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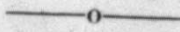
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
3. Call for correspondents.
4. Appointment 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 report of standing committees: 1st, executive committee; 2nd, missions; 3d, finance; 4th, temperance; 5th, Sabbath school; 6th, education.
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.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. E. Langley	Chipley, Florida.
E. D. Nelson	"
D. W. Creamer	Cottondale, Florida.
J. W. Johnson	Graceville, Florida.
Robert Harris	Cottondale, Florida.
W. A. Bryan	Chipley, Florida.
C. S. Russ	Abe Springs, Florida.
R. C. B. Lawrence	Dellwood, Florida.
J. F. D. Richter	Chipley, Florida.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

J. E. Nixon	Econfina, Florida.
James Cutchin	Cottondale, Florida.
W. W. Weeks	Chipley, Florida.
John Long	Campbellton, Florida.
D. J. Bridges	St. Andrew's Bay, Florida.
J. D. Courtney	Graceville, Florida.
Thos. Crutchfield	"

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WEST FLA. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

October 18th, 1889.

The West Florida Association met this day in the Damascus Baptist church at the hour of 11 a. m., and heard the Introductory sermon preached by Bro. Wm. M. Howell, of Georgia, Bro. T. E. Langley being physically too feeble for the duty.

After preaching, it was announced that dinner was prepared on the grounds, and all were invited to remain and partake of the refreshments. One and a half hours intermission was given.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 2 p. m. with the former officers in their respective places.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator, Bro. T. E. Langley. After singing, "My soul be on thy guard," etc., prayer was offered by Bro. J. P. Smith, of Cedar Key.

The letters from the churches were collected and read by brethren, G. W. Hall, G. W. Patterson and A. Richards.

Bethlehem—J. W. Rawls, H. J. Land, W. A. Swearingen.

Cedar Pond—J. D. Watts, W. J. Ford.

Campbellton—Robert Jones, Robert Renfroe.

Chipola Lake—N. L. Connell.

Circle Hill—Represented by letter.

Chipley—D. H. Horne, J. D. Forester, Wm. Lockey.

Damascus—W. W. Parker, G. B. Yaron, G. W. Phillips.

Cottondale—John Harper.

Ebenezer—G. W. Gainer, Wm. Roche, T. E. Simmons, J. W. Bruner.

Econfina—D. J. Nixon.

Ephesus—J. D. Richter, H. McMath, M. Christmas.

Friendship—W. A. Avery, H. Ferguson, John Stephens.

Greenwood—E. Horen, A. Bevis, J. Stephens.

Grassy Point—By letter.

Green Head—Alfred E. Posey.

Greenfield—J. P. Dean.

Hickory Level—S. Pumphy.

Mariana—W. J. Daniels.

Mt. Wayfair—James Brown, W. L. Peacock.

New Harmony—John Nelson, Elbert Lockett.

Orange Hill—R. M. Peel, W. B. Daniels.

Piny Grove—J. D. Cutchin, H. B. Russ, D. F. Creamer.

Pilgrim's Rest—E. Kiser, John Parish.

Poplar Springs—G. R. Courtney.

Poplar Head—By letter.

Pleasant Hill—Robert Nixon, Elton Singleton.

Ponce De Leon—Warren Jackson.

Providence—By letter.

St. Andrew's Bay—By letter.

Westville—S. B. Callahan, Wiley Godwin.

Upon motion, T. E. Langley and W. M. Farrior, former Moderator and Clerk, were elected by acclamation. The Moderator, though quite feeble in health, arose and thanked the body heartily for their continued manifestation of confidence in him.

Called for petitionary letters. Received none.

The following committee was appointed: Committee on Preaching—J. R. Rawls, A. Bevis and delegates of Damascus church.

Call for visitors. W. M. Howell from Bethel Association, J. P. Smith from Santa Fe Association, B. M. Bean from Centennial Association, Ala., W. G. Patterson, New River Association, responded to the call.

Call for correspondents—J. Stuart, South West Association; J. Bush, N. Pace, Genoa Association; Wm. Cambie, Newton Association; J. J. White and T. W. Locke from Columbia Association; G. W. Hall, Santa Fe Association responded. Bro. G. W. Hall also represented the Home and Foreign Mission Board, also the "Florida Baptist Witness." He urged the claims of each, upon the people, begging them co-operate with each in their efforts to advance the cause.

Upon motion, correspondence was opened with Santa Fe River Association.

The following resolutions were offered by Bro. D. H. Horne and adopted:

Resolved, 1. That all standing committees shall consist of five members, and in all reports made to the body by them, the names of all the Committee shall be signed, the chairman first.

Resolved, 2. Further, That this be made a rule of business.

Resolved, 3. That it is hereby made the duty of the Committee on Nominations to report an alternate to preach the Introductory sermon.

Upon motion, the body adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Saturday.

The Committee on Preaching announced that Bro. J. P. Smith preach Friday night.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

9. a. m. The Association met at the appointed hour. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. A. Richards.

The following committees were announced, namely:

On Missions, on Sunday Schools, on Temperance, on Education, on Nominations, on Publications, on Documents, and on Deceased Ministers.

The names of each of the committees will appear with their respective reports.

The brethren mentioned agreed to visit the following Associations, as correspondents namely: To the Columbia, J. W. Johnson, Robert Harris, J. B. Forester, John Stephens, George Crutchfield; to the Geneva, D. H. Horne, J. W. Johnson; to the South West, W. J. Ford, A. Bevis, W. A. Bryan, J. W. Rawls.

To the Santa Fe, W. A. Bryan, T. E. Langley.

To the Rocky Creek, A. Bevis, J. D. Courtney.

Appointment of General Meetings.

N. W. Division to be held at Chipley first 5th Sunday.

N. E. " " " " Green " " " " " "

S. W. " " " " Bethel " " " " " "

The following brethren were elected: Delegates to the State Convention, namely: A. Richards, T. E. Langley, E. N. Dekle, N. L. Connell, J. Lynn, D. H. Horne, W. J. Daniels, W. A. Bryan, W. M. Farrior, Robt. Harris.

The same Executive Committee was elected by acclamation.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That Brethren E. L. Horne and G. W. Davis be added to the Executive Committee.

The Association adjourned for preaching.

An impressive sermon was delivered by Rev. G. W. Patterson on the spirituality of the church. The sermon was highly appreciated by the large audience assembled.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 p. m. The Moderator called the body to order, and prayer was offered by Bro. G. W. Hall. The report on Deceased Ministers was read and adopted as follows:

We feel thankful to our Heavenly Father that we have had no deaths among our ministers the past year. Brethren, with humble, grateful hearts let us acknowledge His blessings and go to work with renewed energy.

J. W. JOHNSON,	} Committee.
R. M. PEEL,	
E. D. NELSON,	
D. G. NIXON,	
D. CUSHION.	

Your Committee find two churches asking for letters of dismission from this body, namely: Poplar Springs and Circle Hill. We also find five churches asking this Association to hold its next Annual session with them, namely: Friendship, Cedar Pond, Ponce de Leon, Ephesus and Ebenezer.

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We, your Committee, recommend that this Association hold its next session with Ephesus, three and a half miles east of Campbellton.

E. C. HOREN,
R. HARRIS,
D. W. CREAMER, } Committee.
W. J. FORD,
J. H. FERGUSON, }

The Report on Nominations

was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations report W. A. Bryan to preach the Introductory sermon at the next session of this body, J. W. Johnson, alternate.

N. L. CONNELL,
J. M. STEPHENS,
R. M. PEEL, } Committee.
L. W. RAWLS,
A. POSEY, }

The report of Sunday Schools was read and pending its adoption, it was discussed in an interesting and instructive manner by Brethren A. Richards, G. W. Hall, W. M. Howell and Bean.

Adopted as follows:

Report on Sunday Schools.

After hearing the reading of the letters from the different churches, we are pained to learn that we have so few Sabbath Schools in our bounds. We believe the reason why so little interest is manifested in that line of church work, is, because the ministers have failed to instruct their members in regard to the importance of Sabbath School work.

We therefore beg that the Missionaries employed by our Board do look after this, and where there are no schools to organize them at once, if possible; and we call upon all earnest workers to arouse to their duty in this glorious work. We would also insist that all Pastors see that each church they serve has a Sabbath School.

We believe that more good can be accomplished in this way, for the Baptist cause, among the children and young people, than in any other.

By so doing we will be carrying out the Scriptural injunction, "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me."

J. H. STEPHENS, J. D. FORESTER, Chr. } Committee.
W. L. PEACOCK, E. C. HORNE, }
S. PUMPHREY, }

Report on Temperance.

It is not expected, neither is it necessary, in a report like this, to enter into a discussion, in detail, of the subject of temperance.

We feel thankful to God for what has been accomplished in the great temperance reform, through the instrumentality of his faithful servants. For many years the subject, in all of its phases, has been brought prominently before the minds of the people, and ought therefore to be properly understood and our duties in the premises clearly defined. One of the elements of success, is the education of public sentiment in opposition to the liquor traffic, instructing the public mind to regard it as a for-

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midable enemy to social order and the general well-being of our race. In order to accomplish this end, let every member of the church of Christ advocate continually the cause of temperance, talk it around the fireside and elsewhere as the case may demand.

We would suggest that our churches enforce a rigid discipline upon the subject and put in operation all legitimate means within their power with a view to completely destroying so destructive an enemy. In looking at what has been accomplished in the past we feel grateful to God and view it as an indication that public sentiment is favorable to the cause of temperance. Then let us not feel discouraged, but renew our energies and increase our interest, for there is much more to be done. The enemy is strong, active, watchful and not a single friend of the cause can afford to be in the least indifferent to any of its claims.

We would urge united effort on the part of all Christians with a view to a prohibition of the sale of ardent spirits.

J. H. STEPHENS, } Committee.
W. A. BRIAN, }
H. G. LAND, }
C. R. JONES, }
G. R. COATNEY, }

Adjourned with prayer.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

9 a. m. The body met at the appointed hour and opened with prayer by Bro. N. L. Connel.

The report on Education, was read and adopted, after being discussed in all its bearings by Brethren G. W. Patterson, G. W. Hall, W. M. Howell and others.

Report on Education.

Your Committee feel deeply the importance, just at this time, of the subject which they are called upon to report.

We recognize the necessity of higher, Christian education, not simply in relation to an educated ministry, but also in relation to an intelligent, educated church membership.

All other denominations have their schools in which their distinctive principles are taught, and it becomes necessary that Baptists should arouse themselves, and see that the youth have ample opportunity for acquiring that knowledge which will enable them to compete with the errors so generally taught.

While our State institutions may possess high literary qualities, yet how often the youth returns from them more or less skeptical in regard to the cardinal doctrines of the Bible.

We have a Baptist university in the State, located at DeLand, in which we ought to have a part of our youth. The instructors in this school are sound Baptists and we can feel assured that the religious training of our children will be all we can desire.

It is a deplorable fact that notwithstanding we have a number of ministers in our Association, we are deficient in that ability so necessary to a proper interpretation of the Scriptures. Your Committee, in view of all the facts, recommend that some steps be taken to raise an Educational fund,

W. A. SWEARINGEN, } Committee.
J. M. STEPHENS, }
W. A. BRYAN, }
W. M. FARRIOR, }
E. C. HOREN, }

Bro. G. W. Hall made a special plea in behalf of the J. B. Stetson Institute and collected for this purpose notes to the amount of \$40 and cash \$11.

The report on Missions was read and thoroughly discussed by Bro. A. Richards, after which was adopted and a missionary collection taken up amounting to \$10.50. The collection the night previous, for the same purpose, was \$3.65.

Report on Missions.

As our Associational territory extends West and Northwest, the destitution has increased until the Executive Committee have been unable to put Missionaries sufficient to reach all the destitution. Notwithstanding the volunteer aid of Brethren Harris and others, there are places and even churches without preaching. This state of affairs must continue to exist until the members of our churches come to the help of our Executive Committee and put means at their disposal with which to hire more labor. This work should not be lightly considered, when our statistics show that our accessions come mainly from our mission fields.

No reflecting mind can question the fact that great responsibilities are pressing upon us in reference to the religious destitution in our own bounds. No field can be more important or so interesting to us, as that which we have committed to our Executive Board.

While God is a sovereign in saving the souls of men, He works by means, and has devolved upon us the responsibility of supplying to the extent of our ability, this otherwise hopeless destitution.

Your Committee have thus indicated the greatness of the work before us. We now inquire, is it possible for the Baptists of West Florida to supply this destitution?

We are persuaded that an affirmative answer may be given. We have, or can secure, men who are qualified for the work, provided they can be sustained in their labor. Let the Baptists of every church in this Association be brought up to a higher standard of christian liberality and give our Executive Board more money to expend in this work of evangelization.

Thus with earnest prayer for the descending influence of the Holy Spirit on the work of our hands, we might look for and expect that the love and peace of heaven would spread their balmy influence over a happy people whose God is the Lord.

D. H. HORNE,
N. L. CORNELL,
J. M. STEVENS,
W. M. FARRIOR,
J. W. GAINER. } Committee.

The Report on Publications was read and adopted, after allowing Bro. G. W. Hall an opportunity to set forth the claims and merits of the "Florida Baptist Witness."

Report on Publications.

Your Committee on Publications would respectfully report:

The "Florida Baptist Witness" is our State organ, and as such should be encouraged and widely circulated. We express our approval of all the work done by our denomination in the State. We urge upon all pastors an earnest effort to extend its circulation.

We commend the "Christian Index" and "Foreign Mission Journal" as especially worthy of our support, feeling assured

that a wider circulation of these Publications would awaken a deeper interest in the cause of Missions and stimulate our people to greater effort in that line.

To avoid the introduction of improper literature in our Sunday School and to guard against errors, as well as to foster a very important branch of our denominational work, we would most heartily commend the books, papers and periodicals of the American Baptist Publication Society.

W. M. FARRIOR,
J. W. JOHNSON,
J. W. GAINER,
G. W. PHILLIPS,
W. E. LOCKEY. } Committee.

The regular order of business was suspended to offer the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to Brethren G. W. Patterson and Hall, for the effective evangelical work done by them, within the bounds of the West Florida Association, during the past few months.

The following resolutions were passed and adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the Clerk be paid \$20 for his services, and \$25 be paid for printing minutes.

Resolved, 2. That 300 copies be struck and distributed to the churches composing this body.

Reports of Missionaries W. A. Bryan and J. W. Johnson read and adopted.

Report of Missionary.

I contracted with the Executive Committee of the W. F. Association the first of March 1889, to work eight months as Missionary for the S. E. Mission field. This work embraces that part of our Association lying south of the P. & A. R. R., west of Chipola river, east of a line running south from Chipley via Ebenezer, Econfina, to the head of N. Bay, and north of St. Andrew's Bay and Wewahitchka.

I proceeded, at once, to occupy the field. I have preached 89 sermons, delivered 8 S. S. lectures, distributed 12,000 pages of Gospel tracts, 12 bibles and 200 copies of the "Florida Baptist Witness," and have taken several subscribers for the "Witness."

I have traveled on the work 1,500 miles, have baptized 24, organized 2 Sabbath Schools I have received from the Executive Committee \$100 and collected on the work \$76.

Truly the Lord has blessed your efforts to glorify Him this year. I wish to acknowledge, in this my final report, the co-operation of your Committee, also the faithful help rendered me by our Bro., Rev. G. W. Hall, State Missionary, and herewith tender my sincere thanks.

W. A. BRYAN.

Report of Missionary.

I commenced my Missionary work on Feb. 15, 1889. Since that time I have traveled 2,360 miles, preached 117 sermons, given 15 exhortations. I received 33 by baptism, 9 by letter and restored 5, dismissed 7 by letter. Total 53.

We have six good Sunday Schools on the work. I have received \$100 from the Executive Committee, collected on the work \$80. Expenses, \$32.

J. W. JOHNSON.

The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send more laborers into His harvest.

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The Association was called upon to give an outward expression as to their interest in, and support of, the Sunday School work by rising to their feet. After which the Pastors and all Sunday School workers were called upon to do all in their power to organize and assist in this work.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the funds of the Association be turned over to the Executive Committee, to be used as their judgment may dictate.

Resolved, 2. That this Association does hereby tender its sincere thanks to Damascus church and community for their kindness and hospitality while we have been with them, also that we thank our visiting brethren for their presence, and labors while in our midst, and invite them to meet with us again.

After singing a familiar hymn, the brethren gave each other the parting hand. Bro. G. W. Hall, at the request of the Moderator led us in prayer.

W. M. FARRIOR, Clerk.

T. E. LANGLEY, Moderator.

DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our union shall compose the Association.

ART. 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, ex-communicated 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 contribution made during the year.

ART. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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

ART. 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.

ART. 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.

ART. 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 members, she shall be entitled to an additional delegate.

ART. 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 effect the union of the Church.

ART. 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.

ART. 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.

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

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

ART. 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.

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

ART. 15. It is the business of the Association, 1st, to provide for the general union of the churches; 2nd, 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 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 FATH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there is a Trinity of Persons in the God-head—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; xxxiii, 19; 1 Tim. i, 2, 5; Exod. xx 1, 3; v, 23; x 30; John i, 1, 4; v, 23, 30.

ART. 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 Peter i, 21; 2 Sam. xxiii, 18, 19.

ART. 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 freewill and ability.—Isaiah i, 5, 6; Psalm xiv, 57; Eph. ii, 8, 10.

ART. 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 Son before the world began, in which their salvation is secure, and they in particular are redeemed,—xxi, 3; John xv, 16, 17; Isaiah 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.

ART. 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; Cor. i, 30.

ART. 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 sower of God so that they shall persevere in grace, 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.

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

ART. 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; Matthew xxv, 46; John v, 28 29; Teess. i, 7, 10.

ART. 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 immersions is the only scriptural mode of baptism—Rom. vi.

ART. 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.

ART. 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.

ART. 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.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	Home Missions.
Bethlehem		1 00		5 50
Cedar Pond			3 00	5 25
Campbellton				2 45
Chipola Lake		1 25		16 00
Circle Hill				
Chipley	6 00	2 00	1 45	12 35
Damascus	12 21	1 25	1 00	
Cottondale		1 50	1 50	2 75
Ebenezer		1 50	1 50	5 50
Economa		2 20	30	6 85
Ephesus		2 00		5 00
Friendship		1 50	2 00	24 81
Greenwood		2 00	2 00	17 05
Grassy Point			50	1 80
Green Field			25	
Green Head		50		52 00
Hickory Level			50	5 50
Marianna			50	
Mount Wayfair		75		50
New Harmony		75	1 75	
Orange Hill		50		50
Providence		1 00	1 35	3 85
Piney Grove		1 00	1 00	
Pilgrim's Rest		75		1 35
Poplar Spring		1 50	1 50	80
Poplar Head			2 00	
Pleasant Hill		75	75	7 75
Ponce DeLeon		50		2 00
St. Andrews Bay		50	75	1 00
Westville		1 00	50	50

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Total Collections from the Body \$216 21
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STATISTICS.

No.	Yr.	Moderators.	Cherks.	Churches.	No. Miss'ns.
1	1849	D. P. Everett	E. Murchin	Union Academy	464
2	1850	Joshua Mercer	do	Bethlehem	464
3	1851	do	do	Sards	467
4	1852	Joshua Mercer	J. H. Wombwell	Bethlehem	468
5	1853	do	W. D. Horne	Union Academy	483
6	1854	do	James Drummond	Orange Hill	507
7	1855	do	Stephen Rowe	Sards	600
8	1856	do	do	Bethlehem	423
9	1857	do	do	Greenwood	545
10	1858	do	do	Grassy Church	679
11	1859	W. B. Emery	do	Campbellton	774
12	1860	do	do	Campbellton	870
13	1861	W. B. Lacy	do	Greenwood	952
14	1862	do	do	Friendship	1082
15	1863	do	do	Campbellton	1049
16	1864	do	do	Greenwood	128 00
17	1865	W. H. Howell	do	Antioch	353
18	1866	do	do	Friendship	355
19	1867	W. H. Howell	do	Smyrna	354
20	1868	do	do	Campbellton	739
21	1869	W. H. Howell	do	Greenwood	730
22	1870	W. H. Banks	do	Cedar Pond	152 00
23	1871	do	do	Friendship	659
24	1872	T. E. Langley	do	Campbellton	829
25	1873	do	do	Greenwood	827
26	1874	do	do	Rocky Grove	100 00
27	1875	do	do	Greenwood	177 00
28	1876	do	do	Cedar Pond	889
29	1877	do	do	Damascus	771
30	1878	do	do	Friendship	592
31	1879	do	do	Campbellton	947
32	1880	do	do	Friendship	82 00
33	1881	do	do	Bethlehem	918
34	1882	do	do	Bethlehem	125 00
35	1883	do	do	Bethlehem	158 00
36	1884	W. J. Daniel	do	Rocky Grove	982
37	1885	do	do	Greenwood	1025
38	1886	do	do	Chipley	1018
39	1887	do	do	Greenwood	1007
40	1888	do	do	Magnolia	283 80
41	1889	do	do	Chipley	213 00
42	1890	do	do	Damascus	206 92
43	1891	do	do	Damascus	197 00
44	1892	do	do	Damascus	257 00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Sabbath of	Total.	Excluded.	Dismissed by Letter.	Restored.	Received by Letter.	Baptism.
Bethlehem	Jackson	E. D. Nelson.	N. W. Land	Cottontale	J. W. Reilly, H. J. Land, W. A. Sweetington	2d 40 ✓	46	5	1	1	2	7
Cedar Pond.	Jackson	John Stuart	W. H. Pyke	Need's Landing	J. D. Warr, W. J. Ford	2d 40 ✓	40	1	1	1	2	7
Chippewa Lake	Calhoun	W. A. Brown.	M. E. Farnor	Gambellton.	Robert Jones, Robert Leontow	2d 40 ✓	31	1	1	1	2	4
Chippie Hill	Jackson	L. C. Abrams.	N. L. Connell	Wendelchka.	N. L. Connell.	2d 40 ✓	35	1	1	1	2	9
Cottontale	Washington	T. E. Lambly	W. L. Sherford	Dellwood.	By Letter	2d 40 ✓	69	1	1	1	2	7
Edwards	Jackson	John Hargis	A. E. Thomas	Chippie	D. H. Horton, J. D. Forster, Wm. Lockley	2d 40 ✓	56	1	1	1	2	9
Edwards	Washington	Wm. Campbell	A. E. Thomas	Cottontale	W. W. Parker, G. B. Yawn, G. W. Phillips	2d 40 ✓	16	1	1	1	2	4
Friendship.	Jackson	John Stuart	J. E. Shimmis	Verona.	J. W. Fisher, Wm. Koebel, John W. Bremer,	2d 40 ✓	97	7	5	1	1	1
Greenwood.	Washington	W. A. Brown.	W. L. Shimmis	Cottontale	D. J. Nixon	2d 40 ✓	67	1	1	1	2	3
Greenwood.	Jackson	John Stuart	John M. Stephens	Greenwood.	M. F. Stephens, H. McNeill	2d 40 ✓	80	2	1	1	2	3
Greenwood.	Washington	J. J. White.	F. A. Stephens	Greenwood.	John M. Stephens, H. Ferguson, W. A. Avery	2d 40 ✓	80	1	2	3	1	12
Greenwood.	Washington	Bert W. Creamer	H. Anderson	St. Andrews Bay.	E. Horne, A. Bevis, J. H. Stephens,	2d 40 ✓	30	1	1	1	2	3
Horton Field	Washington	L. T. Kingsley	J. E. Brown	St. Andrews Bay.	By Letter	2d 40 ✓	22	1	1	1	2	3
Marham.	Jackson	E. D. Nelson.	A. E. Posvy	Chippie	L. E. Dean	2d 40 ✓	28	1	1	1	2	3
North Mayfair	Washington	Boyd Harris	A. J. Foxworth	Marham.	S. Humphrey	2d 40 ✓	20	1	1	1	2	3
North Mayfair	Washington	Boyd Harris	James Brown	Marham.	W. J. Daniel	2d 40 ✓	16	1	1	1	2	3
Orange Hill	Washington	D. W. Creamer.	John Nelson	Cottontale	J. L. Rebeck, James Brown	2d 40 ✓	30	1	1	1	2	3
Prayer House	Washington	E. D. Johnson	L. M. Pool	Chippie.	John Nelson, By Letter	2d 40 ✓	20	1	1	1	2	3
Prayer House	Washington	D. W. Johnson	G. W. Davis	Chippie.	G. W. Davis, W. J. Daniels.	2d 40 ✓	30	1	1	1	2	3
Prayer House	Jackson	D. W. Creamer.	H. E. Russ.	Chippie	W. J. Daniel	2d 40 ✓	20	1	1	1	2	3
Prayer House	Jackson	J. F. D. Rifeher	J. R. Shopp	Chippie	John Nelson, By Letter	2d 40 ✓	30	1	1	1	2	3
Prayer House	Jackson	John Stuart	J. R. Iykes	Chippie	G. W. Davis	2d 40 ✓	30	1	1	1	2	3
Prayer House	Jackson	C. S. Russ	H. E. Russ.	Chippie	John Nelson, By Letter	2d 40 ✓	30	1	1	1	2	3
Prayer House	Jackson	J. S. Stuart	J. R. Iykes	Chippie	G. W. Davis	2d 40 ✓	30	1	1	1	2	3
Prayer House	Washington	Boyd Harris	F. Singleton.	Cottontale	John Nelson, By Letter	2d 40 ✓	30	1	1	1	2	3
Prayer House	Washington	Boyd Harris	E. F. Thomas.	Cottontale	John Nelson, By Letter	2d 40 ✓	30	1	1	1	2	3
Prayer House	Washington	Boyd Harris	D. B. Callahan	Cottontale	John Nelson, By Letter	2d 40 ✓	30	1	1	1	2	3
St. Andrews Bay.	Washington	Boyd Harris	D. B. Callahan	Cottontale	John Nelson, By Letter	2d 40 ✓	30	1	1	1	2	3
Westville	Hollies	Boyd Harris	D. B. Callahan	Cottontale	John Nelson, By Letter	2d 40 ✓	30	1	1	1	2	3

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