

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BARTHOLOMEW REGULAR

Baptist Association.

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OFFICERS:

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U. H. PARKER, MODERATOR.    Y. R. ROYAL, CLERK.

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## PROCEEDINGS

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The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Henry Sims, from Matt. xxiv. 9. After which, Elder P. R. Smith, former Moderator, presiding, and John Hill, former Clerk, acting, the house was called to order.

Letters from the different churches in this Association were called for, presented and read, and the names of delegates enrolled. (See Appendix.)

Petitionary letters were then called for; whereupon the following churches presented, through their delegates, letters asking admission to this Association, to wit: Sand Creek, Bethlehem, Saline, and Seven Mile, all of Drew county. All of which were (upon examination) found to be orthodox, and were received as members of the Association, and the usual signal of fellowship extended to their several delegates.

On motion, appointed the following brethren to arrange preaching during the sitting of the Association, to wit: S. T. W. Meek, P. Lambert, W. Baliff, S. R. Waldrop, A. Bull, and Levi Kinard.

On motion, proceeded to elect officers for the present session. Bro. W. H. Parker was elected Moderator, and Y. R. Royal, Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion, thanks were tendered to Bro. P. Smith, for the frank, faithful, and impartial manner in which he presided over this Association during the last three sessions.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

*On Finance.*—Wm. G. Cole, J. D. Johnson, and William B. Daniel.

*On Sabbath Schools.*—S. T. W. Meek, J. J. Duboise, and L. Denson.

*On Temperance.*—B. C. Hyatt, A. L. Thompson, and I. I. Carlin.



*On Colored Population.*—P. Lambert, J. S. Wood, and L. Skinner.

*On Education.*—P. R. Smith, Y. R. Royal, and B. C. Hyatt.

On motion, called for correspondents. Whereupon, Elder J. Meek, from Liberty Association, and S. Gardner and ———, from Judson Association, presented letters from their respective Associations, and C. F. Thompson, and Elders W. Philips, and L. R. Caper, from Bayou, Macon, presented minutes of their Association, all of whom were invited to seats.

On motion, all Missionary Baptist ministers, present, who were in good standing, were invited to seats in the Association.

On motion, W. R. Trawick, Agent for the Arkansas State Convention, was invited to a seat, and to take part in the deliberations of the body.

On motion, adjourned until the following Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder P. R. Smith.

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#### SABBATH.

Preaching as follows: At 9 o'clock. A. M., by Elder W. Philips; and at 11, A. M., Bro. R. F. Mattison preached the Missionary Sermon, according to previous appointment, from 2 Thess. iii. 1. After which, a collection was taken up for missionary purposes, whereupon the sum of \$55 25 were collected in cash from the congregation.

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#### MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. J. Duboise.

On motion, the Rules governing this Association at the last session, were adopted for the present session.

Report on Temperance was called for, which was presented, read and adopted in whole. (See Appendix.)

Report on Colored Population was called for, and the committee having made out no report, on motion, the report made at the last session, was adopted for the present session. (See Minutes of last session.)

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Report on Education was called for, which was presented, read and adopted. (See Appendix.)

Report of Executive Board was called for, which was presented, read and adopted. (See Appendix.)

Report on Sabbath Schools was called for, which was presented, read and adopted.

On motion, a committee of three, to wit: B. C. Hyatt, N. A. Watson, and C. W. Kinard, was appointed to make out a report on Home Missions, and present the same to-morrow morning.

On motion, a committee of three, to wit: L. Skinner, W. B. Daniel, and P. Lambert, was appointed to redistrict the Association, and to report during the sitting of the Association.

On motion, corresponding messengers were appointed to other sister Associations, as follows:

To Bayou Macon Association—R. F. Mattison, A. Richmond, and — Kinard, Mattison to write Corresponding Letter.

To Liberty Association—H. Sims, John Hill, and W. R. Trawick, Sims to write letter of correspondence.

To Judson Association—Y. R. Royal, J. R. Vick, E. Sanduskey, W. H. Parker, and W. R. Trawick, Royal to write letter of correspondence.

To Concord Association, La.—J. S. Wood was appointed to write a letter of correspondence.

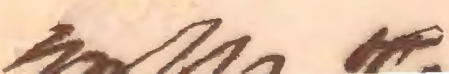
On motion, the following brethren, volunteering their services, were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to convene in Pine Bluff, in October next, to wit: W. R. Trawick, R. F. Mattison, Y. R. Royal, L. Denson, B. C. Hyatt, W. H. Parker, R. F. Watson, J. D. Johnson, and I. I. Duboise.

On motion, the following resolution was presented, read and adopted, to wit:

*Resolved*, That we invite Elders J. R. Graves, J. M. Pendleton, and A. C. Dayton to meet with and preach for us at our next Association.

On motion, the following resolutions were presented by Bro. Mattison, to wit:

*Resolved*, That we comply with the request made by the Bayou Macon Association, at her last session, in reference to building a first class school at this place, and in accordance with the resolutions adopted by that Association.





*Resolved*, That we appoint one or more agents to raise an amount of money corresponding with the amount pledged by the Bayou Macon Association.

*Resolved*, That we appoint a committee of three to confer with a committee to be appointed by the Bayou Macon Association at her next annual meeting.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

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TUESDAY MORNING, 8 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by W. R. Trawick.

On motion, Brethren C. W. Kinard and B. C. Hyatt were appointed agents for the Arkansas and Louisiana Male and Female High School, and that J. S. Wood, Kinard, H. Sims, and R. F. Mattison compose the committee to confer with the Bayou Macon Association.

Report of the Financial Committee was called for, which was presented, read and adopted, and committee discharged. (See App.)

The following resolution was presented by Bro. Duboise, which was read and adopted :

*Resolved*, That we advise our churches to elect their pastors at as early a meeting after the session of the Association as possible.

Report on Domestic Missions called for, which was presented, read and adopted. (See App.)

On motion, the following resolution was presented by W. B. Daniel, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Association appoint, or elect, within her bounds, two missionaries, to ride and preach to the destitute portions, within the bounds of this Association, during our next Associational year.

After which the Association went into the election of the same, which resulted in the election of Elders U. H. Parker and J. S. Wood, whom the Association empowered to act as her agents to collect Associational funds. And the Association agrees to allow each of said missionaries eight hundred dollars—two hundred and fifty dollars the Association pledges

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herself to pay to each, and the balance over that amount they are to collect as her agents, and each one to have all over two hundred and fifty dollars, and under eight hundred, which he shall collect.

The following query was propounded to this Association, to wit:

What does this Association consider to be the regular way of dissolving a church?

Answer: It takes the same authority to dissolve that it does to constitute.

Bro. C. W. Kinard presented his claim against the Association, in the sum of \$47 50, for services rendered by him as missionary for the Association during the year 1856, and for freight paid on books for the Association, which was allowed, and the Treasurer instructed to pay the same to him out of the monies now in his hands.

On motion—

*Resolved*, That the next session of this Association be held with Flat Creek Church, Ashley county, Ark., commencing on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in September, A. D. 1861; and that Elder R. F. Mattison be appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and Eld. C. W. Kinard his alternate; and that Elder Y. R. Royal preach the missionary sermon on Sabbath, and Elder B. C. Hyatt his alternate.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

*Resolved*, That we recommend the *Arkansas Baptist* to the patronage of the members of this Association.

On motion, Bro. J. V. McCulloch is instructed to turn over the books in his possession, belonging to this Association, to our present missionaries; and that the money in his hands for books sold, be donated to him.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

*Resolved*, That a board of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to fill all vacancies that may occur by the resignation, death, or removal of either or both of the missionaries appointed by this Association, during the present Associational year; and that W. B. Daniel, S. T. W. Meek, Ambrose Bull, O. J. Scarborough, and Wm. Cole be and the same are hereby appointed to compose such Executive Board.



On motion, the Clerk is instructed to insert in the minutes of this session, the Constitution, the Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum, heretofore adopted by this Association.

The following resolution was offered and adopted :

*Resolved*, That we, the members of this Association, tender to the brethren of this church, and the friends of this vicinity, our most grateful thanks for their kindness and hospitality manifested towards us during this session.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have eight hundred (800) copies of the minutes of this Association struck, and that they be distributed by the several churches in proportion to the sum by them sent up for the same.

On motion, this Association is adjourned to the time and place above mentioned.

U. H. PARKER, *Moderator*.

Y. R. ROYAL, *Clerk*.

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## APPENDICES.

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### *Report of Financial Committee.*

Your Committee on Finance make the following report :

In the hands of the former Treasurer.....	\$33 90
Amt. of public collection after missionary sermon.....	55 25
Amt. sent up by the churches.....	75 40
Total.....	<u>\$164 55</u>

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By error in minutes of the last session.....	\$ 10 00
Leaving a balance in the the Treasury of.....	154 55

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. DANIEL, *Chairman*.

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### *Report on Sabbath Schools.*

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report :

We cannot attach too much importance to this subject. The Sabbath School is the nursery of the Church, and the place where we can best impress upon the minds of our children the necessity of early piety. Observation and experience teach us the entire inutility of Union Sabbath Schools, where every feature of our denominational peculiarities is studiously

avoided, and where the minds are insidiously tinctured with error. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That we advise our churches to organize Sabbath Schools in their own houses, and employ suitable teachers of our own members.

2. *Resolved*, That we adopt the Southern Baptist Sabbath School Union books as our standard Sabbath School books.

Submitted.

U. H. PARKER.

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### *Report on Education.*

Your Committee on Education submit the following report :

In this age, when all things go by steam and at electric speed, when science is steadily marching towards perfection—a general diffusion of knowledge among the masses is demanded. Without it, our civil institutions and privileges must retrograde, and we fall in the wake of other nations.

The present period in the history of our denomination, when error combined is clad in the full armor of its strength, demands an educated ministry. Without it, we may contend earnestly, but not successfully, for the faith once delivered to the saints. Error, aided by learning, may never utterly overthrow the truth ; but it can greatly impede its progress, unless our ministry shall be able to meet its adherents on equal footing. We would, therefore, earnestly recommend our brethren to establish and endow at least one first class College in our State, and aid in the education of our young ministers.

*Resolved*, That we cheerfully endorse the efforts being made by our State Convention, and her agents, to endow a Male College, to be located somewhere in our State when the sum of one hundred thousand dollars shall have been raised ; and that we will aid all we can, by our prayers and contributions, for the consummation of this object.

R. F. MATTISON, *Chairman*.

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### *Report on Domestic Missions.*

We, your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Domestic Missions, beg leave to report as follows :



No subject embodies so much of importance to man's present and future good, as that offered through the Gospel. And the subject for us to consider, is the best method for employing the means placed within our reach. The churches, in their associate capacity, have the means and the power to furnish destitute localities within their bounds with the gospel. That this, however, is not done, is a lamentable fact. There are churches without pastors; and then, perhaps, four-fifths of our fellow-beings, within the bounds of this Association, are destitute of any thing like a stated ministry, or a preached gospel. We, therefore, recommend that this Association appoint two missionaries, to ride and preach during all that portion of the year that they may be able to accomplish good.

Submitted.

HYATT, *Chairman.*

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### *Report on Temperance.*

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, having had the same under consideration, have come to the conclusion that we will not follow the same course that your other committees have done heretofore—simply to condemn, and rest the matter there. We feel impressed with the necessity of speaking out on the subject, and asking this body to unite with us in endeavoring to arrest the progress of intemperance. We believe it to be an evil, and one that affects, to some extent, our most vital interests, morally, politically, socially, and religiously. We might take the subject up, and discuss it at length, on the various topics we have mentioned, viz.: moral, politic, and our social relations. But we omit these, and notice the one more directly bearing upon us at this time—Religious. How does the use of intoxicating drink, as a beverage, affect us religiously? This question has been discussed until it has become almost worn out, and men, yea, christians, have still passed it by with indifference. We answer, that intoxicating drinks, as a beverage, are hurtful to our position as christians. First, we answer, if there is a way in which a man can do more evil in the world, than in all others combined; If there is a method through which he can lay the axe at the root of every good tree in the world—if there

is any single means by which he can build up Satan's kingdom in the earth, more effectually than by all other means, it is by getting into a church, and when there, by his example, money, or influence, corrupting its discipline, and lowering its standard of morality. This is the enemy itself, walking unmolested into the citadel, and pulling down its colors. The church is the moral standard in society. Let her sanction a practice, be it what it may, or even permit it, by admitting its advocates or votaries to her bosom, and ninety-nine of every hundred of that community will regard it as proper and respectable, if not right, in the abstract. On the other hand, let the church condemn a practice, and it falls at once into disrepute. Some church members urge, as a reason why they will not give their aid to institutions for the purpose of suppressing this evil, that the church is sufficient. We have no direct command in regard to this matter in the New Testament, say they. We ask, have they any for Sabbath Schools, Bible, Tract, or any other of those institutions of modern day? Now we might prove, had we space, that we have more authority from sacred writ, in reference to giving our aid to Temperance institutions, than any of those enumerated. The Apostle says If by eating meat he cause a brother to offend, he will never touch it while he lives. Would to God, our brethren in the church would say so about alcohol. Again—Shun every appearance of evil. Is there not an appearance of evil in liquor? There is, and a very great appearance. The statistics of our country is, that ten thousand die annually from the effects of ardent spirits. And what a death! To live a drunkard is bad enough, but to die so, and be ushered into the presence of the Judge, and hear that awful sentence, Depart thou drunkard—ah! language fails—I leave it to your imaginations to fill the picture. And many other scriptures I might bring to prove that we have more authority for this than any other society outside the church. We might bring very many reasons why it does affect us religiously, but space forbid. We may exclaim, in the language of the author of the Dens in London, and say: We may build churches, and multiply chapels and schools, but until the drinking habits of the people are changed, we can never act upon them as we should, while the pot house is their church, &c. We are well persuaded that the moderate drinker makes the drunkard, and that the church should be as a city set upon a hill, whose light cannot be hid.



Let her set her influence against it, and it must fall. But there has been an apathy amongst our brethren on this subject—and so all go. Where shall we end? Will not the alcoholic poison have the same effect upon the church members that it has on other people? Let no one doubt it. Their piety will not permit it; for if that was anything but show, they would not touch the unclean thing. It is the love of the critter that makes them advocate it. But what is to be done? There is but one thing to be done, that can be done effectually; and that is this: Let those who have not bowed the knee to Baal make themselves heard and felt. Let them whet their swords upon the rock of truth, and lay on and spare not. Let them make a clear division, that we may know where each one stands. Thus a remnant may be saved, which becoming an active element, will become a saving one. But as it is, alcohol is a leaven in our churches, and if not cleaned out will leaven the whole lump.

Your committee might bring forward truths, abundant to satisfy every one of the importance of churches purging themselves of this mighty leaven. But our space will not allow. But we cannot conclude without offering the following:

*Resolved*, That we believe it to be the indispensable duty of church-members to use their influence to arrest the use of alcoholic drinks as a beverage.

*Resolved*, That we recommend the course advised in the *Arkansas Baptist*, to memorialize our General Assembly to stop the license system, and that each church member should give their aid.

Submitted.

B. C. HYATT, *Chairman*.

The following list contains the amounts pledged by delegates for their churches, and for themselves individually, payable at the next session of this Association:

Spring Hill Church, by delegate.....	\$10 00
Egypt           "           " .....	10 00
Holly Spring   "           " (pd).....	5 00
Smyrna         "         paid to former Treasurer.....	15 00
Ebenezer       "         by delegates.....	15 00
Mt. Zion     Church, by delegates.....	40 00
Poplar Grove   "           " .....	20 00
Bradley Creek   "         paid to former Treasurer .....	5 00
Pleasant Hill   "         by delegates.....	15 00

Hamburg	"	"	10 00
Antioch	"	"	10 00
Sand Creek	"	"	10 00
Seven Mile	"	"	10 00
Ambrose Bull, for self			5 00
B. C. Hyatt,	"		25 00
Larkin Skinner	"		5 00
Wm. S. Bull	"		5 00
J. Langston	"		5 00
Total amount pledged			\$220 00

The following are the amounts sent up by the several churches for printing minutes for the present session :

Milton Church	\$2 00
Flat Creek	3 75
Egypt	2 00
Fellowship	1 50
Providence	1 50
Spring Hill	1 50
Pleasant Grove	1 00
Holly Spring	1 00
Hamburg	1 50
New Hope	1 50
Hopewell	
Mt. Zion	2 00
Hickory Grove	1 25
Poplar Bluff	3 00
Pleasant Hill	2 00
Bradley Creek	25
Bethlehem	60
Saline	1 00
Antioch	1 50
Mt. Olive	
Bonida	1 50
Salem	2 00
Shady Grove	2 00
Smyrna	3 00
Sand Creek	1 50
Bartholomew	
Seven Mile	1 50
Mount Hope	1 50
Beech Creek	2 00
Holly Springs	1 50
Antioch	1 00



## CONSTITUTION.

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ART. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. This Association shall be called Bartholomew Regular Baptist Association.

ART. 3. Each Church composing this Association shall be entitled to three delegates.

ART. 4. The object of this Association shall be to devise measures to promote the Redeemer's kingdom, particularly in the bounds of this Association.

ART. 5. This Association shall never possess any power or authority over any church, but may act as an advisory council.

ART. 6. New Churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish, by letter and delegates, provided they are deemed orthodox.

ART. 7. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer. And no officer of this Association shall be eligible to office two years in succession.

ART. 8. Every Church shall be furnished with Minutes, and every other benefit of the fund, in proportion to the money advanced.

ART. 9. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any session of this Association, when two-thirds of the members present shall deem it necessary.

### AMENDMENTS.

1. Be it resolved, That so much of Article 7 of the Constitution, as restricts the office of Clerk and Treasurer to one year, is hereby repealed. Sept., 1854.

2. Be it resolved, That that Article in the Constitution, restricting the office of Moderator to one term's service, be, and the same is hereby repealed. And any member of the Association shall be eligible to the office aforesaid so long as the Association shall call him. Sept., 1855.

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## RULES OF DECORUM.

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1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by a majority of the members present.
3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that order is kept according to the Rules of Decorum.
4. Any member being dissatisfied with the decision of the Moderator, may appeal to the Association, provided it be done on the same day.
5. One member only shall speak at the same time, who shall address the Moderator, and on obtaining the floor, shall proceed, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or makes use of personal reflections.
6. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice to any one subject, without obtaining leave of the Association.
7. No practice shall be allowed, that is calculated to interrupt a member while speaking.
8. Every motion made and seconded, after time given for debate, shall be put to the Association, unless previously withdrawn, and the Moderator shall pronounce the decision of the Association.
9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
10. No appellation but that of brother shall be used by members, in addressing each other, while in session.
11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled; but shall not be allowed a vote, unless the Association be equally divided.
12. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may deem necessary; and no member shall



withdraw himself from the Association without leave from the Association.

13. This Decorum shall be read at the opening of each session, and oftener if necessary.

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## ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures, composing the Old and New Testament, are the Word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and order.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of Election, as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience, and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

ART. 4. We believe that man was created upright, but by transgression fell from that state; consequently, he and all his posterity became dead in trespasses and sins.

ART. 5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified by the righteousness of Christ, through faith in his name.

ART. 7. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace.

ART. 8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked, will be eternal.

ART. 9. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, but one who is regularly baptized, called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

ART. 10. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the Church of Christ, and that believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion only is baptism.

ART. 11. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.