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MINUTES

— OF THE —

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

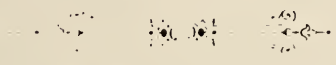
— OF THE —

Olive Primitive Baptist Association,


— HELD WITH —

Sharon Church, Tallapoosa Co., Ala.,

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*Of the Sixth Annual Session of the Olive Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Church at Sharon, Tallapoosa county, Ala., on the 19th, 20th, and 21st days of October, 1888.*

**FIRST :** The Introductory was preached by Eld. J. P. Sayers, from the Wetumpka Association. Text, 15th verse of 1st chapter of 1st Timothy : " This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners ; of whom I am chief."

**SECOND :** Opened the Association with prayer by Eld. J. H. Purifoy, from the Ebenezer Association.

**THIRD :** Called for, received, and read letters from the churches composing the Association, noted their condition, and enrolled the names of Messengers present. See table.

**FOURTH :** Called for Petitionary Letters.

**FIFTH :** Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats with us.

**SIXTH :** On motion, unanimously re-elected Eld. W. M. Mitchell Moderator, and brother John N. Hurst Clerk.

**SEVENTH :** Adopted the order of last year for business ; then appointed the following committees :

*To Arrange Preaching :* Eld. J. S. BAXLEY, L. B. Mays, L. T. Cadenhead, together with John Hicks, B. J. Hornsby and G. F. Webster.

*To Write Corresponding Letter :* C. P. D. Taylor.

*To Examine Corresponding Minutes :* C. P. D. Taylor, T. C. Freeman, E. F. Ware.

2d. Called for correspondence from sister Associations, and received—

*From Beulah,* Elds. J. T. SATTERWHITE and W. R. AVERY, and brethren R. C. Germany and D. H. B. Abernathy.

*From Upatoic,* no correspondence.

*From Conceh River,* Eld. J. E. W. HENDERSON, with letter and minutes

*From Wetumpka,* Elds. J. P. SAYRES and R. B. SMITH, and brethren J. R. Kelly, D. J. SAYES and W. A. Tallant.

*From Primitive Western,* Eld. E. C. THRASH, with letter.

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*From Hillabee*, Elds. R. W. CARLISLE and N. M. COOK, with letter and minutes.

*From Yellow River*, by letter and minutes.

*From Harmony*, by letter and minutes.

*From Newhope*, no correspondence.

*From Oconee*, by letter and minutes.

*From Ocmulgee*, by letter and minutes.

*From Ebenezer*, Eld. J. H. PURIFOY, with letter and minutes.

*From Echecona*, Eld. W. C. CLEVELAND.

3d. Appointed Union Meetings :

*First District* : To convene with the church at Union, Russell county, Ala., on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1889.

*Second District* : To convene with the church at Canaan, Tallapoosa county, Ala., on Friday before the fifth Sunday in June, 1889.

Then adjourned until 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning, and took a recess of one hour : after which re-assembled and preaching again.

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SATURDAY MORNING, October 20th, 1888.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. E. C. THRASH, of the Primitive Western.

1st. Called for the report of the committee on Corresponding Minutes, and received the following :

“We, your committee, appointed to examine Corresponding Minute, beg leave to report that we find nothing specially claiming the attention of this body, except a part of the 14th item of the minute of the Beulah Association of 1888, and the following sentence from the Corresponding Letter of the same minute, namely :

“The names of those churches which now disappear from our scale, have been dropped for allowing their members to participate in secret, worldly, unscriptural institutions.”

All of which is submitted.”

2d. On motion, adopted the following expression : “We approve the action of the Beulah Association in dropping from her associational compact some of the churches for the reason given in her Corresponding Letter ; but we think there is a word or two in the small type of the 14th item of the minute of 1888, that is defective, and we respectfully request an explanation of the following :

“Having been informed that our sister church at Wehadka had departed from the practice of Primitive Baptists, which practice we verily believe to be unscriptural.” &c.

3d. Returned correspondence to sister Associations :

*To Beulah* : With the church at Mount Hickory, Chambers coun-

ty, Ala., on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1889, located two miles east of Milltown, and eight miles west of Five Points, Elds. J. S. BAXLEY, W. M. MITCHELL, and brethren E. F. Ware, W. P. Thompson.

*To Upatoi:* Eld. J. S. BAXLEY, *J. T. Clayton*, Licentiate, and W. A. Lamb, to convene with the church at Bethlehem, seven miles east of Butler, Ga., on Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1889.

*To Concoh River:* To convene with the church at Darien, Crenshaw county, Ala., on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1889, J. S. BAXLEY, *J. T. Clayton*, *L. T. Cadenhead*, W. R. Murphy, E. F. Ware.

*To Ocmulgee:* To convene with the church at Crooked Creek, Putnam county, Ga., near Eatonton, on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1889, by letter and minutes.

*To Wetumpka:* Convenes with the church at Fish Pond, Coosa county, Ala., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1889, located seven miles west of Alexander City, T. C. Freeman, C. P. D. Taylor, J. G. Ware, B. J. Hornsby.

*To Hillabee:* Convenes with the church at Smyrna, on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1889, three miles east of Goodwater, Coosa county, Ala., J. G. Ware, W. H. Tyler, B. J. Hornsby, Eld. W. M. MITCHELL, R. S. Hammock.

*To Harmony:* By letter and minutes.

*To Yellow River:* To convene three miles south of Social Circle, on Georgia R. R., at Harris' Spring church, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1889, John N. Hurst.

*To Primitive Western:* To convene on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1889, with the church at Enon, Meriwether county, Ga., five miles north-west of Neal, on the Georgia Midland R. R., and nine miles north of Woodbury, *J. T. Clayton*, *L. T. Cadenhead*, T. C. Freeman, B. W. Howard, J. Y. Edwards, J. N. Hurst.

*To Ebenezer:* Near Fort Valley, Ga., on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1889, by letter and minutes.

*To Ebenezer:* Convenes with the church at Cool Spring, near Patsburg, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1889, J. S. BAXLEY, W. R. Murphy.

*To Newhope:* At Holly Spring church, near Breman, Ga., convenes on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1889, by letter and minutes.

*To Oconee:* By letter and minutes.

4th. Received and adopted the Corresponding Letter.

5th. Received contributions from the churches to the amount of \$19.70, and ordered that the Clerk have 600 copies of this minute printed and distributed among the churches, reserving a sufficient number for other correspondence, and that he superin-

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tend the printing and distributing the same, and retain the balance of the money for his services.

6th. The next annual session of this body will convene, the Lord willing, with the church at Bethel, in Brownville, Lee county, Ala., on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1889.

7th. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to this community for the hospitality extended during our stay with them.

8th. Minutes then read and adopted, and final adjournment to the time and place appointed for the next session. Prayer by Eld. J. E. W. HENDERSON.

JOHN N. HURST, *Clerk*.

W. M. MITCHELL, Moderator.

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#### CORRESPONDING LETTER.

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*The Olive Association of the Primitive Baptist Faith and Order, in session with the Church at Sharon, Tallapoosa county, Ala., to her sister Associations with whom she corresponds—Greeting :*

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD.—We have again been permitted to meet and hold another session of our Association through the goodness of an Allwise Creator. Our churches have all been represented by letters and messengers. Love and fellowship abounding with some prosperity. We appreciate your christian correspondence, and have been made to rejoice in spirit under the preaching of your ministers, of whom there has been a greater number than at any former session of our body, who came laden with the precious truth of the gospel; and we earnestly desire a continuation of the same.

The next session of our body will be held with the church at Bethel, in Brownville, Lee county, Ala., Commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1889, when and where we hope to meet with a goodly number of our corresponding brethren.

W. M. MITCHELL, Moderator.

JOHN N. HURST, *Clerk*.

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From day to day the stand was occupied in the following order :

Friday A. M., J. P. Sayers. P. M., J. E. Adams, N. M. Cook.  
Saturday A. M., J. E. W. Henderson, W. R. Avery. P. M., W. C. Cleveland, J. T. Stewart.

Sunday A. M., J. H. Purifoy, J. T. Satterwhite, followed by a few pointed and appropriate remarks from Elds. R. W. Carlisle, E. C. Thrash, and W. M. Mitchell, all much to the comfort of the saints ; then dismissed in fellowship and much love to each other.

MINISTERS' NAMES. ASSOCIATIONS AND POST OFFICES.

J. E. Adams,	Kehukee,	Barelaysville, N. C.
J. H. Purifoy,	Elbenzer,	Furman, Ala.
J. E. W. Henderson,	Conecuh River,	New Providence, Ala.
N. M. Cook,	Hillabee,	Leslie, Ala.
R. W. Carlisle,	Hillabee,	Mount Olive, Ala.
J. T. Satterwhite,	Beulah,	Bloomingdale, Ala.
W. R. Avery,	Beulah,	Corn House, Ala.
J. P. Sayers,	Wetumpka,	
J. T. Stewart,	Mount Moriah,	Lincoln, Ala.
E. C. Thrash,	Primitive Western,	Flat Shoals, Ga.
W. C. Cleveland,	Echeconnee,	Thomaston, Ga.
R. B. Smith,	Wetumpka,	Tallassee, Ala.
W. M. Mitchell,	Olive,	Opelika, Ala.
J. S. Baxley,	Olive,	Notasulga, Ala.
L. T. Cadenhead, (L)	Olive,	Lively, Ala.
J. T. Clayton. (L)	Olive,	Crawford, Ala.



## STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	Baptized										Total Membership	Money for Minutes	Meetings
				Received by Letter	Dismissed	Excluded	Restored	Dead	Restored	Dead	Restored	Dead	Restored			
<b>FIRST DISTRICT.</b>																
Bethel, Lee county, Ala.	J. S. BAXLEY.	J. T. Clayton, L. T. Gadenhead, B. W. Howard	Lively, Ala.	2	1	2	4	1				64	2	50	1	
Hephzibah, Lee county, Ala.	W. M. MITCHELL.	J. N. Hurst, A. R. Powell, A. D. Martin.	Salem, .....	1	1	1	1					34	2	30	1	
Mt. Olive, Lee county, Ala.	W. M. MITCHELL.	W. M. Mitchell, C. P. D. Taylor, L. B. Mays	Opelika, .....	3	1	2	1					67	2	50	4	
Union, Russell county, Ala.		J. B. Polkes, L. Pickard	Mott's Mills, ..	3	2	1	1					21	1	50	5	
		W. A. Lamb.	Crawford, ..	2		1	1					24	2	00	2	
<b>SECOND DISTRICT.</b>																
Bethlehem, Macon county, Ala.	J. S. BAXLEY.	J. S. Baxley, W. P. Thompson, T. C. Freeman	Nataaulga, ..	1								36	2	50	2	
Concord, Tallapoosa co., Ala.	J. S. BAXLEY.	J. G. Ware, L. B. Spain	Baderville, ..				1	1				22	1	50	3	
Carson, Tallapoosa co., Ala.	H. B. SMITH	W. H. Tyler	Warelys, ..	3	2	1	2					51	2	00	3	
Shiloh, Tallapoosa co., Ala.	R. B. SMITH	I. N. Middlebrooke, J. A. Kilpatrick, E. F. Ware	Thornton, ..	2			1	2				18	1	00	3	
Sharon, Tallapoosa co., Ala.		J. Hicks, B. J. Hornsby, G. F. Webster	Thaddeus, ..	2				1				25	2	00	4	
Total				17	13	20	11	1	9	34	21	70				

RECAPITULATION:—Baptized 17; received by letter 13; dismissed 20; excluded 11; restored 1; dead 6; total membership 342; money for minutes \$19.70.

Ordained Ministers in small capitals; Licentiate in italics.





