

MINUTES

OF THE

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OF THE

*Orangeburg Baptist Association,*

HELD WITH THE

*Pleasant Hill Baptist Church,*

*Orangeburg Co., S. C.*

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## Next Meeting

Thursday before first Sunday in November, 1891, at Bull Swamp Baptist Church. **Introductory Sermon**, A. J. S. THOMAS, **alternate**, J. S. HAYDEN. **Missionary Sermon**, T. M. GALPHIN, **alternate**, J. W. BLANTON.

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**EDUCATION**—T. M. Galphin, A. J. S. Thomas, J. W. Blanton.  
**TEMPERANCE**—J. W. Blanton, Thos. F. Rivers, W. F. Chaplin.

## MINUTES.

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH,  
 ORANGEBURG COUNTY, October 17, 1890.  
 FRIDAY MORNING.

The Orangeburg Baptist Association met with the Pleasant Hill Church, and was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. S. B. Sawyer, at 10 o'clock A. M. The hymn, "I love Thy Kingdom, Lord," was sung. The Moderator read 2 Cor. 8th chapter. Bro. Geo. E. Bolen led in prayer.

The letters were called for, and read by Brethren T. M. Galphin and J. W. Blanton.

The delegates were enrolled as follows:

*Amelia*—No delegate.  
*Affloch*—No delegate.  
*Beaver Creek*—G. W. Chavis, C. W. Gleaton, J. C. Chavis.  
*Bethany*—Rev. Geo. E. Bolen, W. W. Rutland.  
*Bethel*—No delegate.  
*Bull Swamp*—Rev. A. A. Amaker, Jos. H. Amaker, John F. North.  
*Calvary*—U. P. Salley, M. R. W. Boldin, S. W. Kirkland.  
*Canaan*—T. J. Ash, C. O. Ellzey, D. M. Westbury.  
*Congaree*—No delegate.  
*Ebenezer*—Rev. W. F. Chaplin, Rev. J. S. Hayden, J. B. Smeak.  
*Four Holes*—Rev. T. M. Galphin, G. D. Hinkle.  
*Leicester*—Augustus Sharp.  
*Micph*—Geo. Carson.  
*Mt. Carmel*—Rev. J. W. Blanton.  
*Mt. Tabor*—J. A. Neese, Wm. Garvin.  
*Orangeburg*—Rev. A. J. S. Thomas, J. M. Riley.  
*Pleasant Hill*—D. H. Sally, J. F. Phillips, F. J. Williams, J. M. Phillips, D. M. Sally.  
*Providence*—Rev. E. H. Graves, Rev. J. L. G. Hooker, J. T. Grissett, W. T. Oliver.  
*Salem*—G. A. Harley, F. L. Witt.  
*St. George*—G. A. Binnicker, J. S. Binnicker, J. A. Jamison.  
*Two-Mile Swamp*—B. R. Williams, C. H. Rufand, W. F. Samford, J. M. Williams, M. A. Rutland.  
*Willow Swamp*—A. P. Gue, Rev. S. B. Sawyer, W. R. E. Bonnett, A. L. Bonnett.

[Names of delegates not present are not in the above roll.]

On motion of Bro. Galphin, the rules were suspended and the officers, Moderator and Clerk, were elected by acclamation, as follows: S. B. Sawyer, Moderator; A. J. S. Thomas, Clerk. On motion of J. W. Blanton, Bro. T. E. Rickenbaker was re-elected Treasurer.

The Moderator gave an invitation to any church wishing to join the Association. A letter was presented and read from the new church

Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed. The roll was called and corrected.

The letter from Canaan was read and delegates enrolled.

Bro. Galphin read the report of the Treasurer of the Association and also Treasurer of the Union of the 1st Division. On motion, both were referred to Committee on Accounts.

\* A balance of \$9.32 due Hoyt & Keys on last year's Minutes was then raised in cash.

Letters from Mt. Tabor and Ebenezer Churches were read and delegates enrolled.

The report on State Missions was read by Bro. Blanton, and, after an address by Bro. Bailey, a cash collection was taken, amounting to \$16.20. The report was then adopted, as follows:

#### Report on State Missions.

It is very gratifying to note the annual increase in the State Mission work. But we regret that the increase of laborers, and the means wherewith to employ laborers, do not keep pace with the increase of work done.

Although the contributions of the State for State Missions last year was only a small increase over the preceding year, and the number of employes was not as large as the preceding year; yet the work done by them exceeded the work of any previous year.

Among other interesting facts, the State Board reported to the last State Convention:

Number of missionaries employed, 72; stations occupied, 192; miles traveled, 124,758; days engaged in actual service, 6,775; sermons and addresses delivered, 4,592; prayer meetings held, 1,381; religious visits made, 12,680; baptisms, 617; churches organized, 11; Sunday schools organized, 56; pages of tracts and pamphlets distributed, 739,929.

This year a larger number of missionaries have been employed. The work has increased, but the demand has not been met. Fields white unto the harvest have long lain open before us. New investments are being made. New towns are springing up over our State. Our population is increasing. Thus, new fields are opening before us. Shall we enter all these fields, with God's pure word as the sickle, and gather a rich harvest for our Master, or shall we, with "empty hands and clouded brow," go plodding along our lonely way, with no fruit from these fields for the Lord of the harvest, until others shall harvest the golden sheaves and leave only stubble for us? "Let us go up and possess the land, for we are able." If we would be faithful servants of our Master, we should not let the harvest wait, but gather it while we may.

We would recommend: 1. That our people pray earnestly and frequently for God's blessing on the work and the workers. 2. That our churches make contributions for this work at least once a quarter. 3. That leaflets, tracts and periodicals relating to missions be extensively circulated.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. BLANTON, Chairman.

Bro. Keys was heard in behalf of The Baptist Courier.

After a statement by the Moderator and Bro. J. C. Browne, a collection in cash and pledges, amounting to \$51.50, was taken for the new church at Sally's. The Association then took recess for one hour.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met, and sung "Soldiers of Christ, arise."

The Moderator called for corresponding messengers to **Sister Associations**. The following were appointed:

Charleston—T. M. Galphin.

Lexington—E. H. Graves, J. L. G. Hooker.

Edisto—W. H. Gleaton, J. S. Haylen.

Bro. W. F. Chaplin read the following report on Sunday Schools, which was adopted:

#### Report on Sunday Schools.

Amelia, no report; **Beaver Creek, good report**; Bethany, alive; Bull Swamp, alive; Calvary, good report; Canaan reports a school of 81; Four Holes, evergreen; Jones Bridge, a good beginning; Lewisville, no report; Mizpah, evergreen; Mt. Carmel, no report; Orangeburg, a school of 100; Pleasant Hill, a school of 46; Providence, thriving; Salem, alive; St. George, evergreen; Two Mile Swamp, the best of all, 148; Willow Swamp, gone into winter quarters; Ebenezer, rejoice over a good school of 118; Mt. Tabor, no report. Remarks: We notice that the best schools are those where our school papers are widely circulated, and we therefore recommend the same to all of our Schools.

W. F. CHAPLIN, for Com.

The report on Obituaries was read by Bro. Geo. E. Bolen and adopted, as follows:

#### Report on Obituaries.

Your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report: That our Heavenly Father has been very gracious in sparing so many of our lives during the Associational year. Out of a membership of over 2,000 souls, only 36 have been called to their final account.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. E. BOLEN, Chairman.

Bro. J. W. Blanton read the report of the Committee on Digest of Letters, and, after remarks by A. J. S. Thomas, it was adopted, as follows:

#### Report on Church Letters.

Your Committee on Digest of Letters beg leave to report: That fourteen of the twenty letters referred to them contain no information, except that given in the blanks filled in the printed letters. We are of the opinion that if a church has nothing else to write, it may as well write nothing else. We, therefore, would not condemn this practice, but remark that there is nothing for us to digest, except figures. We, therefore, respectfully submit the following facts and figures. We would note, however, that evidently the reports are not complete; therefore, no doubt, some of the churches have done more than their reports give them credit for.

We find that the Jones' Bridge Church was organized September 14th, 1880, and reports 49 members. In the other 19 churches we find a gain of 75 and a loss of 4, leaving a net gain, in the 19 churches, of 32. Mt. Tabor is awaking, with a spirit of revival.

As to the financial condition, we find the amount of contributions of each

Church, missionary society and Sunday school, including money sent to the Association and disbursed during the year, according to the reports, exclusive of pastor's salaries, to be:

CHURCHES.	Church.	Woman's Mission Society.	Sunday School.	Total.	Per Member of Church.
Amelia.....	\$ 21 35			\$ 21 35	89
Beaver Creek.....	2 10			2 10	93
Bethany.....	28 30		\$ 4 12	32 34	\$1 54
Bull Swamp.....	16 00			16 00	18
Calvary.....	13 85		1 96	15 81	16
Four Holes.....	210 55	\$86 35	29 67	276 57	1 46
Lewisville.....	131 90	35 00	10 00	176 90	1 77
Mizpah (besides building).....	22 25		7 35	29 60	1 48
Mt. Carmel.....	65 19	30 00	14 70	109 89	1 36
Orangeburg.....	394 00	25 00	67 38	491 38	3 11
Pleasant Hill.....	10 00			10 00	98
Providence.....	98 20		8 50	101 70	1 09
Salem.....	8 95			8 95	93
St. George.....	12 30			12 30	15
Two Mile Swamp.....	27 00		8 37	35 37	16
Willow Swamp.....	11 35			11 35	12
Jones' Bridge (new church).....	4 50			4 50	94
Umanan.....	19 22		26 00	45 22	28
Ebenezer.....	39 35		30 00	69 65	43
Mt. Taber.....	501			501	94

\*Including \$250.00 church expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BLANTON, Chairman.

Bro. Gleaton, for the Committee on Preaching, reported a Sunday school address to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, by A. J. S. Thomas.

The Committee of Nominations submitted their report, read by Bro. B. R. Williams. Bro. Galphin moved to amend the report by striking out "Friday before the 3d Sunday in October," and substituting therefor the words, "Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November." The motion to amend was carried unanimously. The report as amended was then adopted as follows:

#### Report of Committee on Nominations.

Your Committee ask leave to make the following report: That this body hold its next meeting with Bull Swamp Church, on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1891. **Introductory Sermon** by A. J. S. Thomas; **alternate, J. S. Hayden**. Missionary Sermon, T. M. Galphin; alternate, J. W. Blanton. The

following named brethren to represent this body in the State Convention to meet at Union C. H. December 4th next: A. J. S. Thomas, T. M. Galphin, S. B. Sawyer, J. M. Riley, G. E. Bolen, J. S. Hayden, W. F. Chaplin, J. W. Blanton. Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention—T. M. Galphin; alternate, A. J. S. Thomas. Respectfully submitted. **J. S. HAYDEN, Chairman.**

Bro. Galphin submitted the report on Foreign Missions, and, after remarks by Brethren Thomas and Galphin, a cash collection was taken amounting to \$13.45. The report was then adopted as follows:

#### Report on Foreign Missions.

In many respects our Foreign Mission work is encouraging and hopeful. All along the line, at the front the prospect is brightening, and at home there are signs of deepening interest and enthusiasm in the work of the part of our people.

##### THE PROGRESS OF TEN YEARS.

Another decade of mission work has passed, and we are in a position to form some idea of the growth of the work by comparing the condition of the work in 1880 with that of 1890. In 1880 we had missions in China, Africa, Italy and Brazil; in 1890 we had two new fields added, namely, Mexico and Japan. In 1880 our mission force consisted of 56 missionary workers; 32 churches and stations; 506 members, contributing \$28,171; and 192 scholars in the schools. Now we have 54 foreign missionaries and 86 native assistants—making in all 164 missionary workers; 63 churches and 161 stations—making 223 preaching places. The number of church members is 2,214, contributing this year \$4,680.87, an average of over \$2 per member. And the scholars in the schools have gone up from 192 to 675. In 1884 the church contributed for the general work of the Board \$39,562.84; last year they contributed \$49,174.25. This shows an average increase in all these points of interest of 100 per cent in ten years. This does not look as if Foreign Missions were a failure, or the interest in them dying out. During the last few years our consecrated women have organized 2,000 woman's mission societies, and have become a mighty factor in the evangelization of the world through their prayers, contributions and well directed efforts. Moreover, the movement to enlist the sympathies and interest of the boys and girls has met with great success. Their "Sunbeam Societies" contributed last year \$3,189.43 to this work. It is utterly impossible to form any adequate conception of the growth and progress of the work by figures and statistics.

##### THE WORK OF THE PAST YEAR.

Since the last meeting of our Association, 12 new missionaries have been sent out and have entered upon their fields of labor. During this month a number of missionaries, who have been home for rest and recuperation, will return to their fields of labor. Among the number of these returning missionaries is Miss Lula Whitten, who has been detained for several years in this country on account of her health, but now we all rejoice that her health has been so fully restored that she can again enter upon her beloved work in Canton, China. During the year a remarkable revolution has taken place in Brazil; the imperial government has been overthrown and a full-fledged republic established. Bro. Rigby, our missionary in Brazil, writes concerning this revolution thus: "The recent change in the government, involving civil marriage, religious liberty, and complete separation between Church and State, seems to remove prospectively many barriers and to open many doors to the progress of the gospel. Southern Baptists ought to seize their opportunity and go in and possess this fair land, that has been so long priest-ridden. During the year there have been 409 baptisms on the foreign field; that means 409 immortal souls plucked from the thral-



APPENDIX III.--Sunday School Statistics Orangeburg Association, 1890.

SCHOOL	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total	Expenses	Missions	Education	Total	SUPERINTENDENT	POST OFFICE	SECRETARY	POST OFFICE
Amelia											
Antioch								D. Chavis	Gleaton's	C. W. Gleaton	Gleaton's
Beaver Creek	5	24	31				\$ 4 12	W. W. Rutland	Orangeburg		
Bethany	8	42	50		\$ 3 25			J. H. Amaker	Knott's Mill		Knott's Mill
Bull Swamp	6	24	30				1 96	M. K. W. Bolton	Evergreen	S. W. Kirkland	Evergreen
Calvary	5	42	47		\$ 1 98		26 00	D. M. Westbury	Orangeburg	J. T. Antley	Midway
Canaan	9	75	84		15 00	6 00	\$ 5 63	T. W. S. Herlong	St. Matthews		
Congaree	9	40	49				39 00	J. P. Smoak	Orangeburg	W. C. Brickle	Orangeburg
Ebenezer	10	108	118	39 00			41 00	J. H. Stoudenmire	Haigler's	W. T. Zeigler	Orangeburg
Four Holes	17	110	127	12 00	4 60	25 00		G. J. Livingston	Jones' Bridge	D. V. Livingston	Jones' Bridge
Jones' Bridge	10	35	45				32 00	John McLaughlin	St. Matthews		
Lewisville	14	85	99	22 00		10 00	7 35	J. L. Zeigler	Fort Motte	F. N. Nunnery	Fort Motte
Mizpah	8	45	53	7 35			21 00	J. W. Blanton	Jamison	J. M. Antley	Jamison
Mt. Carmel	7	63	70	7 30	5 00	8 70		S. R. Mellichamp	Orangeburg	W. R. Lowman	Orangeburg
Mt. Tabor	11	80	91		34 81	10 00	67 58	J. F. Phillips	Gleaton's	J. M. Phillips	Gleaton's
Orangeburg	6	40	46				3 50	W. M. Wolfe	Advance	D. N. Herlong	Advance
Pleasant Hill	11	31	42	3 50				John Royster	Will's Mill		
Providence	5	25	30					J. J. Muftens	Orangeburg	W. D. Cherrey	
Salem	9	70	79				8 37	B. R. Williams	Orangeburg	A. E. Rutland	Orangeburg
St. George's	9	139	148	4 50	3 87			J. C. Smith	Blackville		
Two Mile Swamp	7	85	92								
Willow Swamp											
Totals	166	1174	1340	\$127 05	\$57 53	\$58 70	\$243 28				