

MINUTES
OF THE
TOWALIGA
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
Association,

CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT
HIGH SHOALS, MONROE COUNTY, GA.

ON THE
2d, 3d and 4th days of September,

1847.

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MINUTES.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was preached by bro. ALLEN CLEVELAND, from St. John 3d chap. and 14th and 15th verses, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life."

After forty minutes intermission, the delegates assembled in the house, and after prayer by bro. William Moseley, read letters from twenty-seven churches, minuted their state, and enrolled the names of their messengers.

Bro. M. Lowrey, the Moderator, requested the Association to release him, in consequence of his age and infirmity.

Then proceeded to organize the body for business, by electing brother William Moseley Moderator, and brother S. W. Bloodworth Clerk.

2nd. On motion, called for and received correspondence from sister Associations, as follows, viz. from the Primitive Western, a letter and minutes, by her messengers, brethren I. Russel, D. Keath, and C. Webb; from the Ocmulgee, a letter and minutes, by her messenger, bro. James H. Montgomery; from the Yellow River, a letter and minutes, by her messengers, brethren G. W. Lowrey, W. C. Norris, N. Center, D. Montgomery and J. Kean; from the Bulah, a letter and minutes, by her messengers, brethren Josephus Barrow, T. Higgan, and G. Crawford; from the Itchaconna, a letter and minutes, by her messengers, brethren W. C. Cleaveland and W. McKenney; from the Primitive Ebenezer, a letter and minutes, by her messenger, bro. W. M. Cooper.

3d. On motion, appointed brethren T. C. Trice, A. Cleaveland, and Daniel Godard, a committee to arrange the business to come before the Association: Also appointed brethren M. Lowrey, R. Cleaveland, and W. Dismukes, to unite with the delegation of this church, brethren John Mullens and Joseph Carten, a committee to arrange the preaching during the Association.

4th. Received and read a communication addressed to this Association by a committee consisting of the brethren Thos. Stocks, B. M. Sanders and P. H. Mell, appointed by the Georgia Association to confer with us and endeavor to remove the unhappy difficulties that sever us as a denomination.

Prayer by bro. W. C. Norris. Then adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock. Met according to adjournment.—Prayer by bro. W. C. Cleaveland.

5th. On motion, called on the Arranging committee for their report, which was read and adopted for action.

6th. Called the roll and read the decorum.

7th. Invited visiting ministering brethren present, of our faith and order, to seats with us.

8th. On motion, appointed a committee, consisting of brethren T. C. Trice, Wm. Moseley, and A. Cleaveland to confer with the committee

from the Georgia Assoc tomorrow morning.

9th. Appointed bro. [unclear] viz. to the Primitive W. Zion, Troup county, co day in October next, br T. C. Trice; to Bulah, Mount, Tallapoosa cou Sunday in this month, l Falkner, James Killpat River, to convene with commencing on Saturda thren Mathew Yates, F Lowrey; to the Itchaco Upson county, commen month, brethren J. Mc W. Willis, J. F. Walke to, to convene with t mencing on Thursday 1 mulgee, to convene wit mencing on Saturday be ren J. M. Middlebroo Wright and A. Middle with the church at Plea Saturday before the fou Ware, John Mullins, and

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from the Georgia Association, and report the result of their labors tomorrow morning.

9th. Appointed bro. A. Cleaveland to write the corresponding letter.

10th. Appointed correspondence to sister Associations, as follows: viz. to the Primitive Western, to convene with the church at Mount Zion, Troup county, commencing on Saturday before the third Sunday in October next, brethren Wm. Dismukes, Jas. Killpatrick and T. C. Trice; to Bulah, Ala., to convene with the church at Rocky Mount, Tallapoosa county, commencing on Thursday before the third Sunday in this month, brethren John Mullins, Wm. Dismukes, G. W. Falkner, James Killpatrick and S. W. Bloodworth; to the Yellow River, to convene with the church at Yancy's Creek, Dekalb county, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in this month, brethren Mathew Yates, B. Thornton, B. Haygood, H. Barron, and M. Lowrey; to the Itchacomma, to convene with the church at Ebenezer, Upson county, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in this month, brethren J. McKenney, D. Wood, W. O. Smith, W. Trice, W. Willis, J. F. Walker, T. C. Trice, and Z. Hughley; to the Upatoie, to convene with the church at Phillippi, Marion county, commencing on Thursday next, by letter and minutes only; to the Ocmulgee, to convene with the church at Newhope, Jones county, commencing on Saturday before the second Sunday in this month, brethren J. M. Middlebrooks, J. Dickey, M. Lowrey, D. Godard, G. Wright and A. Middlebrooks; to the Primitive Ebenezer, to convene with the church at Pleasant Plains, Wilkinson county, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in this month, George Wright, A. Ware, John Mullins, and S. W. Bloodworth.

11th. Appointed bro. Joseph Godard to preach the next Introductory Sermon, bro. Wm. Moseley his alternate, and bro. A. Cleaveland to write the next circular letter.

12th. Appointed union meetings as follows: viz. for the first district, with the church at Smyrna, Monroe county, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in July next. For the second district, with the church at Newhope, Upson county, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in April next. For the third district, to be held with the church at Rose Creek, Pike county, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July next. For the fourth district, to be held with the church at Bersheba, Henry county, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August next.

Prayer by bro. Josephus Barrow. Adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.—Met according to adjournment. Prayer by bro. M. Lowrey.

13th. On motion, again took up the item of calling for correspondence, and received a package of minutes from the Upatoie Association, by her messenger, bro. Wm. McCord.

14th. Called on the committee appointed to confer with the Georgia Association to make their report. They report as follows:

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Association to meet the delegation from the Georgia Association, in order, if possible, to settle the unhappy difference that has severed the union of the two Associations and the Baptist denomination generally, report that they have discharged the duty assigned them; and after the most serious and prayerful deliberations, have been unable to come to any satisfactory adjustment of said difficulties, but would recommend to the members of our body christian forbearance and courtesy towards our brethren who differ with us.

WILLIAM MOSELEY,
ALLEN CLEAVELAND, } Com.
THOMAS C. TRICE,

Which report was adopted.

15th. Called for the circular letter prepared by bro. D. Godard, which was read and adopted.

16th. Called for the corresponding letter, which was read and adopted.

17th. Appointed the next session of this body to be held with the church at Ramah, Monroe county, commencing on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1848.

18th. On motion, agreed to print the letter addressed to us from the Georgia Association in these minutes, as follows:

The committee of the Georgia Baptist Association to the Towaliga Association.

DEAR BRETHREN: The 14th article of the minutes of the last session of the Georgia Association reads as follows, viz. "Appointed a committee consisting of Thornton, Sanders, Stocks, Stokes and Mell to labor with those Associations once in correspondence with us, in order, if possible, to bring about a reconciliation. All necessary correspondence left with the committee." A majority of this committee have found it convenient to attend the present meeting of your body, with a view to promote, as far as practicable, the object of their appointment.

Our Association is impressed deeply with the obligation enjoined by the Scriptures on all christians, "to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace." It is peculiarly afflictive to them, to contemplate the present divided state of the churches that hold the same articles of faith, and practice the same church discipline, and have appointed this committee to labor on their behalf for a better understanding with those Associations of their brethren, with whom they once corresponded, but from whom they are at present so unhappily disunited. Will the brethren of the Towaliga Association be pleased to recognize us in the character of our appointment, and unite with us in our effort to remove whatever obstacles may be in the way of a renewal of our correspondence.

THOMAS STOCKS, } Com.
B. M. SANDERS,
P. H. MELL,

Sept. 1st, 1847.

19th. On motion, called on the committee appointed last year to meet with the Central Association. According to their request, the brethren Wm. Moseley, S. W. Bloodworth, and Daniel Godard, report, —they attended, but for want of a quorum they done nothing further than to tender them the letter printed in our minutes of last year.

20th. Resolved, That we notice with feelings of the deepest regret the death of our beloved brother Francis Douglass, who departed this life on the 2nd day of August last. Under this melancholy and sad bereavement, we cannot but mourn, but not as those who have no hope; for from the evidences left behind, we have the pleasing assurance that our loss is his eternal gain.

21st. Called for and to \$42; balance unexpended \$59.37.

22nd. Agreed to have and that the clerk have and distributing the same. The committee on pre- on Sabbath, followed in intermission, bro. W. C. bro. W. Moseley.

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S. W. BLOODWORTH,

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21st. Called for and received the church contributions, amounting to \$42; balance unexpended in the hands of the clerk, \$17 37; total, \$59 37.

22nd. Agreed to have two thousand copies of these minutes printed, and that the clerk have twenty dollars for attending to the printing and distributing the same.

The committee on preaching report, that bro: G. W. Lowrey preach on Sabbath, followed in exhortation by bro. T. C. Trice--forty minutes intermission, bro. W. C. Norris to preach, followed in exhortation by bro. W. Moseley.

Read the minutes and then adjourned.

WILLIAM MOSELEY, MODERATOR.

S: W. BLOODWORTH, Clerk.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, 1847.—The brethren Lowrey and Norris came forward in the order of their names, and preached with much zeal, and notwithstanding the weather was quite inclement, they had a very large and altogether unusually attentive auditory, and we trust from the unsurpassed manifestation of the presence of the Lord amongst them, that much, yea, very much good will result from their labors, together with the labors of the ministering brethren generally, that have labored amongst us, as we believe the Lord attended both speaker and hearers during the meeting.

S. W. BLOODWORTH, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Towaliga Primitive Baptist Association to the Churches composing the same.

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD: According to our former custom, you will expect an address in the order of a circular letter, which of course, must be short; as it would seem unreasonable to offer a lengthy piece for publication in the small compass of a common Minute. As usual, we have selected a portion of God's word, in order to train the mind of the reader to the subject, as well as us to write. We propose for the few intended remarks, the expression of the wise man Solomon, found in the 7th chapter of Ecclesiastes and 29th verse, "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright, but they have sought out many inventions." In order to do that justice properly due it, we might do well to notice the character of the writer, and why and wherefore he thus wrote. In attending to holy writ, we have an undoubted right to suppose he had been instructed from on high, or he would not have so fully differed from the great body of the fallen sons and daughters of men, and thereby has proven that he loved his God, and that he was the rightful king to rule in the room and stead of his father David, all of which his peaceful reign went to prove. See James 3 and 13, "Who is a wise man and endowed with knowledge among you, let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness and wisdom." And we are of the opinion that his was in consequence of light being first afforded that brought him to know that God "hath made man upright," and it was the same source that enabled him to discover that man had "sought out many inventions," none of which was for man's good, or

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 Now let us hear what the Lord saith by his servant David, Psalms 85, verses 9 and 10: "Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other." One that could say "And behold a greater than Solomon is here," "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up again." This looks like one that had power to lay down his life and power to take it up again. Well might he have said to Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." We conclude this looks like some of "the sure mercies of David," and are of the opinion that "they never shall be confounded that put their trust in him." But as he was to king Solomon so will he be to his people; for he will give grace and glory, "and no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." We now use for your encouragement the language of the prophet Micah, chap. 2, v. 10: "Arise ye and depart, for this is not your rest," &c. &c. God who is rich in all blessings, provided through the merits of his dear Son, well knows the wants of his fainting pilgrims while here below, and though doubts may often arise, He well knows what will prove for their good and his glory. This wise master builder is to be the Peace, and this is what the child of grace needs. He has promised by his servant Micah, and especially in 5th chap. verse 5, "And this man shall be the Peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land, and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds and eight principal men." And now, brethren, we exhort you in the conclusion, to have no confidence in the flesh, but as much as in you is, "to live in peace with all men," remembering that the Apostle James says, chap. 1, verse 27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." These things having done, your conscience will be at peace through life, a serenity and calm resignation in death, and the God of peace and of power will raise you where trouble and sorrow will never follow.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

HIGH SHOALS, Monroe county, Georgia, }
 September 4th, 1847. }

*The Towaliga Primitive Baptist Association, to her sister Associations,
 with whom she corresponds, sends christian salutation:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have great reason to be thankful to our kind and Heavenly Father, for the privilege of meeting together in an associate capacity. Our churches have been generally represented, and from the letters which they have sent up, there appears to be peace and harmony among them. The deliberations of our Association have been conducted in the most harmonious manner, and Christian love, and

forbearance is manifest among us. We have been refreshed by the coming of your messengers, and their preaching has been with power and energy to a large and attentive congregation. We hope their labors will be blessed and the fruit be seen many days to come. We solicit a continuation of your friendly correspondence, and desire an interest in your prayers. And now, dear brethren, we close this our letter of correspondence by subscribing ourselves yours in the bonds of the Gospel.

The next session of our body will set with the church at Ramah, Monroe county, commencing on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1848.

WILLIAM MOSELEY, MODERATOR.

S. W. BLOODWORTH, Clerk.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Ordained Ministers' names in small capitals; Licentiates in *italics*; absentees marked thus *

CHURCHES.	COURTS.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptised.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'm'd by Letter.	excommunicated.	Rec'd on Faith.	Dead.	Total Number.	Money for Minutes &c	Sunday of Meeting.
1 High Shoals	Monroe	John Mullins, Joseph Carter,	31	2	0	4	2	1	1	143	1 50	2
2 Smyrna	"	E. McGord, John McKeeney,	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	53	1 50	2
3 Sandy Creek	Batts	J. Morris, A. Gore,	0	2	1	3	1	0	0	268	2 00	3
4 Hunting Shoals	Monroe	Messack Lowrey, G. W. Head,	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	38	1 50	3
5 New Fellowship	"	John Webb, D. Proctor,	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	97	1 50	1
6 Ephesus	"	John W. Simmons, A. Middlebrooks,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	1 50	1
7 Sharon	"	Z. Hugshey, Arlen Wood,	0	1	0	4	2	0	0	58	1 50	2
8 Liberty	Batts	David Berry, G. O. Thaxton,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	1 50	1
9 Ramah	Monroe	Benjamin Haggood, Benjamin Rogers,	4	1	0	3	1	0	0	230	1 50	1
10 Mount Gillead	Upson	John Weatherly, Wm. O. Smith,	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	123	1 00	0
11 New Hope	"	John Dickey, J. M. Middlebrooks,	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	30	1 50	0
12 Shilo	Pike	David Wood, William Willis,	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	23	1 00	0
13 Emmaus	Upson	J. F. Walker, William Willis,	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	75	2 50	1
14 Union	Monroe	Edmund Dumas, William Cole,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	1 00	1
15 County Line	Pike	Daniel Gonnard, John E. Duke,	3	1	1	3	2	0	0	175	2 50	1
16 Rose Creek	"	Allen Ware, James K. Halsey,	4	6	0	2	0	0	0	61	1 50	3
17 Bulah	"	J. W. Daskell, Dolphin Lindsey,	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	35	1 00	4
18 Shoal Creek	Henry	Eke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	26	75
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20 Mount Pleasant	Henry	Joseph Gonnard, S. W. Bloodworth,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	295	1 75	3
21 Harmony	Henry	William Dismukes, George Wright,	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	134	1 50	1
22 Concord	Eke	Allison Speer, James K. Patrick,	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	141	1 50	1
23 Bersheba	Henry	William Moseley, Wm. H. Miller,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	181	00	0
24 Philippi	"	[No representation.]	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	71	3 00	4
25 Lebanon	"	R. H. J. Holly, Lewis Hand,	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	135	1 50	2
26 Bethel	Batts	Henry Barron, G. W. Falkner,	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	36	2 00	1
27 Walnut Creek	Henry	Allen Chevrolet, Recs Chevrolet,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	1 50	1
28 Hebron	"	William Bennett, L. B. Jackson,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	2 00	1

RECAPITULATION.—Since the last Association, Baptised 30; Received by Letter 40; Restored 5; Dismissed by Letter 60; Received on Confession of Faith 3; Dead 14; Total number 1,109. Amount of funds \$59 37 cents; Printer's Fee \$25; Clerk's Compensation \$20. Balance unexpended in the hands of the Clerk \$14 37 cents.