

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTH SESSION

OF THE

Orangeburg Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

FOUR HOLES BAPTIST CHURCH, ORANGEBURG COUNTY, S. C.

OCTOBER 19, 20, 21, 1877.

OFFICERS.

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| REV. T. W. MELLICHAMP, | MODERATOR, | P. O. | Doko, S. C. |
| B. WILLIAMSON, | CLERK, | " | Orangeburg C. H., |
| E. RICKENBAKER, | TREASURER, | " | Orangeburg |
| J. W. REED, | PRES. EX. BOARD, | " | Grahams. |

SUMMIT, S. C.

The body was called to order by the Moderator, and after singing "Ye servants of the Lord" followed with prayer by Rev. R. J. Edwards the Association proceeded to business, called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.

On motion, the Beaver Creek Church, recently constituted, was received as a constituent member of this body, and Rev. J. S. Hayden recognized as a delegate from said church.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The committee appointed by your honorable body at its last session in reference to the building up of a high school within the bounds of this Association, has not been able to accomplish anything as a board for the want of a necessary quorum. Your Chairman, however, has, with pleasure to state, that the wishes of the Association have, in a good degree, been carried out by a member of the committee, our much esteemed brother, Stiles R. Mellicamp, and his bright associate, Mr. Hugo G. Sheridan. The necessity for such a school became too urgent to await longer the tardy course of the Board, and as it promises much, if not all that could be desired by your body, in reference to the grand object contemplated through your committee, will now, with the lights before me, cheerfully commend it to your respectful consideration and patronage.

The school under its learned auspices promises much to our long neglected children.

The curriculum of study will be in keeping with the bright institutes of the day, embracing a full English and classic course.

Let it, therefore, become our duty to throw around it our fostering care and make it truly a necessity for the increasing whims of a progressive and intelligent age.

The objections that have or may be urged against the present location (the village) for such school should be waived by the facilities offered as to its access.

This, in connection with its healthfulness, reasonable boarding, etc., should be conclusive with all, and yet its still greater inducement offers itself to us in the social and religious enjoyment afforded to the students from day to day. The bright bow of reform is now seen encircling the moral disc of the devoted village, and under the sacred influences of the gospel it will soon become the joy of our beloved country. Therefore, brethren, suffer me to urge your hearty approval of what has already been accomplished, and believe that under the Divine auspices now so clearly seen, it will result in the present and future good of your children.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BARRAT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND MINUTES.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find nothing claiming their attention, except the request in the letter from Lewisville Church, petitioning that a Denominational High School be located at that place. We would respectfully recommend that their request be granted, and that we give it our hearty support.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. MACK, Chairman

Lewisville—We have much to be thankful for; the church is at work.

Bethany—Nothing of interest to communicate; as to our religious state have a flourishing Sunday school.

Bethel—Greatly revived; baptised thirteen; have a waekly prayer meeting; well attended, and progressive Sunday School.

Ameliff township—Just received by letter.

Beaver Creek—Recently organized, and received at this session; have nothing special to communicate.

Respectfully submitted:

J. W. REED, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee beg leave to make the following report: Rev. E. H. Graves to preach the introductory sermon, alternate, Rev. P. A. Buycke; Rev. T. W. Mellichamp to preach the charity sermon, alternate, Rev. J. M. Herlong.

We also appoint the following named brethren to represent the Orangeburg Baptist Association in the State Convention to convene in Greenville, on Thursday morning, November 22d, 1877: Rev. T. W. Mellichamp, Rev. W. G. Mack, Rev. J. M. Herlong, Rev. P. A. Buycke, B. Williamson, J. H. Felder and H. Dags, Jr.

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

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. BUYCKE, Chairman.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Orangeburg Association to her Sister Associations, send greetings:

DEAR BROTHERS:—Through a prevailing Providence we are permitted to communicate with you through our annual letter. We feel the more thankful for this for many considerations. In the first place, we are called upon to offer our sincere gratulations to the Father of Mercies for the return of peace and moral bettering to our unhappy country. In the second, for the mighty displays of His grace, at least, within the limits of our beloved State. The churches within our bounds have enjoyed great refreshings from His presence. The wicked in high places have been stricken by the Lord and are rejoicing in His love. Rejoice with us, brethren, for these good things, and pray that the travail of the Redeemer's soul may continue to be seen until the family circle of heaven shall be brought in and made complete. Pray for us.

Yours, in the gospel of Christ,

J. M. HERLONG, Chairman.

On motion, the Association took a recess for forty-five minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled. Sing the hymn commencing "How pleasant, how divine," followed in prayer by Rev. J. J. H. Spauldumire.

The Chairman announced the following named brethren as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: J. W. Reed, President; E. Rickenbaker,

B. Williamson, J. H. Felder, W. B. Mack, J. M. Brickle and Jacob Smoak.

On motion of B. Williamson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

and purchased thereby a good degree and great boldness in the faith. We deeply sympathise with his beloved family, and pray that God may sanctify their affliction to their religious good.

Respectfully submitted, R. J. EDWARDS, Chairman

Treasurer's Report.

E. Rickenbaker, Treasurer, in account with Orangeburg Baptist Association.

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| November 17. | To cash on hand as per last report..... | \$ 23 30 |
| " 18. | " " rec'd from Finance Com. for Asso. Missions..... | 10 50 |
| " 18. | " " " Association minutes..... | 36 13 |
| " 18. | " " " Collection on Lord's day..... | 21 05 |
| " 19. | " " " for aid to Mt Tabor Church..... | 12 00 |
| " 19. | " " " for State Missions..... | 10 00 |
| Total..... | | \$112 98 |

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| November 12. | By cash paid W. G. Mack for Mt Tabor Church..... | \$ 12 00 |
| " 19. | " " " A. W. Lamar, State Agent..... | 10 00 |
| December 15. | " " " for Association minutes..... | 36 13 |
| By cash balance on hand..... | | 54 85 |
| Total..... | | \$112 98 |

The auditors report that they have examined all the accounts turned over to them, and find them properly stated and correctly vouched.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. FELDER, Chairman.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they find the following amount owing by the churches for Associational purposes, as follows:

| Church. | Asso. Miss. | State Miss. | Foreign Miss. | Total. | |
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| Orangeburg..... | \$ 3 50 | \$ 5 00 | \$1 50 | \$ 00 | \$10 00 |
| Four Holes..... | 3 80 | 2 50 | 00 | 00 | 6 30 |
| Hull Swamp..... | 2 50 | 2 75 | 00 | 00 | 5 25 |
| Providence..... | 1 50 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 50 |
| Canaan..... | 1 00 | 1 00 | 00 | 00 | 2 00 |
| Pleasant Hill..... | 75 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 65 |
| Congaree..... | 1 50 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 50 |
| Mount Tabor..... | 2 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 2 00 |
| Salem..... | 70 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 70 |
| Ebenezer..... | 1 80 | 00 | 00 | 6 67 | 8 47 |
| Bethany..... | 1 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1 00 |
| Lewisville..... | 2 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 2 00 |
| Bethel..... | 1 50 | 50 | 00 | 00 | 2 00 |
| Antioch..... | 40 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 40 |
| Amelia Township..... | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| Beaver Creek..... | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| Total..... | \$23 55 | \$12 65 | \$1 50 | \$6 67 | \$47 37 |

Respectfully submitted, M. WILLIS, Chairman.

Treasurer of the same.

On motion messengers
Charleston—Rev. J.
Baronell—Rev. W.

E. Rickenbaker,
Levinson—Rev. W.

Rev. E. H. Graves and B.
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