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## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

|                    |       |                      |
|--------------------|-------|----------------------|
| T. E. Langley,     | - - - | Chipley, Fla.        |
| E. D. Nelson,      | - - - | Chipley, Fla.        |
| D.W. Creamer,      | - - - | Chipley, Fla.        |
| Jno. Stuart,       | - - - | Marianna, Fla.       |
| J. W. Johnson,     | - - - | Campbellton, Fla.    |
| Robt. Harris,      | - - - | Campbellton, Fla.    |
| Jno. White,        | - - - | Garrod, Ala.         |
| W. A. Bryan,       | - - - | Vernon, Fla.         |
| C. S. Russ,        | - - - | Abe's Spring, Fla.   |
| W. D. Simpson,     | - - - | Cypress, Fla.        |
| Lewis Daniels,     | - - - | Sneads, Fla.         |
| Geo. Crofton,      | - - - | Miller's Ferry, Fla. |
| R. C. B. Lawrence, | - - - | Dellwood, Fla.       |

## LICENSED MINISTERS.

|                   |       |                      |
|-------------------|-------|----------------------|
| J. E. Nixon,      | - - - | Vernon, Fla.         |
| James Cutchin,    | - - - | Cottdale, Fla.       |
| W.W. Weeks,       | - - - | Cottdale, Fla.       |
| Jno. Long,        | - - - | Campbellton, Fla.    |
| J. F. Richardson, | - - - | Miller's Ferry, Fla. |
| L. T. Kingly,     | - - - | Miller's Ferry, Fla. |

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
3. Call for correspondents.
4. Appoint committees on preaching, nominations, publications, deceased ministers, Sabbath schools, missions, documents, temperance and finance.
5. Arrange for meeting and adjourning.
6. Appoint correspondents.
7. Elect Executive Committee and Treasurer.
8. Elect delegates to State Convention.
9. Call for reports of standing committees: 1st, executive committee; 2d, missions; 3d, finance; 4th, temperance; 5th, Sabbath schools.
10. Call for report of treasurer.
11. Call for report on documents.
12. Call for report on publications.
13. Call for report on deceased ministers.
14. Call for report on nominations.
15. Appoint general meetings.
16. Appoint time and place for next meeting.
17. Read and adopt the minutes.
18. Adjournment.

## OFFICERS.

T. E. LANGLEY, MODERATOR, Orange Hill, Fla.  
WM. M. FARRIOR, CLERK, Campbellton, Fla.  
E. N. DEKLE, TREASURER, Campbellton, Fla.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(1886-7.)

E. N. DEKLE, D. H. HORNE, N. L. CONNELL,  
A. BEVIS, J. LYNN.

## MINUTES

MAGNOLIA BAPTIST CHURCH,  
CALHOUN COUNTY, FLA.,  
Oct. 12th, 1887.

The West Florida Baptist Association convened with Magnolia Baptist Church, Calhoun Co., Fla., in its 41st annual session, Wednesday morning, Oct. 12th 1887.

According to appointment the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. John Stuart, from 2d Timothy, 11-15. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

After services, announcement was made that refreshments would be prepared on the ground and all were invited to partake.

One and a half hour's intermission was granted.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

The delegates of the different churches re-assembled in the church house, and were called to order by the Rev. T. E. Langley, Moderator of former session. Devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator and led in prayer by J. T. Allen.

The Moderator announced that the body was now ready for work.

Upon motion, the Moderator appointed committee on preaching, as follows:

J. D. Watts, Z. Johnson, and delegates of Magnolia church. The letters from the various churches were handed in, and by

request of the Moderator, were read by brethren D. H. Horne, W. A. Bryan, and J. M. Stephens.

Delegates were enrolled as follows:

Bethlehem—J. W. Rawls, H. G. Land, John Conor.

Bethesda—Letter of dismissal granted.

Cedar Pond—J. D. Watts, W. J. Ford.

Campbellton—W. J. Farris, C. R. Jones.

Chipola Lake—N. L. Connell.

Circle Hill—J. T. Allen, Jno. Stuart, James Scott.

ChIPLEY—D. H. Horne.

Damascus—G. B. Tason, H. Crutchfield, H. Phillips.

Dellwood—H. C. Green, L. C. Messer.

Econfina—

Ebenezer—F. E. Simmons, Thos. Rooks, W. C. Hickman.

Ephesus—R. Harris, J. W. Johnson, A. W. Weed.

Friendship—J. M. Stevens, M. L. Hart, J. Lynn.

Greenwood—A. Bevis.

Grassy Point—By letter.

Green Head—A. Posey.

Hickory Level—S. Pumpfrey.

Marianna—

Mount Olive—Oscar Scott, C. E. Scott.

Magnolia—F. Green, A. G. Scent.

New Harmony—Jno. Nelson.

Orange Hill—E. D. Nelson, W. W. Weeks.

Providence—J. Johnson, W. J. Nobles, M. Dykes.

Piney Grove—J. T. Creamer.

Pilgrim's Rest—J. E. Haiser.

Poplar Springs—J. Dykes, J. B. Justice, J. Pelt.

Poplar Head—C. S. Russ.

Point Washington—

Pleasant Hill—J. V. McClellan.

Rocky Grove—J. Folsom, C. Brock, J. Baker, W. J. Dykes, L. Henderson.

Sardis—Bryant Collins, Jeff. Griffin.

Sneads—

Unity—J. F. Richards.

After enrollment of the delegates the following officers were

ected by ballot, to-wit: T. E. Langley, Moderator; W. M. Farrior, Clerk.

The Moderator thanked the body for confidence reposed in him, and gave words of counsel.

Call for petitionary letters: Two were handed in,—Chibley and Sneads,—and after reading, upon motion, were received.

Call for visiting brethren: None.

Call for correspondents: Daniel Williams from Columbia Association.

On motion, the Moderator was allowed time to appoint standing committees.

The committee on preaching reported the following:

R. Harris to preach at 2:30 p. m.; J. W. Johnson, Thursday, 10 o'clock; closed by W. D. Simpson. W. C. Bryant at 2. p. m.; T. E. Langley closing sermon.

Upon motion, the body to meet at 9:30 a. m.

THURSDAY—9:30 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Moderator; prayer by N. L. Connell.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator:

On Nominations—A. Bevis, H. Phillips, A. W. Weed.

On Publications—W. M. Farrior, G. B. Yawn, H. G. Green.

On Deceased Ministers—Jno. Stuart, R. Jones, C. Russ.

On Sunday Schools—W. A. Bryan, J. M. Stephens, R. Harris.

On Missions—D. H. Horn, J. W. Rawls, R. C. B. Lawrence.

On Documents—W. D. Simpson, J. Y. Folsom, Jos. Dykes.

On Temperance—J. Lynn, J. S. Allen, W. W. Weeks.

On Finance—N. L. Connell, T. J. Boone, F. E. Simmons.

Correspondents were enrolled to the following Associations:

Judson—N. L. Hart, J. Lynn.

Newton—T. E. Langley, J. W. Rawls, N. L. Connell.

Columbia—J. W. Johnson, J. M. Stephens, W. M. Farrior, R. Harris, A. Bevis, M. Dykes.

SouthWestern—J. D. Watts, T. J. Boone, Jno. White, Z. Johnson.

Sandy Creek—J. W. Johnson, R. Harris, Jno. Crutchfield, H. Phillips.

The following were elected as Executive Committee: E. N. Dekle, D. H. Horne, N. L. Connell, J. Lynn.

The Executive Committee made a verbal report.

Received.

Report of Treasurer read and adopted.

Report on Publications read and adopted.

Report on Deceased Ministers read and adopted.

*Report on Publications.*

Your committee offer the following: From our experience and observation we cannot expect our people to be in full sympathy with the interest of the denomination, nor find them acquainted with the great work of Missions, unless we keep posted. We cannot but anticipate great and good results if the churches of West Florida would avail themselves of the periodicals that are offered to them for so small an amount. We earnestly recommend that this body endorse the Florida Baptist Witness as an organ of Baptist faith and principles. That Kind Words and lesson papers of B. P. S. be used in our Sunday Schools; also that every minister and teacher do all in their power to introduce these means to enlighten the people. Also recommend 'Trilema,' a book on Baptist history. Every church should take a few copies of the Foreign Mission Journal, in order to know what our missionaries are doing in foreign fields.

W. M. FARRIOR, Chairman.

*Report on Missions.*

The committee on Missions have had the same under consideration and instructed me to report as follows:—That owing to the small amount of funds in the hands of the executive committee, they were unable to employ a missionary to labor in the destitute portions of the Association, and consequently no labor was performed except that done by some brethren outside of any remuneration from the Association. We earnestly hope this may not be the case in the future, for the harvest is truly great and the laborers are few.

We recommend that a collection be taken up for funds to be placed in the hands of the executive committee with which to employ a missionary to preach in such districts of country as they may think most in need, inside the bounds of this Association.

D. H. HORNE, Chairman.

*Report of Mission Work.*

I commenced work immediately after the adjournment of the Association in October, 1886. I conferred with the executive committee in regard to mission work, and found the funds were exhausted when the missionaries had been paid for the year ending Oct. 1886. With this fact before me I hesitated, not being able to decide what course to take at once. While thus undecided I was continually receiving solicitations to occupy the destitution. Feeling greatly, both the importance of the section and the responsibility, I concluded to do so. I visited every place of any importance I could possibly reach.

Now, my brethren, I ask that some measures be taken at this Association for supplying this destitute field with the Gospel, and with teachers to instruct the people of these sections in the doctrines and principles of the Missionary Baptist Church. I would also ask that if we have not means in hand wherewith to send ministers to their fields to labor, that we, before adjourning, pledge ourselves to work with at least as much zeal as we have heretofore done, to raise money and make arrangements with some competent man to do the work. We have organized churches in the field that will supplement any salary this body might see proper to agree upon to pay an Evangelist. I have traveled 3,600 miles, preached 192 sermons, baptized, and have waiting for baptism 21, received 5 members by letter, delivered 30 Sunday School lectures, have five S. S. on my work, and have organized one L. M. S. W. A. BRYAN.

WHEREAS, In the opinion of this Association the changing of the time of the meetings of the same from Saturdays to Wednesdays, and whereas said change of time has in our opinion done much to weaken if not destroy the religious influence of our Associational meetings, thereby injuring the very cause we seek to promote, Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the next meeting of this body shall be at Chipley church on Friday before the 3rd Lord's day in October next.

*Report on Temperance.*

We, the committee on Temperance, make the following re-

port: There is, in our opinion, no greater evil in this country than that of intemperance. It not only affects those who drink, but women and children are made the innocent sufferers for another's sin. We have often seen petitions for the sale of spirituous liquors published in our county papers, and to these same petitions we have seen with deep regret and shame the names of members of the Baptist church. This, we feel, is wrong, and we hope never to see it again. While our brethren are not seen drunk, they do thus encourage it in another way. Brethren, let us be truly temperate in all things and take every means to put down the evil. We recommend that we, as Baptists, abstain from all intoxicating liquors.

J. LYNN, Chairman.

Report on Temperance read and adopted.

Report on Documents read and adopted.

Report of W. A. Bryan read and adopted.

After much discussion and balloting it was decided that the body meet with the church at Chipley at its next session. The body adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. Refreshments on the ground.

THURSDAY—2 P. M.

The body resumed business. After singing, prayer was offered by W. M. Fariior.

Report on Sabbath Schools read and adopted.

Report on Missions read and adopted.

*Resolved*,—Resolution of thanks.

*Resolved*,—That 800 copies of Minutes be printed.

*Resolved*,—That the Clerk be paid \$15.00 for his services.

*Resolved*,—That \$150.00 be sent up to the convention, and that the churches make up \$25.00 to bear the expenses of T. E. Langley, as delegate to convention; W. M. Fariior, alternate. Cash raised for delegate, \$5.30, pledges \$7.00; remainder to be sent up by churches.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

No other business before the body, the Moderator made a few touching remarks. After singing "Blest be the tie that binds," &c., prayer was offered by R. C. B. Lawrence. The body adjourned, to meet at Chipley, Friday before the 3rd

Sunday in October, 1883. W. D. Simpson preached the Introductory Sermon.

*Report on Deceased Ministers.*

Your committee on deceased ministers feel that we have great cause to rejoice, in that the Lord has been gracious to us in the year that is past, and spared the lives of all our ministers. May the Lord give them zeal and wisdom to labor on, as their years increase.

JOHN STEWART, Chairman.

*Report on Documents.*

Your committee state that they find two petitionary letters for admission into this body. Petitions granted. Five churches, namely, Ebenezer, Sardis, Damascus, Chipley and Friendship, invite the Association to meet with them next year. We recommend that the Body meet with the Sardis church at its next session.

W. D. SIMPSON, Chairman.

*Report on Sabbath Schools.*

Your committee on Sabbath Schools feel thankful to learn of the increased number of schools in our Associational bounds. The interest manifested has been more encouraging each year, and now, we say it with grateful feelings, it is greater than at any previous time in the history of our Association. Another encouraging feature we note is, that many of the schools are using literature from Baptist publishing houses, and we should advise all to adopt the same Lesson Papers and Quarterlies. We have learned from several letters read here of scholars becoming members of the church, and from our own observation we have known of its being the means of awakening them to a sense of duty. Brethren, we would urge every brother here to see to it that there is a Sabbath School established in his church.

W. A. BRYAN, Chairman.

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this body be tendered the members of Magnolia church and the people of the vicinity for the hospitality extended to this body during its session.

FINANCE REPORT.

| CHURCHES.        | Minutes. | Asso't'l Purposes. | Missions. |
|------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|
| Bethlehem        | \$ 1 50  | \$3 50             |           |
| Bethesda         | 1 00     | 1 75               |           |
| Cedar Pond       | 1 50     | 1 50               | \$ 70     |
| Campbellton      | 1 50     | 5 00               | 5 10      |
| Chipola Lake     | 75       | 1 50               | 21 50     |
| Circle Hill      | 50       |                    | 7 50      |
| Chipley          | 1 00     | 6 00               | 1 00      |
| Damascus         | 1 75     | 1 55               |           |
| Dellwood         | 1 00     |                    | 5 10      |
| Ebenezer         | 1 00     |                    | 2 80      |
| Econfina         | 1 00     | 9 00               |           |
| Ephesus          |          | 4 00               |           |
| Friendship       | 1 00     | 5 50               |           |
| Greenwood        | 2 00     | 2 00               | 29 15     |
| Grassy Point     | 2 00     | 2 00               | 15 35     |
| Green Head       | 50       |                    | 2 80      |
| Hickory Level    | 50       |                    | 2 50      |
| Mount Olive      | 50       | 1 50               | 3 05      |
| Magnolia         | 50       | 50                 |           |
| New Harmony      | 1 00     | 1 50               |           |
| Orange Hill      | 50       |                    | 1 40      |
| Providence       | 50       | 1 70               |           |
| Piney Grove      | 1 50     | 2 00               | 1 00      |
| Pilgrims Rest    | 1 00     |                    | 1 35      |
| Poplar Spring    | 50       | 1 05               |           |
| Poplar Head      | 1 00     |                    | 1 25      |
| Point Washington | 1 00     | 50                 |           |
| Pleasant Hill    |          |                    |           |
| Rockey Grove     | 25       | 50                 | 75        |
| Sardis           | 1 50     | 1 35               |           |
| Sneads           | 1 00     | 2 00               |           |
| Unity            | 50       | 60                 |           |
| Unity            | 50       | 1 65               |           |
| Total            | \$29 25  | \$58 15            | \$102 30  |

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES          | CLERKS.         | POST OFFICE.           | Baptism. | Received<br>by Letter. | Restored. | Dead. | Dismissed<br>by Letter. | Excluded. | Total. |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|-----------|-------|-------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Bethlehem         | S. W. Land      | Cottdale, Fla          | 15       | 3                      | 1         | 2     | 5                       | 8         | 44     |
| Bethesda          | J. M. Davis     | Dundee, Ala            | 2        |                        |           |       | 1                       | 1         | 32     |
| Cedar Pond        | W. H. Pyke      | Greenwood, Fla         | 2        |                        |           |       |                         |           | 40     |
| Campbellton.      | W. M. Farrior   | Campbellton, "         | 2        | 3                      |           |       | 1                       |           | 24     |
| Chipola Lake.     | N. L. Connel    | Wewahitchka, "         |          | 2                      |           |       |                         |           | 17     |
| Circle Hill       | E. J. Moodie    | Haywoods Landing, Fla. | 2        |                        |           | 1     |                         |           | 20     |
| Chipley           | E. D. Farrior   | Chipley, Fla.          |          |                        |           | 2     |                         | 3         | 19     |
| Damascus          | G. B. Yawn      | Graceville, "          | 18       | 5                      | 5         | 2     | 2                       | 2         | 115    |
| Dellwood          | H. Green        | Dellwood, "            | 7        | 10                     |           |       |                         |           | 58     |
| Ebenezer          | J. G. Morris    | Vernon, "              | 12       | 1                      |           |       | 3                       | 3         | 48     |
| Econfina          | W. B. Gainer    | Econfina, "            | 2        |                        |           |       |                         | 1         | 30     |
| Ephesus           | J. M. Christmas | Campbellton, Fla       | 4        | 4                      | 5         | 2     | 2                       |           | 30     |
| Friendship        | J. M. Stephens  | Greenwood, "           |          | 1                      | 2         | 2     |                         | 8         | 61     |
| Greenwood.        | T. G. Alsbrooks | Greenwood, "           | 2        |                        |           |       |                         |           | 36     |
| Grassy Point      | H. Anderson     | St. Andrews, "         |          |                        |           |       | 2                       |           | 19     |
| Green Head        | D. J. Bridges   | Vernon, "              |          | 1                      | 1         | 1     | 2                       | 3         | 22     |
| Hickory Level     | R. J. Foxworth  | Marianna, "            | 6        | 4                      |           |       |                         |           | 32     |
| Mt. Olive         | C. E. Scott     | Ocheese, "             | 2        | 1                      |           |       |                         |           | 29     |
| Magnolia          | Z. T. Messer    | Chipola, "             | 6        | 10                     | 1         |       |                         |           | 37     |
| New Harmony       | Jno. Nelson     | Chipley, "             | 4        |                        |           |       |                         |           | 13     |
| Orange Hill       | R. M. Peel      | "                      |          |                        |           |       | 4                       |           | 2      |
| Providence        | W. H. Nobles    | Sneads, "              | 3        | 2                      | 1         |       | 2                       | 2         | 46     |
| Piney Grove       | H. B. Russ      | Cottdale, "            |          |                        |           |       | 1                       | 1         | 47     |
| Pilgrims Rest     | C. C. Shoupe    | "                      | 6        | 15                     | 3         | 1     | 7                       | 2         | 39     |
| Poplar Spring     | J. R. Dykes     | Marianna, "            |          | 1                      |           |       | 6                       | 11        | 24     |
| Poplar Head       | J. L. Kinard    | Abes Spring, "         | 4        |                        |           | 2     | 7                       |           | 13     |
| Point Washington. | James Morris    | Pt. Washington, "      | 1        |                        |           |       | 1                       |           | 15     |
| Pleasant Hill     | E. Singleton    | Econfina, "            |          |                        |           |       |                         |           | 11     |
| Rockey Grove      | W. H. Dykes     | Marianna, "            |          |                        |           |       |                         |           | 75     |
| Sardis            | Jno. McCraney   | Cypress, "             | 20       | 5                      | 1         |       | 2                       |           | 63     |
| Sneads            | J. A. Hoover    | Sneads, "              |          | 3                      |           |       | 9                       | 11        | 16     |
| Unity             | Geo. Underwood  | Miller's Ferry, "      | 3        | 1                      |           | 1     |                         |           | 26     |
| Total             |                 |                        | 124      | 78                     | 19        | 21    | 49                      | 60        | 1120   |

## DECORUM.

ARTICLE I. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our union shall compose the Association.

2. The members so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association; also, a statement of the amount of funds sent up by the delegates and for what purpose, and any other contributions made during the year.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the West Florida Baptist Association.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present.

5. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor by which she can infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

6. If newly constituted churches, or others, desire to be admitted into this union, they shall petition by letter and delegates; and if found, upon examination, to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and such reception shall be manifested by the Moderator giving to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

7. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to two delegates, and when her number of members shall reach twenty-five she shall be entitled to three, and for every additional increase of twenty-five she shall be entitled to an additional delegate.

8. Every query sent to the Association by any of the churches in this union shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be discussed, and if there be a majority for discussion, it shall be taken up and considered, if not, it shall be withdrawn, provided, always, those be first considered that affect the union of the church.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it. The last motion shall be first in order.



10. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from the subject.

11. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

12. There shall be no talking or whispering in time of public speech, nor shall any reflection be cast upon the speaker.

13. No member shall absent himself from the Association without first obtaining permission from the body, or Moderator, and the Moderator shall only have power to act while the body is not in session. The Association is not considered closed until after the farewell sermon is preached.

14. If any member shall break the rules of this Constitution he shall be immediately reprov'd by the Moderator.

15. It is the business of the Association, 1st, to provide for the general union of the churches; 2d, to keep up a correspondence with Associations of the same faith and order, that the chain of communication may be preserved among the churches; 3d, to give the churches the best advice in matters of difficulty, and if the communion between any of the sister churches be broken, to inquire into the cause of the breach and use the best means to remove the difficulty, but if the breach cannot be made up, to withdraw from any church whom they shall look upon as unsound in principle or disorderly in practice, until she be reclaimed; 4th, to admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, if they deem it to be necessary; 5th, to appoint a Clerk to keep the records of every meeting of the Association; 6th, to have the minutes read and corrected, if need be, before the Association rises, and have them printed if they think proper; 7th, to amend this plan of government at any time when the majority of the Association may deem it necessary; 8th, to adjourn to any time or place considered most proper.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE I. We believe in one true and living God, and that there is a Trinity of Persons in the Godhead—the Father,

the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and yet there are not three Gods but one God—Mark xii. 32, Mat. iii. 16, 17; xxiii. 19; 1 Tim. i. 2, 5; Exod. xx. 1, 3; John i. 1, 4; v. 23; x. 30.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—2 Tim. iii. 16, 17; 2 Pet. i. 21; 2 Sam. xxiii. 2; Rev. xxii. 18, 19.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam, and the imputation of his sin to his posterity; in the corruption of human nature, and the impotency of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability.—Isa. i. 5, 6; Psa. xiv. i. 3; Rom. vi. 12. John vi. 44; 1 Cor. xv. 20, 1; Job xiv. 57; Eph. ii. 8, 10.

4. We believe in the everlasting love of God to his people, and the eternal election of a definite number of the human race to grace and glory, and that there was a covenant of grace of redemption made between the Father and the Son before the world began, in which their salvation is secure, and they in particular are redeemed.—xxi. 3; John xv. 16, 17; Isa. xi. 8, 9; Eph. i. 4, 5, 11; Acts xiii. 48; 2 Thess. ii. 13; 1 Pet. i. 2; Rom. viii. 29, 30; Rom. ix. 11, 12, 23; xi. 4, 7; 2 Tim. ii. 9.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them.—Rom. iii. 21, 5, 56; Psa. xiv; John x. 9, 15; Rom. v. 1, 10; 1 Cor. i. 30.

6. We believe that all those who are chosen of God in Christ will be effectually called regenerated, sanctified, and supported by the spirit and power of God so that they shall persevere in grace, and not one of them be finally lost.—John x. 29, 30, vi. 37; Phil. i. 6; 1 Pet. i. 3, 9; Heb. vi. 16, 20; John xvii. 2, 3, 2 Tim. i. 9, 10; Tit. iv. 4, 7; Eph. ii. 45; Rom. viii. 28, 31.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith; that they follow after justification, and that they only justify us in the sight of men, and are only evidences of our christianity.—Eph. ii. 10; James ii. 13; iii. 13; 1 Pet. ii. 3, 5; Mat. v. 16.

8. We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a General Judgment and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.—Mark xii. 24, 27; 2 Cor. v. 10; 1 Cor. xv. 12, 29; Acts xvii. 31; Mat. xxv. 46; John v. 28, 29; Thess. I 7, 10.

9. We believe that the Church of Christ is a visible congregation of baptized believers, who have gained Christian fellowship with each other; and that immersion is the only scriptural mode of baptism.—Rom. vi.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of His Church and only Lawgiver, and that the government is with the body, and is the privilege of each individual, and that the discipline of the church is intended for the reclamation of those Christians who may be disorderly either in principle or practice, and must be faithfully kept up for God's glory and the peace and unity of the Church.

11. We believe that Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Lord, and are to be continued until His second coming.

12. We believe that none but those regularly baptized, and who are in fellowship with the church, have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

## STATISTICS.

| S. | Yr.  | Moderator.    | Clerk.         | Churches      | No.  | Missions. |
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| 3  | 1849 | D. P. Everett | E. Minchin     | Union Academy | 464  | \$134 93  |
| 4  | 1850 | Joshua Mercer | "              | Bethlehem     | 460  | 119 15    |
| 5  | 1851 | "             | "              | "             | "    | "         |
| 6  | 1852 | Joshua Mercer | J. H. Wombwell | Sardis        | 467  | 147 30    |
| 7  | 1853 | "             | W. D. Horn     | Bethlehem     | 568  | 84 50     |
| 8  | 1854 | "             | Jas. Drummond  | Union Academy | 493  | 104 40    |
| 9  | 1855 | "             | Stephen Rowe   | Orange Hill   | 597  | 72 40     |
| 10 | 1856 | "             | "              | Sardis        | 600  | 143 40    |
| 11 | 1857 | "             | "              | Bethlehem     | 423  | 158 00    |
| 12 | 1858 | "             | "              | Greenwood     | 545  | 166 60    |
| 13 | 1859 | "             | "              | Grange Church | 679  | 300 90    |
| 14 | 1860 | W. B. Lacy    | "              | Campbellton   | 774  | 200 00    |
| 15 | 1861 | "             | "              | "             | "    | "         |
| 16 | 1862 | "             | "              | "             | "    | "         |
| 17 | 1863 | W. B. Lacy    | Stephen Rowe   | Campbellton   | 870  | 650 00    |
| 18 | 1864 | "             | "              | Greenwood     | 952  | 500 00    |
| 19 | 1865 | "             | "              | Friendship    | 1082 | 846 00    |
| 20 | 1866 | "             | "              | Campbellton   | 1049 | 128 00    |
| 21 | 1867 | W. H. Howell  | "              | Greenwood     | 953  | 184 00    |
| 22 | 1868 | "             | "              | Antioch       | 963  | "         |
| 23 | 1869 | W. H. Banks   | "              | Friendship    | 935  | "         |
| 24 | 1870 | "             | W. F. Jordan   | Smyrna        | 654  | 127 00    |
| 25 | 1871 | T. E. Langley | "              | Campbellton   | 739  | 154 00    |
| 26 | 1872 | "             | W. J. Daniel   | Greenwood     | 720  | 152 00    |
| 27 | 1873 | "             | "              | Cedar Pond    | 699  | 184 00    |
| 28 | 1874 | "             | "              | Friendship    | 698  | 204 00    |
| 29 | 1875 | "             | "              | Campbellton   | 883  | 166 00    |
| 30 | 1876 | "             | "              | Rockey Grove  | 663  | 177 60    |
| 31 | 1877 | "             | "              | Greenwood     | 889  | 166 00    |
| 32 | 1878 | "             | "              | Cedar Pond    | 771  | 111 00    |
| 33 | 1879 | "             | "              | Damascus      | 592  | 82 00     |
| 34 | 1880 | "             | A. P. Ashurst  | Campbellton   | 947  | 105 00    |
| 35 | 1881 | "             | W. J. Daniel   | Friendship    | 813  | 125 00    |
| 36 | 1882 | "             | W. M. Farrior  | Ebenezer      | 918  | 98 00     |
| 37 | 1883 | "             | "              | Bethlehem     | 982  | 212 00    |
| 38 | 1884 | "             | "              | Dellwood      | 1025 | 206 00    |
| 39 | 1885 | W. J. Daniel  | "              | Rockey Grove  | 018  | 231 15    |
| 40 | 1886 | T. E. Langley | "              | Greenwood     | 1007 | 263 80    |
| 41 | 1887 | "             | "              | Magnolia      | 1 20 | 213 00    |

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