

MINUTES
OF THE
NINTH SESSION

OF THE
Orangeburg Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE
BULL SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH,
ORANGEBURG COUNTY, S. C.

OCTOBER 18, 19, 20, 1878.

REV. T. W. MELLICHAMP, MODERATOR..... DEER, S. C.
JAMES W. REED, CLERK..... ORANER, S. C.
E. RICKENBACHER, TREASURER..... ORANGEBURG C. H., S. C.
JAMES W. REED, FARMER'S EXECUTIVE BOARD..... ORANER, S. C.

COLUMBIA, S. C.:
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Bethel—V. A. Gue, T. N. Williams and James W. Reed.
Lewisville—W. B. Mack, P. H. Sharp and J. H. Smoak.

Antioch—J. H. Felder, Rev. I. D. Prickett, John Hydrick and W. J. Strook.

Beaver Creek—J. C. Chavis, J. A. Tager and J. R. Ash.

Two Mile Swamp—A. E. Rutland, H. A. Rutland, Elliot Whetstone, W. Walden and F. Sanford.

Amelia Township—N. E. Carroll, H. C. Pauling and L. W. Myers.

The roll of delegates was then called, and absentees marked.

An election was entered into by ballot for Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. Brethren W. B. Mack, J. L. Bozard and G. B. Binaker were appointed a committee to receive and count the vote for officers. They reported the following officers elected, viz.: Rev. T. W. Mellichamp, Moderator, J. W. Reed, Clerk, and E. Rickenbacker, Treasurer.

Corresponding messengers and visiting brethren were invited to seats with us, when the following brethren responded:

From Charleston Association—Rev. R. J. Edwards.

From Willow Swamp Church—Rev. S. B. Sawyer and A. P. Gue.

State Agent—Rev. A. W. Lamar.

On motion, the Association adjourned to hear the introductory sermon. At the request of Rev. E. H. Graves, Rev. A. W. Lamar preached the sermon, from the latter clause of the 16th verse of the 3d chapter of 2d Peter. At the conclusion of the services, the Association was called to order, and, on motion, it took a recess of 30 minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Re-assembled. Sung the hymn, "Ye servants of the Lord, each in his office wait." Prayer by Rev. I. D. Prickett.

The Moderator requested any church desiring admission into this body to present themselves through their delegates and letters, whereupon delegates from the Two Mile Swamp church came forward. On motion, this church was received and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator, on behalf of the Association, to her delegates, A. E. Rutland, H. A. Rutland and Elliot Whetstone.

The chair announced the following committees:

On Preaching—W. B. Mack, J. L. Bozard, G. B. Binaker, with the pastor and deacons of the Bull Swamp church.

On Digest of Letters—Rev. J. J. H. Stoudenmire, Rev. E. H. Graves, L. R. Fulmer.

On Accounts—J. C. Heaner, J. P. Smoak, H. C. Pauling.

On Finance—W. B. Mack, J. L. Bozard, J. F. North.

On Letters and Minutes—Rev. J. M. Herlong, Rev. J. S. Hayden, W. J. Strook.

On Nominations—P. H. Sharp, L. W. Myers, W. W. Rutlin.

On Correspondence—E. Rickenbacker, D. P. Sharp, L. Garvin.

On Sunday Schools—Rev. I. D. Prickett, E. Garvin, J. H. Felder, T. N. Williams.

On Obituary Notices—Rev. W. G. Mack, Rev. S. B. Sawyer, J. M. Riley, N. E. Carroll.

Your Committee on Preaching respectfully report: Rev. R. J. Edwards to preach Saturday morning at half-past 10 o'clock; Rev. S. B. Sawyer at 2 o'clock P. M.; Rev. A. W. Lamar to preach Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at half-past 9 o'clock on Saturday morning. Prayer by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 19, 1878:

The Association met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9½ o'clock A. M. The exercises opened with singing, "Dear Saviour, we are thine, by ever-lasting bonds," followed with prayer by Rev. S. B. Sawyer, after which the roll of delegates was called, and absentees marked.

On motion, Rev. A. W. Lamar was granted one hour at 12 o'clock M. to present the claims of State Missions to the Association.

Reports of committees being called for, the Committee on Accounts reported:

Your Committee on Accounts ask leave to report that they have examined all accounts turned over to them, and find them properly stated and correctly vouched. Respectfully submitted.

J. C. HEANER, Chairman.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the body adjourned to the stand, when Rev. R. J. Edwards preached to a large and attentive congregation.

The Association re-assembled and proceeded to business.

Report on Digest of Letters.

The Committee on Digest of Letters, having examined all the letters sent up by the churches, beg leave to make the following report:

Orangeburg—Great cause for thankfulness; blessed with a faithful ministry; eight additions by baptism.

Bull Swamp—Nothing cheering to communicate; ask the prayers of the Association.

Four Holes—In a prosperous condition; ten by baptism and two by letter.

Pleasant Hill—Nothing cheering.

Providence—Nothing of importance.

Congaree—No letter.

Canaan—At peace among themselves.

Salem—At peace; two by baptism and five by letter; two restored; expelled four.

Mt. Tabor—Nothing cheering; ask the prayers of God's people.
Ebenezer—Nothing of importance; at peace.
Bethany—Prosperous; six received by baptism; by letter, one.
Bethel—No cheering news to communicate; received one by baptism.
Antioch—Prosperous; greatly-blessed; three received by baptism and two by experience.
Lewisville—Great cause for thankfulness; fourteen received by baptism; six received by letter.
Amelia Township—Nothing cheering to communicate.
Beaver Creek—In peace.
Two Mile Swamp—Just received by letter.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. H. STOUDEMIRE, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Letters and Minutes.

The Committee on Letters and Minutes beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find nothing claiming their attention except the request in the letter from the Providence Church concerning delinquent members, such as do not attend church. We recommend their attention be called specially to the Holy Bible as their guide.

J. M. HERLONG, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Obituary Notices.

Your Committee on Obituary Notices beg leave to report, that while other portions of our country have been severely scourged, the fell destroyer has been abroad in the land, and many have fallen upon the right hand and upon the left, how exceedingly gracious has God been to us. Within our whole bounds, as an Association, but twelve have died during the past Associational year. How thankful should we feel to our kind and Heavenly Father for his protecting and preserving Providence over us as a body.

Respectfully submitted.

W. G. MACK, Chairman.

The hour having arrived, the Association adjourned, to hear Rev. A. W. Lamar's address, at the close of which a collection was taken up for State Missions, amounting to \$10.

The Association proceeded to business.

On motion of Rev. E. H. Graves, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter we request all the churches to send up to our annual meeting a full report of all the moneys contributed for whatever purpose during the year.

On motion of Bro. J. H. Felder, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas this Association recognizes the great importance of an educated ministry, and is willing to do her share in this great work;

Resolved, 1. That we recommend to the State Board to employ a Sem-

inary student during his vacation to labor as a missionary evangelist in our bounds.

Resolved, 2. That in consideration for such services, we pledge to raise, for the State Board, the sum of one hundred dollars, to aid them in the support of such a young brother during his next session at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, to begin next September.

On motion, the Association took a recess for 30 minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled: Sung the hymn commencing, "Jesus, thou art the sinner's friend," and proceeded to business.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools ask leave to report that we find a lively interest manifested in Sunday schools, and hope all of the churches will awake to their duty, and organize schools at once. Orangeburg has a school, Mount Tabor, Antioch, Ebenezer, Two Mile Swamp, Amelia, Beaver Creek and Lewisville.

Respectfully submitted.

I. D. PRICKETT, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Your committee beg leave to make the following report:

Rev. W. F. Chaplin to preach the Introductory Sermon; alternate, Rev. J. M. Herlong. Rev. W. G. Mack to preach the Charity Sermon; alternate, E. H. Graves.

We also appoint the following named brethren to represent the Orangeburg Baptist Association in the State Convention, to convene in Sumter on Thursday before the fourth Lord's day in November, 1878: Revs. T. W. Mellichamp, W. G. Mack, E. H. Graves, J. S. Hughson, I. D. Prickett, and Bros. J. W. Reed, E. Rickenbacker, W. H. Herron, N. E. Carroll and W. B. Mack.

Your committee recommend that the next meeting of this Association be held with the Lewisville Baptist church, Orangeburg county, S. C.

Respectfully submitted.

P. H. SHARP, Chairman.

To aid the Association in paying the Seminary student as a missionary in our bounds, an appeal was made by Rev. W. G. Mack, and the following amounts were pledged: Rev. A. W. Lamar, \$7.00; Rev. W. G. Mack, \$5.00; J. L. Bozard, \$5.00; J. F. North, \$5.00; Rev. I. D. Prickett, \$5.00; W. B. Mack, \$5.00; Rev. J. M. Herlong, \$5.00; P. A. Sharp, \$5.00; J. A. Smoak, \$5.00; Rev. E. H. Graves, \$5.00; Rev. S. B. Sawyer, \$5.00; A. Holman, \$5.00; H. C. Pauling, \$5.00; Ladies Lewisville Baptist Church, \$5.00; Rev. L. G. Zeagler, \$5.00; Mrs. B. Williamson, \$5.00; Miss Mack, \$5.00; J. H. Hydrick, \$5.00; D. Gardner, \$5.00.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the body adjourned, and Rev. S. B. Sawyer preached to a large and attentive congregation.

The Association proceeded to business.
Rev. A. W. Lamar made an appeal to the Association in behalf of the
Baptist Courier.

Report of the Executive Committee.

ORANGEBURG, C. H., March 9, 1878.—The Executive Committee of the Orangeburg Association met this day. Present, Brethren E. Rickenbacker, W. B. Mack, J. M. Brickle and B. Williamson. On motion of W. B. Mack, E. Rickenbacker was called to the chair, and B. Williamson requested to act as Secretary. The Treasurer reported \$93.03 on hand. On motion of W. B. Mack.

Resolved, That we employ two missionaries, one to visit all the churches on the east side of the North Edisto River, and one to visit the churches on the west side of the said river, including Salem church on Glazier's Branch, and hold a protracted meeting with each church, if thought advisable, commencing about July. We suggest that collections be taken up at the churches for missionary purposes.

Resolved, That we invite Rev. S. B. Sawyer to act as missionary on the east side of said river, and J. M. Herlong on the west side of the North Edisto River, including Salem; and we promise to pay them fifty dollars each for their services.

On motion, adjourned. E. RICKENBACKER, Chairman.
B. WILLIAMSON, Secretary.

Adopted.

Missionary's Report.

To Executive Board of Orangeburg Association:

DEAR BRETHREN—Having been notified of your appointment to perform missionary labor on the west side of the North Edisto River in this Association, visiting the churches and holding protracted meetings with them including Salem church on Glazier's Branch, I commenced the work July 6th with the Salem church, and visited all the churches assigned me and held protracted meetings with six of the churches. The divine influence of the Holy Spirit was made manifest in awaking and converting precious souls. I devoted forty days to the work. In looking over the whole field I would designate one point that claims your charitable notice, viz., Mount Tabor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
J. M. HERLONG, Missionary.

Adopted.

Rev. S. B. Sawyer, missionary appointed, reported that on account of sickness he was not able to comply with his engagement.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay Rev. J. M. Herlong, missionary, \$50 for his services.

Report on Finance.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows.

Churches.	Money sent up to this meeting.				Total.	Money distributed during the year.						
	Worship.	Association Mission.	Sabb. M. Soc.	Foreign Alt. socs.		Association Missions.	Sabb. M. Soc.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	
Orangeburg	\$ 2 00	\$ 6 75			\$ 8 75							
Bull Swamp	2 00		\$ 2 50		4 50							
Four Holes	1 00	1 50	4 00		7 10							
Prudence	1 25				1 25							
Canaan	1 50	1 00			2 50							
Pleasant Hill	60		1 25		1 85							
Congatee	1 00				1 00							
Mount Tabor	70				1 70							
Salem	1 50				1 50							
Ebony	2 00	1 40			3 40							
Bethany	1 41				1 41							
Bethel	1 25	1 00			2 25							
Lowville	2 00	15 00	40 00	\$ 8 25	65 25			\$ 9 35	\$ 200 00		\$ 213 10	
Antioch	1 50	2 00			3 50							
America Township	1 00	2 10			3 10							
Boyer Creek	80				80							
Two Mile Swamp	3 01		2 02		5 02							
	\$25 11	\$20 75	\$59 47		\$8 25	\$122 58						

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. MACK, Chairman.

A motion was made to change the 4th Article of the Constitution, so as to read, "Members of the churches they represent." Being unable to decide, a motion was then made to lay on the table, which prevailed.

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, October 20, 1878.

The body was called to order by the Moderator, and, after singing "While they seek, protecting power," followed with prayer by Rev. J. M. Herlong, the Association proceeded to business.

Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
The Chair announced the following named brethren as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: J. W. Reed, President, E. Rickenbacker, B. Williamson, J. H. Felde, W. B. Mack, J. M. Brickle and Jacob Smoak.

Report of Committee on Correspondence.

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to make the following report:

DEAR BRETHREN—Through the merciful providence of God, we have been permitted to pass through another year, and to hold our annual meeting, which has been one of brotherly love and harmony. We believe that our churches are awaking to their obligations to promote the

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	DE PAST	Received by Letter.	Returned by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Expelled.	Dead.	Whites.	Blacks.	TOTAL.	SUPPLIES.	Preaching Days.	CLERKS.	Post Offices.
Orangeburg	Rev. T. W. Mellichamp, B. Williamson, William Joiner, T. M. Riley, J. B. Livingston	8	3	2	100	100	T. W. Mellichamp	R. A. Schifley	Orangeburg.	4	J. F. North	Knotts' Mills.	
Bull Swamp	Rev. W. G. Mack, J. F. North, J. J. Mack, J. W. Reed, Philip Sharp	1	1	2	91	91	W. G. Mack	J. L. Bozard	Orangeburg.	4	J. W. Antley	Midway.	
Four Holes	E. Rickenbacker, J. L. Bozard, J. C. Hecker, Thomas Rickenbacker, Ivy Hill	10	2	3	139	160	R. J. Edwards	J. R. Fulmer	Blackville.	2	A. B. Zeigler	Orangeburg.	
Providence	Rev. E. H. Graves, D. Gardner, W. B. Wolfe	3	2	3	51	51	M. Herlong	J. N. Niece	Windsor.	4	J. M. Herlong	Orangeburg.	
Canaan	Jacob Smack, L. R. Shuler, J. W. Antley	3	2	4	49	49	D. Knotts	J. W. Antley	Midway.	1	J. R. Fulmer	Blackville.	
Pleasant Hill	J. R. Fulmer, P. J. Williams, M. S. Williams	1	1	1	9	9	H. L. Baggett	J. N. Niece	Windsor.	1	J. N. Niece	Windsor.	
Congaree	Rev. J. M. Herlong, Rev. P. A. Haycke, A. Stabler	1	1	1	9	9	H. L. Baggett	J. N. Niece	Windsor.	1	J. N. Niece	Windsor.	
Mount Tabor	Larkin Gervin, Emmanuel Garvin	1	1	1	9	9	H. L. Baggett	J. N. Niece	Windsor.	1	J. N. Niece	Windsor.	
Salem	Rev. J. M. Jefferson, Rev. A. A. Amaker, W. F. Horsey	2	5	2	107	167	W. G. Mack	W. E. Horsey	Witt's Mills.	1	W. E. Horsey	Witt's Mills.	
Ebenger	Rev. W. F. Chapman, Rev. J. S. Hayden, Rev. L. G. Zander, G. B. Binkler, J. F. Shoak	14	1	14	7	167	J. J. Getsinger	Wm. J. Stock	Orangeburg.	4	Geo. E. Bolin	Orangeburg.	
Bethany	J. P. Bolin, W. W. Rutland, Heber Sheppard	6	1	1	3	66	W. G. Mack	James W. Reed	Graham's.	2	James W. Reed	Graham's.	
Bethel	V. A. Guss, T. N. Williams, James W. Reed	1	1	1	3	36	W. G. Mack	Henry Davis	St. Matthews.	2	Henry Davis	St. Matthews.	
Lewisville	W. B. Mack, F. H. Sharp, J. B. Shoak	14	6	1	1	36	A. W. Lamar	Henry Davis	St. Matthews.	2	Henry Davis	St. Matthews.	
Antioch	J. H. Fidler, Rev. L. D. Prickett, John Hydrick, W. J. Stock	3	1	1	1	67	J. J. Getsinger	Wm. J. Stock	Orangeburg.	3	Wm. J. Stock	Orangeburg.	
Ambia Township	N. E. Carroll, H. C. Pauling, L. W. Myers	1	1	1	1	33	J. M. Herlong	N. E. Carroll	St. Matthews.	3	N. E. Carroll	St. Matthews.	
Beaver Creek	J. C. Harris, J. A. Tager, J. B. Ash	1	1	1	1	27	S. Hayten	C. W. Gleaton	Orangeburg.	4	C. W. Gleaton	Orangeburg.	
Two Mile Swamp	A. E. Rutland, H. A. Rutland, Elliott Whetstone, W. Warden, F. Sanford	1	1	1	2	173	W. F. Chaplin	A. E. Rutland	Orangeburg.	4	A. E. Rutland	Orangeburg.	
*Absent.		64	20	2	31	122	15	1194	35	1229			