

MINUTES

OF THE

Fourteenth Anniversary

OF THE

Orangeburg Baptist Association.

HELD WITH THE

CONGAREE BAPTIST CHURCH.
ORANGEBURG COUNTY, S. C.

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CONGAREE CHURCH, FRIDAY, OCT. 19TH, 1883.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR,

REV. W. H. CHAPELIN, Orangeburg C. H., S. C.

CLERK,

J. W. REED, Graham's, S. C. R. R., S. C.

TREASURER,

E. RICKENBACKER, Orangeburg C. H., S. C.

PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

J. W. REED, Graham's, S. C. R. R., S. C.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association convened with this church, and was called to order by singing the 264th hymn, Baptist Psalmody, reading a part of the 3rd chapter St. John and prayer by Rev. T. M. Galphin. The letters from the churches were called for and read by Rev. T. M. Galphin and G. M. Tolson. During the reading of the letters the Clerk enrolled the delegates as follows:

Orangeburg—Rev. T. M. Galphin, J. M. Riley, B. Williamson, Rev. J. D. Andie and W. Nettles.

Ford Landing—Rev. G. M. Tolson, E. Rickenbacker, G. D. Hinkle, I. W. Shuler and J. T. Rozard*.

Cadury—Ms. W. Britton*, H. L. J. Bloom and W. R. Bonnett.

Cinman—Rev. Jacob Huffman, J. T. Autley*, John Meyer, S. Stevenson* and C. Metze.

Bethel—J. W. Reed, A. P. Gue and M. B. Gue*.

Pleasant Hill—J. E. Fulmer, H. W. Cooper*, Rev. J. P. Belin* and H. W. Williams*.

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

Columbia—Rev. J. M. Herlong, E. L. Arthur, J. Staider and S. S. Hammock.

Powder Springs—Rev. E. H. Graye, L. W. Meyer and Wm. Gabey.

Elmwood—Rev. W. F. Chapman, Rev. J. E. Hayden, J. P. Smak, Wm. Zeugler, J. A. Mack* and B. F. Smak*.

Mt. Tabor—J. A. Kneese*.

Bull Street—J. F. North, J. R. Mack*, J. J. Sharp, J. E. Garvin and J. Ainsworth*.

Lewisville—J. R. Mack, F. M. Prickett, P. A. Sharp and W. B. Mack.

Salem—Rev. J. M. Jeffcoat*, G. A. Harley, B. J. Hoover, E. D. A. Jeffcoat* and D. W. Sturkie.

Amelia Township—Rev. D. F. Spigner, H. C. Pauling* and L. E. Meyer*.

Ashcock—Rev. I. D. Prickett and B. A. Parler.

Bethany—W. W. Rutland and H. W. Johnson.

Two Mile Swamp—

Those names marked thus* denotes absentees.

The roll of delegates was then called and absentees marked.

An election was entered into by ballot for officers of the body. J. R. Fulmer, W. R. Bonnett and W. B. Mack were appointed tellers, to receive and count the votes.

On motion, Col. Hoyt was given the floor to present the claims of Furman University, at the close of which churches and brethren pledged to the amount of \$75.50.

Report on Foreign Missions.

In obedience to the great commission, Southern Baptists are taking an active part in the evangelization of the world. They have planted, through the agency of the Foreign Mission Board, mission stations in Mexico, Brazil, Italy, China and Africa. Within recent years, they have sent to the assistance of them who have borne the heat and burden of the day, young and gifted laborers who have, with zeal and energy, thrown themselves into the work of winning souls from idolatry to the worship of the true and living God. They now have on the field thirty-five missionaries, besides a large number of native assistants. In a short while two interesting young ladies—one from Keutneky, the other from Missouri—will set sail for China, and as soon as possible Miss Ruth McGowen, who is now attending medical lectures in Philadelphia, will leave our country and take charge of an important work in Shanghai.

The mission stations of the Board without exception, are receiving the signal blessing of Jehovah. This fact calls not only for renewed praises to God, but also for increased liberality on the part of the churches. The Lord's people, his Baptist people especially, should make more vigorous efforts for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. Now seems to be the time of pulling down and annihilation of the strongholds of satan. Brethren of the Orangeburg Association, what have we been doing for this great cause? Have we discharged our duty? We cannot give an affirmative answer to that last question. We must confess that we have been lukewarm, that we have been unprofitable servants; that we have wilfully forfeited our birth-right. But even as we make this humiliating confession, let us wheel into line and strive to make our beloved Association the banner missionary body of the State. We should, at any rate, do more hereafter than we have hitherto done. There can be a decided improvement made, as we can readily discover, if we will adopt and work one or the other of the following plans for raising mission money: 1st. Each church should be divided into districts, and a committee should be appointed for each district to scatter mission literature, and to procure from every member stated contributions to the mission cause. 2nd. Or the church should appoint mission committees—one for Home, another for Foreign, and still another for State and Association missions. It should be the business of these committees to reach each member of the church by any lawful means, and to procure from him monthly, or quarterly contributions. These plans are not new. They have been tried in many churches, and have not been found wanting. Let us examine them, and after earnest prayer for Jehovah's blessing, put them to an honest test.

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. TOLSON, Chairman.

Adopted.

On motion of Rev. T. M. Galphin, Resolved that the churches composing this Association be requested to procure a contribution of at least

ten cents per member per quarter respectively. 1st quarter, for Home Missions; 2nd quarter, for Education; 3rd quarter, for State and Association Missions; 4th quarter, Foreign Missions.

Report on Digest of Letters.

ORANGEBURG—Preaching twice every Sunday; prayer meeting every week; have enjoyed a gracious revival; contribution to missions \$97.20.

MR. TABOR—Nothing.

PROVIDENCE—Nothing; contribution to missions \$2.14.

PLEASANT HILL—At peace; nothing of importance.

EBENEZER—Prosperous; enjoyed a gracious revival; preaching three Sundays in the month by Bro. R. J. Edwards.

BEL SWAMP—Nothing of importance.

LEWISVILLE—Mission spirit growing; preaching twice a month; weekly prayer meeting; Bro. D. W. Key pastor; missions \$58.65.

TWO MILE SWAMP—Good meeting.

CANAAN—Gracefully blessed; many added through the labors of the pastor Bro. W. F. Chaplin, assisted by brethren Huffman and Gleaton; nothing for missions.

BETHEL—Precious meeting; served by Bro. S. B. Sawyer; nothing for missions.

ANTIOCH—No letter.

FOUR HOLES—Revived with some additions; missions \$78.95.

SALEM—Twelve additions by baptism, greatly revived; missions \$1.50.

BEVER CREEK—Nothing special.

BETHANY—Nothing special; just closed an interesting meeting; for missions \$4.00.

AMELIA—Nothing; small contributions to missions.

CONGREGATE—Enjoyed a gracious revival; preaching three Sundays in the month; missions \$1.00.

CALVARY—Greatly revived; missions \$6.00.

Respectfully submitted.

T. M. GALPHIN, Chairman.

Adopted.

Report on Nominations.

Your Committee recommend that the next meeting of the body be held with the Canadu Church. We appoint Rev. E. H. Graves to preach the Introductory Sermon, Bro. John Andrews his alternate. Rev. T. M. Galphin to preach the Charity Sermon, Rev. G. M. Tolson, alternate.

Delegates to the State Convention at Charleston, which meets on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in November: Revs. T. M. Galphin, G. M. Tolson, W. F. Chaplin, and brethren W. B. Mack, J. E. Garvin, E. Iskenbucker, J. R. Mack, J. C. Heener and B. Williamson.

Respectfully submitted.

E. RICKENBACKER, Chairman.

Adopted.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

ORANGEBURG—80 scholars, and factory school 30.
MT. TABOR—No report.
PROVIDENCE—Not flourishing, 16 scholars.
PEASANT HILL—60 scholars; meets twice a month.
EBENEZER—Flourishing, 103 scholars.
BULL SWAMP—No report.
LEWISVILLE—Flourishing.
TWO MILE SWAMP—82 scholars.
CANAN—140 scholars, 16 teachers.
BETHEL—No report.
ANTIOCH—No report.
FOUR HOBES—152 scholars, 12 teachers.
SALEM—No report.

BEVER CREEK—33 scholars; every Sunday.

BETHANY—35 scholars, 10 teachers.

AMERICA TOWNSHIP—No report.

CONGAREE—No report.

CARAWAY—40 scholars, 6 teachers.

Your Committee recommend that the superintendents of Sunday schools be requested to make a correct report of the schools in their charge and send to the next Association.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. HERLONG, Chairman.

Adopted.

Report on Letters and Minutes.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that no letters of correspondence have been presented; and that some copies of the minutes of the last State Convention have been furnished to us. We invite special attention to these minutes as they contain some stirring reports on Home, Foreign and State Missions, and records of important resolutions and actions.

Respectfully submitted.

G. M. TOLSON, Chairman.

Adopted.

Report on Correspondence.

DEAR BRETHREN—By the providence of God we are permitted to address you this our annual letter of brotherly love. The churches composing our body have all reported by letter or delegates except one, bearing in the main their rejoicing in revivals during the past Associational year, with a goodly number of additions to their membership. While some of them have not been so blest, they are at peace among themselves, and are rejoicing in the faith once delivered to the saints. There have been but few deaths reported by the letters during the year just closed. As an Association we have great reason to be thankful to the Lord for his mercies towards us. Brethren pray for us, that we may be guided and influenced by the spirit of God; that all we do may be done to the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted.

B. WILLIAMSON, Chairman.

Adopted.

On motion, took a recess of three-quarters of an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by singing part of 816th hymn.

Report on Accounts.

Your Committee asks leave to report, that they have carefully examined all the accounts, and find them correctly vouch'd in every particular.
Respectfully submitted. JNO. R. MACK, Chairman.
Adopted.

Report of Executive Board.

Your Committee ask leave to report, that they met according to appointment of Saturday before the third Sunday in March, and Rev. T. M. Galphin being present we earnestly requested him to aid us with his valuable counsel. We first looked over the condition of the churches and found that they were all supplied. That the missionary work performed heretofore by the Association would be done by Union No. 1, and by the Orangeburg Missionary Union; we found that no destitution existed outside of the bounds of the said territory.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. REED,

President, Executive Board.

Adopted.

Report on Home Missions.

Your Committee beg leave to say that they consider Home Missions of equal importance with State and Foreign. It embraces the destitute places of the Southern States, California, Texas, Louisiana and Florida in particular. Much has already been done by our missionaries for the evangelizing of the above named places, but we consider the work in its infancy yet. We hope, therefore, to see the work pushed forward, and urge the Association to aid in the work.

There are thousands of Chinese in California who need to be Christianized, and hundreds of Indians in the Indian Territory who need also to be preached to. Sending our missionaries to these Chinese, to the destitute places in other portions of the Southern States is Home Mission work, and claims the prayerful consideration of every individual member of the church. We heard in a speech that the Chinese in California are now worshipping idols in a temple reared there for that purpose. With this vast influx of heathen into our midst no one can afford to be idle, or to let these opportunities for Christianizing them pass unimproved.

E. H. GRAVES, Chairman.

J. R. MACK,

J. R. FULMER.

Adopted.

Report of the Committee to visit the Edisto Association was made, and the Committee discharged.

On motion, Resolved, that four committees, consisting of three members each, styled, 1st, Committee on Education; 2nd, On Home Missions; 3d, on Foreign Missions; 4th, On State Missions, to report at next Association on these subjects.

CHURCHES.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

	For Minutes.		MONEY SENT TO THIS MEETING.	
	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Orangeburg Mill Branch	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Providence	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Concord Hill	3.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Concord	1.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Mount Tabor	1.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Salem	1.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Belvoir	1.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Jordan	1.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Evergreen	1.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Antioch	1.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Two Mile Swamp	1.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Orange Hill	1.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Franklin	1.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Timon	1.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Total	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
AMOUNTS PAID DURING THE YEAR.				
Associational Missions.				
Pastor's Salary.	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Church Expenses.	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Woman's Missions.	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
For Church Building	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Mary Harley Mission.	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75
Education.	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Union Missions Nos. 1 and 2.	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Indigent Fund.	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
TOTAL.				
Value of Church Property.	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

The Lewisville Church paid out during the year for Home Missions, \$245.00

A. P. GUE, Chairman

Respectfully submitted,

Resolved: That two columns be added to the Finance Table next year—one column for the amount paid pastors, and the other—miscellaneous purposes.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have one hundred blanks similar to finance table printed and distributed among the churches.

Resolved: That the Clerk draw on the Treasurer for an amount sufficient to pay for the blanks.

Report on Obituaries.

We praise the Almighty Author of our being for his manifest goodness to us during the present Associational year. In his great love and mercy he has been called from among us, and these from the private walks of life. While we deplore the loss of their presence and counsel, we realize that they have exchanged the cares of this life for the joys and peace of Heaven. May we now and always, ascribe, praise and honor to our God.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. ANDREWS, Chairman.

After prayer by Rev. D. W. Key, and singing the — hymn, the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21ST.

The Association was called to order by singing hymn 587; and prayer by Rev. D. F. Spigner. The roll was then called and absentees marked, reading and confirming minute of yesterday.

Resolved: That that portion of the business in reference to Mt. Tabor Church be expunged from the minutes of yesterday.

Resolved: That that portion of the business in reference to the money in the hands of the Treasurer be expunged from the minutes of yesterday.

Proceeded to appoint messengers to sister Associations, viz:

Limestone—Brethren A. P. Gue, J. W. Reed and J. R. Fulmer.

Chestnut—Bro. W. B. Mack.

Lyndston—Brethren B. Williamson and E. L. Arthur.

Fifefield—Bro. J. R. Fulmer.

On motion the above messengers were confirmed.

The chair announced the following brethren as the Executive Board for the ensuing year, viz.: J. W. Reed, President; E. Rickenbacker, W. B. Mack, A. B. Smoak, W. R. Bennett, J. F. North and J. R. Fulmer.

On motion, the above Board was confirmed.

The chair announced the following committees for the ensuing year, viz:

On Education—Rev. G. M. Tolson, brethren J. D. Andrews and T. M. Michael.

On Home Missions—Brethren B. Williamson, J. R. Mack and J. R. Fulmer.

~~MINISTERS' NAMES AND POST OFFICES.~~

Names.

J. M. Herlong	St. Matthews.
J. J. H. Stoudemire	St. Matthews.
J. M. Jeffercoat	Witt's Mill.
W. F. Chaplin	Orangeburg C. H.
L. G. Zeigler	Orangeburg C. H.
J. S. Hayden	Orangeburg C. H.
J. D. Pickett	Felderville.
E. H. Graves	Center Hill.
A. A. Amiker	Witt's Mill.
W. H. Joiner	Witt's Mill.
W. H. Gleaton	Orangeburg C. H.
T. M. Galphin	Orangeburg C. H.
G. M. Tisob	Orangeburg C. H.
J. P. Bolin	Gleaton's Store.

LICENTIATES.

G. J. Ulmer	Center Hill
G. E. Bolin	Orangeburg C. H.
R. J. Williams	Greenville
J. D. Andrews	Orangeburg C. H.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.