On motion, adopted the order of business of last session to govern present session.

4th. Read decorum.

5th. Appointed committees on preaching and finance as follows: Brothers T. J. Brown, Ebenezer Church; H. S. Cherry, Pleasant Hill; T. T. Lewis, Mt. Carmel Church.

6th. To write circular letter, Jas. R. Giddens.

7th. On motion adjournment until Saturday 9:30 A. M.

Saturday, 9:30 a. m.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder H. Hand.

1st. Called the roll.

2nd. Called for report of finance committee. They reported \$11.00 on hand. They also agreed to have 200 minutes printed and balance go to the Clerk. Read and adopted circular letter.

3rd. Called for visitors and received N. A. Turley from Little River Association. Minutes read and adopted.

ELDER H. HAND, Moderator.

JAS. R. GIDDENS, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Dear Brethren in the Lord:

We have been permitted to hold another session of our Association. The churches that report in peace and love should be thankful to our Almighty God, who doeth all things well.

Now, Dear Brethren, the time of our sojourns here are too short to waste our time in strife and confusion, so let us work for the things that bring peace and love.

Dear Brethren, we should take the word of God for our guide and confess our faults, one to another, as Christ has taught in his word, "If ye forgive not one another your trespasses, how can your Heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses?"

Dear Brethren, the time has come for God's children to be up and doing.

The next session of our Association will be held with Ebenezer Church, Jeff Davis county, Ga., six miles south of Hazlehurst, where we hope to meet in love and peace.

RULES OF DECORUM.

- 1st. The Association will open with prayer.
- 2nd. The members of the Association shall be chosen by the churches and will be expected to furnish letters showing their appointment, also the state of their churchtes, and changes since the last session.
- 3rd. The Associaion shall have a Moderator and Clerk, chosen by the members. The Moderator shall keep order and keep questions and the Clerk shall keep a fair record of the proceedings. Minutes should be approved by the body and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before adjournment.
- 4th. Any church known to be the same faith and order with

the churches of this Association may upon application be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to her Messengers.

5th. The number of Messengers coming from each church is supposed to be two, but a greater number may be allowed from large churches by consent of the churches.

This Association believing that the local churches of Christ are the only proper authority to decide and pass upon questions of order and Orthodoxy, agree that this body in her worshipping assembly shall not attempt to consider, settle or pass upon and matter disciplinary character, but will leave all questions of this kind to be determined by the churches themselves in their own individual capacity. Should any church of this Association depart from order by tolerating any unscriptural institutions or becoming guilty of any other disorders the sister churches may in their discretion investigate and labor with said disorderly church, and upon failure to reclaim her from her errors they may protest against such departures and refuse her sister relation. This church action shall determine the relationship of such disorderly church to the Association. It is agreed that all constitutional laws and rules of the decorum not in harmony with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

These rules shall be read at the opening of each session.

The Moderator will be expected each day of the meeting to invite visiting brethren to seats with us.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in only one true and living God and that there are three persons in the God-Head, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2nd. We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrines of eternal and particular election.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5th. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7th. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8th. We believe that the Saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

9th. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the Saint's feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that the true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11th. We believe that no man has right to administer Baptism or the Lord's Supper, except such as are regularly called and come under the hands of the Presbytery.

12th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a General Judgment.

