

MINUTES
OF THE
TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
TIAHOOCHEE UNITED B. ASSOCIATION,

CONVENED WITH
CORINTH CHURCH, MARION COUNTY, GEORGIA,
ON THE 6TH, 8TH AND 9TH NOV. 1847.

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1. The Sermon Introductory to business preached by Elder Reeves, from Rom. 14th chap. 19th v.—“*Let us, therefore, follow after the things which make for peace, &c.*”

2. After a short intermission, the Delegates assembled—
Chair by D. J. Apperson.

3. Received and read letters from six Churches, and minuted their state.

4. The Association was then organized by the election of Elder J. REEVES, Moderator, and Wm. T. PARK, Clerk.

5. Invited Ministering brethren of a kindred spirit to seats among us.

6. Called for Petitionary Letters; when a Letter from New Prospect Church, Crawford county, Georgia, by her Delegate, William Shiephard, was presented, and cordially received as a member of the Body.

7. Called for Correspondence, and received as follows:
From the *United Baptist Association*, a Letter and Minutes, by her delegates R. H. Daniel and Joseph S. Wilson.

From the *Salem United Baptist Association*, Elder J. O. Cumbie, as correspondent.

8. Appointed the following Committees, viz:
To arrange business proper to be brought before the Body—William Presley, D. J. Apperson, W. T. Park, J. Powel and J. Hartsfield.

On Preaching—Park, and Powel from the Church, and Hartsfield and S. Scism from the Body.

On Finance—Park, Powel and Apperson.

9. Read and received a Letter from the *Columbus Association*, borne by the following brethren, J. Perryman, S. W. Durham, G. W. Epps and G. Hartsfield, a committee appointed by that body to confer with us on terms of Correspondence and Union. Whereupon, we appointed the following brethren, W. Presley, D. J. Apperson, W. T. Park, J. Powel, J. Hartsfield and Eld. John Reeves, a select committee to confer with them, and report to this body.

10. Adjourned until Monday morning, half past 9 o'clock.

On the Sabbath, the brethren J. Perryman and J. Q. Cumbie, preached, in the order of their names, to an attentive audience, we trust with good effect.

MONDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by Eld. R. H. Daniel.

1. Called for the report of the Committee of Arrangements, which was read and adopted.

2. Appointed brethren Presley, Apperson, J. Hartsfield and Daniel, to draft a *Decorum* for the Body.

3. Called for the report of the Select Committee, which was read and adopted. (See Appendix A.)

4. Called for the report of the committee to draft a Decorum for this Body, which was read and adopted. (Appendix B.)

5. Called for the report of Financial Committee, which was read and adopted. (Appendix C.)

6. Adjourned until Tuesday morning, 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by Eld. R. H. Daniel.

1. Resolved to hold the next annual session of our Body with Mount Gilead Church, Harris county, Georgia, to convene on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in October, 1848.

2. Appointed brother W. F. Benson to write the next Circular Letter.

3. Appointed Eld. W. Presley to preach the Sermon Introductory to the next session, and Eld. D. J. Apperson his alternate.

4. Brethren, W. Presley, D. J. Apperson, W. T. Park, sen., R. W. Watson, J. Fulford and W. T. Park, jr., volunteer to correspond with the *United Baptist Association*, to convene at Liberty Church, Pike county, Georgia, five miles South of Griffin, Saturday before the 2d Sunday in September, 1848.

5. Authorised the Clerk to have 300 copies of the Minutes of this session printed, and take the surplus of funds for his services.

6. The Association then adjourned to the time and place above mentioned.

JOHN REEVES, MODERATOR.

W. T. PARK, Clerk.

We agreed to publish a summary of our doctrinal views in these Minutes, but unfortunately some brother carried off the Minute in which these views were printed, leaving me without a copy; consequently they are omitted, with much regret, by your Clerk. WM. T. PARK.

WM. T. PARK.

[A.] REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE.

Your committee appointed to confer with the Delegation from the *Columbus Association*, on terms of correspondence and union, beg leave to report, that after a friendly interview, failed to accomplish the object proposed.

JOHN REEVES, Chairman.

[B.] REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO DRAFT A DECORUM.

Your committee beg leave to report, that after a close examination of the Decorum of the United Baptist Association, has adopted that Decorum, (except four words in the latter part of the 18th item) in lieu of writing one.

Wm. Presley, Chairman.

[C.] REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE,

Received for Minutes from the Churches, \$9.25
 " " " " the body and friends, 3.00
 For Domestic Missions, by public collection on Sabbath, 7.50
 Amounting to \$19.75

Resolved, That we recommend all the Churches of the Association to appropriate and send money to our annual sessions, for Domestic Missions—finding some of the Churches in the Association destitute of efficient Ministers.

DAVID J. APPERSON, Chairman.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.