

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
HOPEWELL OLD SCHOOL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD WITH
HARMONY GROVE CHURCH,
On the 17th, 18th and 19th Days of October, 1890.

OFFICERS:
G. W. NORRIS, Mod'r. L. M. WIMBERLEY, Clerk.

The next session of this body will be held with Little Hope Church, ten miles west of Favette C. H., Ala., commencing Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1891.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 1890.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. J. T. Stewart, from 2nd Tim., 2nd chap. 15th verse: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."

After an intermission of an hour, the delegates reassembled in the house; called the names of churches, and enrolled the names of the delegates. (See Table.)

Elected Eld. G. W. Norris, Moderator, and L. M. Wimberley, Clerk.

Appointed a committee of arrangements, viz: J. C. Nabors, Jerome Matthews and M. J. Abernathy, with the Moderator and Clerk.

Appointed a committee on finance, viz: E. W. Dodson and T. H. James.

Appointed a committee on preaching, viz: J. D. Spencer, T. H. James, D. Springer, J. F. Davis, G. B. Moore, J. T. Evans, O. A. White, J. D. Crow, J. P. Corbett, J. C. Smith and W. B. Mathews.

Appointed W. R. Brown to write a letter of correspondence to sister Associations.

Called for correspondence, which was responded to as follows: From Pilgrims Rest, a bundle of minutes and messengers, viz: Eld. A. J. Coleman, and brethren Green Carver, L. E. Jones, J. M. Carver, A. Jones and E. J. Lancaster. From Buttahatchie, a bundle of minutes and messengers, viz: M. G. Darr, John Mathews, Wm Dean and J. N. Duncan. From Little Hope, a bundle of minutes and messengers, viz: Eld. J. D. McElroy and brethren J. C. Champion and H. G. Bracknell. From Five Mile Creek, a bundle of minutes and messengers, viz: Elds. N. Sanders, M. L. Vandiver, and brother T. W. Davis. From Lost Creek, a bundle of minutes and messengers, viz: Eld, A. J. Gibson, and brethren C. C. Hamilton, W. S. Poe, W. J. Hocutt; all of which received a welcome greeting and invitation to seats with us. Also a petitionary letter asking correspondence, was presented from one wing of the

Mt. Zion Association, by her messenger, Eld. J. T. Pace, which was declined for the present, and a committee composed of N. W. Eubank, J. M. Smith, J. C. Nabors, R. F. Papisan, G. W. Norris and L. M. Wimberley, was appointed to visit and ascertain the character and standing of said Association.

Opened the door for the reception of new churches, when a petitionary letter from Concord church was presented by her delegate, W. I. Holcomb, and being found orthodox and orderly, was received and added to the 2nd District.

Arranged union meetings as follows: 1st District, to convene with Mt. Zion church on Friday before the 1st Sunday in September, 1891; 2nd District, with Emmaus church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1891.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder D. T. Moore.

SATURDAY, October 18th, 1890.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother R. L. White.

Called the roll and found quorum present and ready for business.

Called for the bill of Arrangement, and agreed to adopt the minute of last year, and discharge the committee.

Invited visiting ministers present, of our order, to seats with us.

Called on the committee on preaching, which reported the appointment of Elds. A. J. Gibson and G. W. Stewart to preach in the forenoon, and A. J. Coleman and J. D. McElroy to preach in the afternoon.

Read Constitution, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum of the Association.

Appointed correspondence as follows: To Pilgrims Rest, J. C. Nabors, F. M. McCool, L. M. Wimberley, J. D. Spencer, J. D. Springer. To Buttahatchie; N. W. Eubank, J. C. Nabors, J. M. Smith, Jerome Mathews, F. M. McCool, T. H. James, G. B. Moore, J. F. Foster, L. M. Wimberley, J. C. Smith and W. B. Matthews. To Five Mile Creek; W. R. Brown, T. H. James, G. W. Norris, O. A. White and J. C. Smith. To Little Hope; R. F. Papisan, D. T. Moore, W. R. Brown and M. J. Abernathy. To Lost Creek; R. F. Papisan, T. H. James, W. R. Brown, T. J. Evans, W. I. Holcomb, W. H. R. Loden, J. C. Corbett.

Agreed that the next session of this body be held with Little Hope church, 10 miles west of Fayette C. H., commencing on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in Oct. 1891.

Appointed L. M. Wimberley, Treasurer.

Called on the committee on Finance, who reported as follows: Contributions this year, \$20.70; in the hands of the Treasurer, 00.00.

Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of the minutes and have 400 copies printed, reserve for correspondence and distribute the remainder by mail.

Compensated the Clerk \$8.00 for his services.

Requested the Moderator to tender the thanks of this body to brethren, and friends, of this vicinity for their kindness manifested to us while with them.

Called for the Letter of Correspondence, which was presented by the writer, read, received and ordered to be inserted in the minutes.

Appointed Elds. M. L. Vandiver, N. Sanders, N. W. Eubank and G. W. Norris to preach on Sunday, who appeared in the order of their names, and addressed a large and attentive audience, which we hope will tell out in a wonderful crop of good fruit to future ages. CLERK.

Opened the door for promiscuous business.

Agreed to dissolve the resolution passed by this Association at its session of 1888, and request the churches to adopt it for themselves and strictly observe it in their discipline.

Agreed to have a suitable obituary to the death of our much beloved brother and Elder, T. J. Norris, and requested L. M. Wimberley to prepare the same for publication in this minute.

Read and corrected the minutes, and then adjourned to the time and place of next annual meeting.

G. W. NORRIS, Moderator.

L. M. WIMBERLEY, Clerk.

LETTER OF CORRESPONDENCE.

The Hopewell Old School Baptist Association, now in her Sixth Session, to her sister Associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth Christian love and affection:

Dear Brethren—We are passing through another, as it seems, peaceful and harmonious session; everything per-

taining to business seems to be moving smoothly. Dear brethren, your correspondence was gladly received, and we desire a continuance of correspondence with you, which is further evidenced by the appointment of some of our brethren to meet with you at your next session, whose names you will find in this minnte. Dear brethren, pray for us, and all men everywhere, lifting up holy hands without wrath or doubting; and may the grace of peace be with you. Farewell. G. W. NORRIS, Mod'r.

L. M. WIMBERLEY, Clerk.

Any member of this body, by producing a copy of our minutes, are entitled to correspondence with our sister Associations.

OBITUARY.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the great Head of the Church to remove from our midst, by death, our much beloved ELDER T. J. NORRIS, during the past year, who professed a hope of salvation through Christ in early life, and lived and led such a life as to justice and honor to that profession, and filled every official rank in the Church from an humble lay-member to that of Moderator of the Association with honor and dignity, and much to the satisfaction of all the brotherhood of his acquaintance. And whereas, by this dispensation of kind providence, the Church has lost a faithful minister of the Gospel, the community a good citizen, his wife a good husband, and his children an affection father; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Hopewell Association, bow with humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, feeling that our loss is his gain. And to the bereaved widow and many sorrowing relatives and friends, as a solace for your distress, we commend you to God and to his grace, who is a strong hold in the day of trouble.

Received of L. M. Wimberley eight dollars for printing,
400 copies of these Minutes. R. J. SMITH, Printer.

