

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION,

—OF THE—

ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION.

—HELD WITH—

SHARON CHURCH, MONROE COUNTY, GEORGIA.

SEPTEMBER, 19th, 20th and 21st, 1884.

GEO. F. WING, STEAM PRINTER, MACON, GA.

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MINUTES.

FRIDAY, 11 o'clock, September 19th.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder R. E. Story, from 1st chapter, 15th verse of 1 Timothy.

2nd. After one hour's intermission, the Messengers assembled in the house. The Association was organized by J. F. Sikes, the Moderator, and prayer offered by Elder A. W. Patterson, of the Ebenezer Association.

3rd. Read Letters from the churches and enrolled the names of Messengers.

4th. Went into choice of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the continuation of J. F. Sikes, Moderator and M. F. Ethridge, Clerk.

5th. Appointed the following Committees :

On Preaching: B. C. Haygood, T. J. Zellner, W. P. Simons, T. J. Nelson and J. M. Brown.

On Business for the Body: Elders J. Dickey, W. C. Cleaveland and R. E. Story.

To Examine Corresponding Minutes: J. M. Brown, J. F. Clark and J. C. Hancock.

To write Corresponding Letter: J. W. Bassett, M. F. Ethridge and L. A. Stubbs.

6th. Invited Ministers to seats with us.

7th. Called for Correspondence from Sister Associations and received from the Ocmulgee, E. M. Moore and Wm. Childs.

Upatoie: J. E. Battle.

Ebenezer: Elder A. W. Patterson with Minutes.

Pulaski: No Minutes nor Messengers.

Harmony: No Minutes nor Messengers.

8th. On motion, a Letter from the Primitive Western Association was read, proposing a renewal of Correspondence

A committee of three was appointed to draft an expression of this body.

9th. Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Elder A. King of this body.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 20th.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. R. Respass of the Upatoie Association.

1st. Called for report of Committee to arrange business to come before the body. Adopted the order of last year.

2nd. Called the roll and read decorum.

3rd. Invited visiting brethren, as well as Ministers to seats with us.

4th. Called for further Correspondence from sister Associations, and received from the Ocmulgee, Elders D. G. McCowan, W. C. Butler, W. T. Ingram and J. W. J. Taylor.

Upatoie: Elders J. R. Respass, S. Bently and J. Pye.

5th. Called for Petitionary Letters and none presented.

6th. Appointed correspondence to Sister Associations.

Ocmulgee convenes with New Salem church, eight miles west of Eatonton, commencing on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in September, 1885. J. W. Bassett, T. Bagby and T. J. Nelson.

Upatoie convenes with Good Hope church, Marion county, six miles east of Beuna Vista, Tuesday after the first Sabbath in September, 1885. R. E. Story, W. C. Cleaveland, J. M. Brown, W. P. Simmons, H. E. Murry, A. King, J. C. Hancock

Ebenezer convenes with Trail Branch, Pulaski county, ten miles north-east of Cochran, commencing on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath inst. T. Bagby, A. King, J. C. Hancock.

Pulaski correspond by Minutes.

Harmony convenes with Macedonia church, seven miles east of Dawson, commencing on Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in October. R. E. Story, B. T. Collier, W. C. Cleaveland, J. C. Hancock, B. F. Mathews, Ira Akin, L. A. Stubbs.

7th. Called for Report of Committee to examine Corresponding Minutes, and reported nothing claiming the attention of this body.

8th. Appointed the Union Meetings: 1st District with Providence church, Crawford county, embracing the 5th Sabbath in August; 2nd District with Mt. Paron church, Crawford county, embracing the 5th Sabbath in March.

9th. Appointed the next session of this body with Fellowship church, Houston county.

10th. Suspended the regular order of business to hear report of Committee appointed on yesterday to draft an expression to the Primitive Western. Read and ordered printed in our Minutes.

Order of business resumed.

11th. Brother J. T. Nelson was appointed to forward a copy of the expression to the Moderator of the Primitive Western.

12th. Called for contributions from the churches and received \$35 50 for Minutes, and \$26 50 for the visiting ministry. Distributed Corresponding Minutes.

13th. Called for Corresponding Letter; read and adopted.

14th. Being no Circular Letter, the Articles of Faith is ordered printed in lieu thereof.

15th. On motion, the writing of an Annual Circular Letter was dispensed with.

16th. Appointed W. C. Cleaveland to preach next Introductory Sermon, I. Grant, his alternate.

17th. Agreed to have 1000 of these minutes printed and Clerk to have balance of funds on hand for services.

18th. On motion, read minutes and adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

Prayer by Elder John Dickey of this body.

J. F. SIKES, Moderator.

M. F. ETHRIDGE, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Echeconnee Association to Sister Associations with whom she corresponds.

DEAR BRETHREN:—And alwise Providence has permitted us to hold another Session of our body. Our churches are all represented. Our correspondence good, but not as full as we desire. Preaching by the visiting Brethren was consoling. Business transacted in love and peace. The next session of our body will be held with Fellowship church, Houston county, four miles south of Byron, S. W. Railroad, commencing on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in September, 1885, when and where we hope to meet your correspondence.

J. F. SIKES, Moderator.

M. F. ETHRIDGE, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday evening, Elders D. G. McCowan of the Ocmulgee followed by S. Bentley of the Upatoie Associations; Saturday morning, Elders M. F. Stubbs of the Lower Canoochee, followed by A. W. Patterson of the Ebenezer Associations; Saturday evening, Elders J. R. Respass of the Upatoie, followed by B. Stewart of the same Association; Sunday morning, Elders J. R. Respass of the Upatoie, followed by A. W. Patterson of the Ebenezer Associations; Sunday evening, Elders M. F. Stubbs of Lower Canoochee, followed by D. G. McCowan of the Ocmulgee Associations.

The Twelve Articles of Faith.

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

2nd—We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3d—We believe in the doctrine 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 fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

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

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

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

9th—We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of these Ordinances, and that the true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

10th—We believe in the Resurrection of the dead and a general Judgment.

11th—We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous be eternal.

12th. We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

EXPRESSION.

MONROE CO., GA., September 20th, 1884.

The Echeconne Association to her Sister, the Primitive Western.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We are in receipt of your proposition to renew correspondence with us, making certain recantations, which we desire to say are satisfactory, but for other reasons we think best to withhold our correspondence, to wit: At our last session we were enabled to agree upon a final settlement of the manifesto question that had been an element of discord in our body for years, and are now at peace. We learn that the same discord prevails in your body, and is probably unsettled up to this present time, and in this connection allow us especially to call your attention to the existing condition of Harmony chnrch, as received by your body at her last session. For these reasons we desire to await further development before a renewal.

R. E. STORY,
J. W. BASSETT,
T. J. NELSON,
Committee.

SCALE OF THE CHURCHES.

| DISTRICTS. | CHURCHES. | COUNTIES. | NAMES OF MESSENGERS. | PASTORS. | Baptised | Received by Letter. | Confession of Faith. | Restored. | Dismissed by Letter. | Expelled. | Deceased. | Total Number. | Sabbath Meetings. | Money for Minutes. | Money for Ministers. |
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| 1 | Sharon. | Monroe | B. C. Haygood, T. J. Zelner, A. J. Zelner,... | W. C. Cleaveland | 3 | 2 | | | 2 | | 3 | 58 | 1 | 2 00 | 4 00 |
| 1 | Bethlehem. | Upson | J. M. McFarlin, T. J. McFarlin, D. J. Hardage | John Dickey,... | | | | | | | | 13 | 4 | 1 50 | |
| 1 | Ebenezer. | Upson | J. Dickey, Wm. Hancock, Moses Kelly,..... | John Dickey,... | 1 | | | | 2 | | 2 | 22 | 2 | 1 00 | |
| 1 | Good Hope. | Upson | J. R. Adams, D. L. Calwell,..... | W. C. Cleaveland | | | | | | | 2 | 36 | 2 | 1 00 | |
| 1 | Mt. Carmel. | Crawford | W. C. Cleaveland, J. M. Hammack, S. T. Bentley | W. C. Cleaveland | 6 | | | | | | 1 | 35 | 3 | 1 00 | 4 00 |
| 1 | Salem | Crawford | I. Grant, W. J. McGee, J. W. Grant,..... | I. Grant,..... | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 46 | 2 | 2 00 | 4 00 |
| 1 | Providence | Crawford | Joel N. Matthews,..... | I. Grant,..... | 1 | | | 3 | 2 | | 1 | 35 | 4 | 1 00 | 4 00 |
| 1 | Trinity | Upson | J. W. Bassett, T. J. Nelson,..... | J. F. Sikes,... | 1 | 1 | | 6 | | | 1 | 33 | 2 | 2 00 | |
| 1 | Emmaus. | Upson | B. F. Matthews, A. F. Moore, C. A. Norris,... | W. C. Cleaveland | 13 | 10 | 1 | | | | 4 | 73 | 4 | 1 50 | |
| 2 | Union | Crawford | J. F. Sikes, J. E. Rushing,..... | R. E. Story,... | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 58 | 4 | 4 00 | |
| 2 | Fellowship | Houston | W. P. Simmons, B. T. Collier, H. E. Murry,... | A. King,..... | 2 | | | | | | | 40 | 4 | 3 00 | 2 00 |
| 2 | Pleasant Hill. | Houston | Ira Akin, L. A. Stubbs, M. F. Ethridge,..... | R. E. Story,... | 8 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 67 | 2 | 3 00 | |
| 2 | Sardis | Bibb | D. P. McArthur, W. J. Durden,..... | J. F. Sikes,... | | | | 1 | | | | 49 | 3 | 3 00 | 2 00 |
| 2 | Bethlehem | Bibb | T. Bagby, J. F. Clark, J. M. Brown,... | A. W. Patterson, | 5 | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 53 | 1 | 2 00 | 4 00 |
| 2 | Shiloh | Bibb | Letter, no Messengers,..... | S. B. Burnett,... | | | | 1 | 2 | | 5 | 25 | 2 | 2 00 | |
| 2 | Mt. Paron | Crawford | John C. Hancock,..... | S. B. Burnett,... | 3 | | | | 2 | | 3 | 30 | 1 | 2 00 | |
| 2 | Mt. Calvary | Monroe | T. J. Bazemore, R. H. Bazemore, G. L. Davis, | D. G. McCowan, | 2 | | | 1 | | | | 38 | 3 | 2 00 | 2 50 |
| 2 | Beaver Creek | Houston | R. E. Story,..... | R. E. Story,... | | | | | | | | 19 | 1 | 1 50 | |
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