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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; 3rd, 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.

J. P. Smith . . . . .	Chipley, Fla.
W. P. Richardson . . . . .	Chipley, Fla.
A. Richards . . . . .	Chipley, Fla.
E. D. Nelson . . . . .	Chipley, Fla.
C. S. Russ . . . . .	Chipley, Fla.
J. E. D. Richter . . . . .	Chipley, Fla.
W. A. Cumbia . . . . .	Ponce de Leon, Fla.
J. E. Nixon . . . . .	Econfina, Fla.
D. W. Creamer . . . . .	Cottdale, Fla.
Robert Harris . . . . .	Cottdale, Fla.
R. C. B. Lawrence . . . . .	Dellwood, Fla.
W. A. Bryan . . . . .	Wewahitchka, Fla.
John Long . . . . .	Campbellton, Fla.

## LICENSED MINISTERS.

James Cutchin . . . . .	Cottdale, Fla.
Wm. Sapp . . . . .	Chipley, Fla.
Wm. T. Thomas . . . . .	Ponce de Leon, Fla.
L. T. Knizley . . . . .	Cottdale, Fla.

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## WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1890.

The West Florida Association met this day in the Ephesus Baptist church, at the hour of 11 A. M. Bro. A. Richards read the 1st chapter of Romans, after which the congregation joined in singing hymn 718, "Soldiers of Christ, arise."

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. W. A. Bryan; text, 2 Timothy, 4:3, "Preach the word." It was an earnest appeal to Christians to preach a pure gospel.

The delegates were requested to meet at 2 P. M. for business.

Announcement was made that dinner had been provided, on the grounds, for all, and every one was cordially invited to partake.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

After singing and reading the 1st Psalm, the body was led in prayer by Bro. J. Stuart.

Upon motion, Col. D. H. Horne was called to act as Chairman, W. M. Farrior as Secretary.

Letters from the following churches were handed in, and the delegates enrolled:

Appalachicola—W. A. Bryan.
Bethlehem—J. W. Rawls, H. G. Land, W. B. Rawls.
Cottdale—John Harper.
Cedar Pond—J. D. Watts, Willie Bevis.
Campbellton—C. R. Jones, R. A. Renfroe.
Chipola Lake—N. L. Connell, H. D. Stone, Dr. C. C. Bell.
Chipley—Col. D. H. Horne, J. D. Forester, E. C. Nowling,
W. C. Lockey.
Cromaton—E. P. Kinney.
Damascus—H. G. D. Yawn, H. W. Parker.
Ephesus—J. F. Pilcher, A. Christmas, J. F. D. Richter.
Friendship—Joseph Lynn, J. M. Stephens.
Greenwood—J. H. Stephens; A. Bevis, E. B. Smith.
Grassy Point—By letter.
Greenhead—A. Posey, E. Posey.
Greenfield—Wm. Sapp.

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Hickory Level—R. J. Foxworth.  
 Marianna—W. J. Daniel.  
 Mt. Wayfair—W. L. Peacock, Jas. Brown.  
 Mt. Ida—N. P. Talory, Jno. H. Raley.  
 Mt. Olive—T. S. Scott.  
 New Harmony—Elbert Locke.  
 Orange Hill—J. Mercer, J. J. Daniels, H. F. Brock.  
 Piney Grove—J. T. Creamer, D. J. Cutchins.  
 Pilgrim's Rest—J. N. Parish, Evans Kyzer.  
 Pleasant Hill—D. J. Nixon.  
 Providence—By letter.  
 Ponce de Leon—L. B. Moore.  
 Unity—L. H. Deal.

The chairman appointed the following committee:

*On Preaching*—A. Bevis, J. W. Rawls, and delegates of Ephesus church.

Upon motion, the Chairman and Secretary were elected as Moderator and Clerk.

After a few remarks by the Moderator, he announced that the body was ready for business.

The Committee on Preaching report that Rev. Jno. Stuart will preach at the arbor 2 P. M.; Rev. J. P. Smith at Campbellton 8 P. M., and W. P. Stuart at Ephesus 8 P. M.

Call for Petitionary letters.—The following churches sent up their delegates:

Mt. Ida—N. P. Talory, Jno. H. Raley.

Mt. Olive—T. S. Scott.

Cromaton—E. P. Kinney.

After the reception of the letters, the Moderator extended the hand of welcome to the delegates.

Call for visitors.—Bro. Jno. White, from Columbia Association, and Bro. N. Pace, from Geneva Association, were welcomed.

Call for correspondents.—W. P. Stuart, from S. W. Association, and Bro. Jno. Stuart, from Rocky Creek Association, were received.

Upon motion, the body adjourned to meet at 9 A. M. Saturday.

#### SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

9 A. M.—The Association met at the appointed hour.

Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. A. Richards.

The Moderator announced the following committees, to report at this session:

*On Sunday-schools*—J. D. Forester, J. M. Stephens, J. Lynn, J. E. Nixon, C. R. Jones.

*On Deceased Ministers*—W. A. Bryan, A. Richards, J. M. Stephens, J. P. Smith, W. J. Daniel.

*On Education*—W. J. Daniel, J. P. Smith, W. C. Lockey, C. C. Bell, J. Lynn.

*On Publications*—W. M. Farrior, H. G. D. Yawn, Wm. Sapp, J. H. Stephens, R. J. Foxworth.

*On Nominations*—J. W. Rawls, N. L. Connell, W. C. Lockey, W. L. Peacock, J. F. Richter, J. T. Creamer.

*On Documents*—A. Richards, E. P. Kinney, Jno. Harper, D. Cutchins, E. C. Nowling, A. Christmas.

*On Missions*—Robert Harris, C. C. Bell, J. F. D. Richter, L. B. Moore, Elbert Locke.

*On Finance*—J. Lynn, W. J. Daniel, H. D. Stone, E. N. Dekle, D. J. Nixon.

*On Temperance*—J. P. Smith, J. W. Johnson, Robert Renfroe, H. B. Land, W. W. Parker, E. B. Smith.

#### APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDENTS.

To Columbia Association—J. D. Forester, Rob't Harris, A. Bevis, J. W. Johnson.

To Geneva Association—Rob't Harris, G. B. Yawn.

To South W. Association—J. F. D. Richter, J. W. Johnson, J. W. Rawls.

To Santa Fe Association—J. P. Smith.

To Rocky Creek Association—A. Bevis, W. J. Daniel.

Upon motion, a recess of one hour was given for Divine service, conducted by A. Richards. Text, Romans viii: 33, 34. "It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?"

After services the body resumed business.

The following Executive Committee was elected: W. J. Daniel, E. N. Dekle, J. Lynn, J. D. Forester, N. L. Connell.

Adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 P. M.—The Committee on Preaching reported the following: That there should be Divine service, held by Bro. John White, at the stand.

Report on Missions was read, and, pending its adoption, interesting speeches on the subject were made by Brethren J. F. D. Richter, E. P. Kinney, Rob't Harris, Wm. Sapp, E. D. Nelson, S. Scott and S. M. Provence. Adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We call attention to the destitution within our bounds—some territory on the western boundary and a larger field on the southeastern boundary. The fact that we have done so little should humble us in the dust, fill our mouths with confessions of shortcomings, make us to ask our Father to forgive our covet-

ousness, and put within us the spirit of consecration and devotedness to his service. The Divine Master taught, "If ye love me ye will keep my commandments," and the last command He issued before He ascended to his home on high was, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel unto every creature." He placed no limit to the work to be done, but the gospel was to extend on and on, until the whole world should hear the joyful sound. The foreign work is ours to carry on; the State mission field devolves upon us a weighty responsibility before God; but if we would do our whole duty, we must see to it that the important fields lying in our bounds shall receive our earnest and honest support.

Should the Lord say to us to day, as He did to Simon Bar-jonah, "Lovest thou me?" the response from the hundreds of Baptists in this Association would be, Lord, thou knowest that we love thee! But have we manifested any great love in our support of His cause? While the field is ever enlarging, and the cry for more laborers is constantly going up, have not our offerings been insignificant, and have we not failed to supply the adequate means of spiritual sustenance to those who are panting after the water brooks and longing for the green pastures of heavenly instruction? May God have mercy upon us and help us to understand how pitiful are our contributions when compared to the demands that are made upon our love, and with an earnest, heart-realization of the duties which His love devolves upon us, may we "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." This declaration discloses the grand purpose of church organization. It is that each and all may be missionaries to the whole human race. The foreign mission work has enlarged and widened steadily year after year. A little one "has become a thousand," and a "small one a strong nation." Ultimate success in this, as in all other mission fields, is as sure as the promises of God.

Let us not be so solicitous about success as about fidelity to God and His truth, and let us take courage and hope that our Divine Master will, in answer to our prayers and our labors, bring these millions to the kingdom of His grace and truth, in response to the faithful and persevering use of means which He has appointed for the salvation of all nations. Let us do faithfully our part in the mighty work of human salvation, and thus "hasten the day of the Lord's coming."

ROBERT HARRIS,  
C. C. BELL,  
J. F. D. RICHTER,  
L. B. MOORE,  
ELBERT LOCKE,

Committee.

The following resolution was adopted:  
*Resolved*, That the lines of the division of the districts be erased, and that the first district meeting be held with Friendship church, embracing the first 5th Sunday.  
Upon motion, J. P. Smith and others were appointed to draft programme for 5th Sunday meeting.

### THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

9 A. M.—Devotional exercises conducted by W. P. Stuart. Bro. Porter addressed the body in behalf of the Sunday-schools and State paper.

The following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved* (1), That letters of dismission be granted to the following churches: Ponce de Leon and Providence.

*Resolved* (2), That 800 copies of the proceedings of this body be printed and distributed to the churches.

*Resolved*, (3), That \$20 be paid to the Clerk for his services. Upon motion, the Sunday school convention will be held at Chipley on Friday before the 3d Sunday in November.

By motion, the Moderator appointed Brethren W. J. Daniel, A. Bevis, J. H. Stevens, J. M. Stephens and W. M. Farrior to raise funds to erect a tombstone to the memory of Brother T. E. Langley.

### REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

We undertake with sad hearts, to communicate to this body, through the ministers of our Association, our bereavement. It has pleased our Heavenly Father during the past year to gather a ripe sheaf to himself. On March 30, 1890, it was hurled over the wires, through the mails and from mouth to ear, "Langley is dead!" It was so. Our beloved brother, T. E. Langley, was indeed gone from us. We bow in humble submission to the will of the Great Architect. "Thy will be done."

*Resolved* (1), That a page in our minutes of the Association be set apart and inscribed to the memory of Brother T. E. Langley.

*Resolved* (2), In the death of Brother Langley, the church has lost a bright and shining light; the Association an efficient presiding officer, and the community an example of a Christian gentleman. He was a devoted husband, a kind and loving father. As an Association we tender to his family our sincere condolence and pray God's blessing upon them.

W. A. BRYAN,  
A. RICHARDS,  
J. M. STEVENS,  
J. P. SMITH,  
W. J. DANIEL,  
Committee.

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The following is a brief history of Brother Langley's life :

Rev. T. E. Langley was born near Forsyth, Ga., August 16, 1834. He was the eldest son of Elder Jeremiah Langley, and his wife, Caroline, daughter of Deacon Edward Calloway, of Munroe county, Georgia. He received his education principally at Perry, Georgia, and was a proficient Latin and Greek scholar. He professed conversion under the ministry of Dr. B. F. Thorpe, at Perry, Georgia, and was baptised by him in October, 1852.

He was ordained at Forsyth, Georgia, January, 1857, by Elders J. H. Campbell, W. C. Wilkes and J. H. Corley. His first pastorate was that of the church at Knoxville, Crawford county, Georgia, commencing in 1857, at which time he was teaching with Rev. W. C. Wilkes in Munroe Female College, Forsyth, Georgia. The following year he removed to Fort Valley, Georgia, accepting a call to that church, which he served till the close of 1860, continuing during this time to serve the church at Knoxville.

At the close of 1860, he settled on his plantation in Terrill county, and became pastor of Dawson and Smithville churches, serving ten years as pastor of these and the church at Ft. Gaines. In 1870 he moved to Orange Hill, West Florida, and became pastor of Greenwood, Campbellton and other churches.

He was in the ministry for a continuous period of thirty years, until his failing health disqualified him. He served as Moderator of the West Florida Baptist Association with marked ability and Christian fairness for eighteen years. He served the Association four years as missionary and evangelist. He was a tower of strength for the cause of Christ wherever he was called to labor. On the 30th of March, 1890, he was called from labor to rest with the saints in Paradise.

After reading the report on deceased ministers, a memorial meeting was held. Brethren S. M. Provence, J. P. Smith, A. Bevis and N. L. Connell made short addresses setting forth the great work Brother Langley had done in West Florida.

As an expounder of Baptist principles, he was without a fear, and eternity alone will reveal the good God enabled him to do in this Association. As a Christian gentleman and exemplary citizen he illustrated the religion of our blessed Saviour.

A report from the mission band, "Helping Hands," at We-wahitchka was received, and the amount of two dollars enclosed for missions. Mrs. W. A. Bryan, President.

*Resolved*, That the funds of the body be turned over to the discretion and management of the Executive Committee.

Upon motion, a recess was given to have preaching at the arbor by Brother J. C. Porter; text, 2d Timothy, 2:19, "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His." After which a collection

In Memory of

Rev. T. E. Langley.

Born August 16, 1834.

Died March 30, 1890.



for the State Mission Board was asked, and the amount of \$31.20 was received.

The committee reported \$47 collected up to the present, for the Langley fund.

The committee to raise funds for Brother Osburn, report \$16 collected.

Brother S. M. Provence did some good work for Stetson University.

The report on education was read and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Second in importance to a development of the heart in grace, is the cultivation of the mind for thought and thinking. It is gratifying to observe an increase in the great factor of civil progress, but the partial indifference yet existing is enough to impart greater energy to the advocates of education. But we would not forget to emphasize the importance of a religious education. Education apart from piety is a power for evil; and for this reason great stress should be placed upon a suitable selection of teachers and schools. Our common schools should be taught by men whose religious character is strong enough to impress their pupils with a pious preference.

As Baptists, our choice of schools should be in keeping with our denominational faith. We heartily recommend Stetson University for the higher education of Baptist boys and girls, and the Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky., for the training of young men for the ministry.

W. J. DANIEL,  
J. P. SMITH,  
W. C. LOCKEY,  
C. C. BELL,  
JOSEPH LYNN,

Committee.

By motion, the following brethren were elected to the State Convention: W. J. Daniel, E. P. Kinney, J. D. Forester, W. M. Farrior, W. A. Bryan, J. P. Smith, M. L. Dekle, N. L. Connell, D. H. Horn, R. Harris.

Upon motion, J. P. Smith was elected to the Southern Convention, W. A. Bryan and W. M. Farrior, alternates.

The report on temperance was read and adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

While believing that God is the sovereign of the universe, and that He wields the scepter that brings victory to His people, yet we are opposed to the assumption that He predestines all that results in evil, and a desecration of the nobler faculties of man. Intemperance is the bane of this age, and many of the strong of our countrymen and the promising youth of our homes

have been degraded, and drawn into the vortex of a shameful ruin. It has cast gloom over communities, draped homes in mourning, and laid its fiery fingers upon the vitals of our churches. In view of the many ravages of intemperance, we would recommend that our churches exercise great vigilance and caution in their treatment of the cases that come under their discipline.

If a church silently endorses the progress of shame, and the blight cast upon the religion of Christ, it is accessory to the same. Let us voice our disapproval of this soul destroyer.

If a member of your church, or my church, is known to favor the spread of intemperance, either by voting for the establishment of a saloon or making and selling rum, he should be expelled from the membership of said church.

J. P. SMITH,  
J. W. JOHNSON,  
ROBERT RENFROE,  
H. B. LAND,  
W. W. PARKER,  
E. B. SMITH.

Committee.

Report of Missionary W. F. Martin was read and adopted.

#### REPORT OF MISSIONARY W. F. MARTIN.

(From January to August, 1890.)

Miles traveled on railroad, 652; miles traveled by private conveyance, 280; miles traveled on water, 24; sermons preached, 36; Sunday-school addresses, 5; religious visits, 25; churches reorganized, 1; families visited, 40; received for baptism, 3; received by letter, 3. Also, other work not included in this report.

Respectfully,

W. F. MARTIN.

Upon motion, Brethren J. W. Johnson and delegates of Ephesus Church were appointed a committee to raise funds for Brother Osburn, who is superannuated.

The report on publications was read and adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee would heartily recommend "The Florida Baptist Witness," our State organ, and as such should be encouraged and widely circulated. 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 do more and give more for the cause of Christ. We would also commend the publications of

the Southern Baptist Convention. "Kind Words Series," also the books, papers and periodicals of the American Baptist Publication Society.

W. M. FARRIOR,  
R. J. FOXWORTH,  
H. G. D. YAWN,  
WM. SAPP,  
J. H. STEPHENS,  
Committee.

The report on documents was read and adopted:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We beg to submit the following report:

First, we find two churches asking for letters of dismission from this body, viz.: Ponce de Leon and Providence at Freeport.

Second, we find two churches asking this Association to hold the next annual session with them, viz.: Hickory Level and Friendship. Your committee would recommend that this body meet with Hickory Level church at its next session.

Respectfully,

A. RICHARD,  
E. P. KINNEY,  
JOHN HARPER,  
D. CUTCHIN,  
E. C. NOWLING,  
A. CHRISTMAS,  
Committee.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY H. A. BRYAN.

Weeks labored, 35; churches supplied, 3; other stations, 5; sermons preached, 133; addresses, 20; prayer meetings held, 20; baptisms, 26; received by letter, 3; by restoration, 7; Sunday-schools in field, 4; pupils converted, 8; Bibles sold, 8; Bibles given away, 10; religious visits, 158; churches built and finished, 2; gospel tracts distributed, 2,200 pages; churches organized, 1; meetings held for children, 6; families without Bibles, 8; subscribers for Witness, 7; collected for State Board, \$3.95; collected for Executive Committee, \$10.50; miles traveled, 1,990; received from State Board, \$100; received from Executive Committee, \$126; the State Board is due me, \$100; I am due the State Board 3 months work.

From the interest manifested, I am encouraged. May the Lord send more laborers in the field; the harvest is great.

Very respectfully,  
W. A. BRYAN.

The report on nominations was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee would appoint Brother J. P. Smith to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this body and Brother E. D. Nelson as alternate.

J. W. RAWLS,  
N. L. CONNELL,  
J. F. D. RICHTER,  
W. C. LOCKEY,  
W. L. PEACOCK,  
J. T. CREAMER,  
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Sunday schools was read and adopted, to-wit:

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

On hearing the letters read from the several churches, we were much gratified to learn that the interest in Sabbath-school work was increasing, and that our people are being aroused to the important and glorious work of the church.

But we are sorry to report that some of our churches do not have Sabbath-schools, and we are sad to find among those which have no schools some of our largest churches, numerically, the cause of which, we think, is this: they have not been properly taught the importance of the work by their pastors. We would, therefore, beg and insist that the pastors do their whole duty along this line of church work.

Now, we want to say to the laity of our churches, that we fear that you do not feel the responsibility resting upon you as parents, the obligation to have your children taught the Scriptures in their purity and simplicity. Now, brethren, we hope you will awake to your work on this line of Christian endeavor, and be no longer classed with the sluggard. Brethren, we make this report in the spirit of love and earnestness, and we do hope, that we, as Missionary Baptists, will arouse to this important work; and, at the session of 1891, we hope all the churches can report a Sabbath school. We would recommend the organization of a Sunday-school convention of this Association.

J. D. FORESTER,  
J. M. STEPHENS,  
J. LYNN,  
J. E. NIXON,  
C. R. JONES,  
Committee.



REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Received at last session . . . . .	\$249.80
" of W. W. R. . . . .	2.90
" at Greenwood . . . . .	7.60
" at Friendship . . . . .	12.40
Paid for minutes . . . . .	\$ 30.00
" Clerk . . . . .	20.00
" W. A. Bryan . . . . .	126.00
" W. F. Martin . . . . .	60.00
By amount on hand . . . . .	36.70

\$272.70 \$272.70

JOSEPH LYNN, Treasurer.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Churches.	Foreign Mission.	Home Mission.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes.
Ephesus . . . . .		\$10 00	75	\$1 00
Pilgrim's Rest . . . . .		1 80	75	
Ebenezer . . . . .		2 90	50	
Greenwood . . . . .		34 30		4 20
Greenhead . . . . .		1 00	50	50
Friendship . . . . .		18 50	\$1 50	1 50
Marianna . . . . .		10 00	1 00	1 00
Damascus . . . . .		5 20	1 50	1 00
Piney Grove . . . . .			1 00	2 00
Grassy Point . . . . .		1 75	50	
Orange Hill . . . . .		1 05	50	
Pleasant Hill . . . . .	\$2 25	5 75	45	50
Greenfield . . . . .		1 50	25	
Bethlehem . . . . .		3 50	1 50	1 00
Appalachicola . . . . .	2 00	6 00	1 00	
Chipley . . . . .		5 00	1 50	12 50
Campbellton . . . . .	3 50	21 50	1 00	1 00
New Harmony . . . . .		2 00	50	50
Ponce de Leon . . . . .			35	35
Chipola Lake . . . . .		8 25	1 25	
Cedar Pond . . . . .			1 50	1 50
Providence . . . . .		3 00	35	
Cromaton . . . . .			50	60
Mount Ida . . . . .		1 00	25	
Unity . . . . .			65	1 00
Mt. Wayfair . . . . .		2 40	50	50
Hickory Level . . . . .		4 70	30	1 50
Cottdale . . . . .			1 00	5 00
Mt. Olive . . . . .			50	5 00
	\$7 75	\$151 10	\$21 85	\$42 15

Raised for State Missions (for G. W. Porter), \$31.20.

JOSEPH LYNN,  
W. J. DANIEL,  
H. D. STONE,  
E. N. DEKLE,  
D. G. NIXON,  
Committee.

Resolved, That we tender to the good people of Ephesus Church and community at large our sincere thanks for their kind hospitality to us during the session of this body.

After singing, "Blest be the tie that binds," the delegates extending to each other the parting hand, the Association adjourned to meet with Hickory Level Church Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1891.

COL. D. H. HORNE, Moderator.

W. M. FARRIOR, Clerk.

## 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 reprovved by the Moderator.

ART. 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.

1. 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. 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. v. 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; 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 xxi. 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 immersions 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Received By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed By Letter.	Excluded.	Decased.	Total.	Sabbath of Meeting.
Appalachicola.	Calhoun.	W. A. Bryan.	John Davies.	Appalachicola.	W. A. Bryan.	14	3	5	2	3	1	37	17
Bethlehem.	Jackson.	R. Harris.	W. A. Swearingen.	Cottondale.	W. Rawls, H. G. Land, W. B. Rawls.	3	1	2	2	2	1	16	2d
Cottondale.	Jackson.	J. P. Smith.	A. F. Thomas.	Cottondale.	John Harper.	1	1	2	2	2	1	10	1st.
Cedar Pond.	Jackson.	John Stuart.	W. H. Pyke.	Greenwood.	J. D. Watts, Willie Bevis.	1	1	3	3	3	3	39	2d.
Campbellton.	Calhoun.	John White.	R. A. Ruffroc.	Campbellton.	C. R. Jones, R. A. Renfro.	1	1	8	2	2	2	23	2d.
Chipola Lake.	Calhoun.	W. A. Bryan.	N. L. Connell.	Wewahitchka.	N. L. Connell, H. D. Stone, Dr. C. C. Bell.	6	6	6	6	6	6	45	ad&4th
Chipley.	Jackson.	J. P. Smith.	E. D. Farrison.	Chipley.	A. D. H. Horne, J. D. Forester, W. M. Farrison.	13	16	3	2	3	1	93	ad&4th
Cromaton.	Calhoun.	W. P. Richardson.	G. B. Yawn.	St. Andrew's Bay.	E. P. Kinney.	5	2	3	11	8	1	11	1st.
Damascus.	Jackson.	R. Harris.	J. F. Filcher.	Graceville.	H. D. Yawn, W. W. Parker.	4	2	3	1	1	1	91	1st.
Ephesus.	Washington.	A. A. Richards.	J. A. Simmons.	Campbellton.	J. F. D. Richter, A. Christmas, J. F. Filcher.	1	5	2	1	1	1	63	2d.
Epenezer.	Jackson.	W. A. Bryan.	J. M. Stephens.	Vernon.	J. W. Brumer, F. E. Simmons, W. C. Hickman.	2	1	3	1	1	1	67	2d.
Friendship.	Jackson.	John White.	T. G. Stephens.	Greenwood.	J. Lynn, J. M. Stephens.	2	1	3	2	2	1	78	4th.
Greenwood.	Washington.	John White.	H. Anderson.	Greenwood.	J. H. Stephens, A. Bevis, E. B. Smith.	1	1	3	2	2	1	25	4th.
Grassy Point.	Washington.	E. D. Nelson.	E. Posey.	St. Andrew's Bay.	By Letter.	1	6	1	2	1	1	24	
Green Head.	Washington.	W. D. Creamer.	J. P. Dean.	Cottondale.	A. Posey, E. Posey.	1	8	2	1	1	1	11	
Greenfield.	Washington.	A. Richards.	R. J. Foxworth.	Chipley.	Wm. Supp.	1	8	2	2	3	1	40	
Hickory Level.	Jackson.	E. D. Nelson.	W. J. Daniel.	Marianna.	R. J. Daniel, M. L. Dekle.	1	15	3	1	1	1	32	
Mount Wayfair.	Jackson.	R. Harris.	W. J. Daniel.	Greenwood.	W. L. Peacock, James Brown.	7	7	3	1	1	1	31	
Mount Ida.	Washington.	E. D. Nelson.	W. L. Peacock.	Chipley.	A. P. Taylor, John H. Raley.	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	
Mount Olive.	Washington.	R. Harris.	J. H. Raley.	Chipley.	T. S. Scott.	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	
New Harmony.	Jackson.	R. Harris.	J. A. Jordan.	Chipley.	Elbert Locke.	2	2	1	2	2	2	17	
Orange Hill.	Washington.	E. D. Nelson.	J. J. Daniels.	Chipley.	J. Mercer, J. J. Daniels, W. F. Brock.	2	2	1	2	2	2	38	3d.
Piney Grove.	Jackson.	R. Harris.	H. B. L. Russ.	Chipley.	J. T. Creamer, Dr. J. Cutchin.	22	6	1	3	4	1	52	1st.
Pilgrim's Rest.	Jackson.	T. F. D. Richter.	C. C. Shouppe.	Cottondale.	J. N. Parish, Evans Kyser.	13	2	2	2	7	2	26	1st.
Pleasant Hill.	Washington.	J. F. Nixon.	Elton Singleton.	Chipley.	D. J. Nixon.	4	1	1	1	1	1	40	3d.
Providence.	Walden.	W. F. Martin.	G. W. Davis.	Chipley.	By Letter.	8	1	2	1	1	1	65	4th.
Ponce de Leon.	Holmes.	W. A. Cumbia.	Daniel Hughes.	Freeport.	L. B. Moore.	11	8	4	3	2	2	32	1st.
Unity.	Washington.	T. S. Scott.	L. H. Deal.	Miller's Ferry.	L. H. Deal.	1	4	3	2	2	2	16	
*Westville.	Holmes.												
Total.						143	74	17	54	45	18	1158	

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# STATISTICS.

S. YR.	MODERATORS.	CLERKS.	CHURCHES.	No.	MISSIS.
3 1849	D. P. Everett	E. Minching.	Union Academy	464	\$134 93
4 1850	Joshua Mercer.	"	Bethlehem	466	119 15
5 1851	Joshua Mercer.	J. H. Wambwell	Sardis	467	147 30
6 1852	"	W. D. Horne	Bethlehem	568	84 56
7 1853	"	James Drummond	Union Academy	193	104 40
8 1854	"	Stephen Rowe.	Orange Hill	597	72 40
9 1855	"	"	Sardis	600	148 40
10 1856	"	"	Bethlehem	443	156 60
11 1857	"	"	Greenwood	545	166 60
12 1858	"	"	Grange Church	679	300 90
13 1859	W. B. Lacy	"	Campbellton	774	206 00
14 1860	"	"	"	"	"
15 1861	"	"	"	"	"
16 1862	"	"	"	"	"
17 1863	W. B. Lacy	Stephen Rowe	Campbellton	876	650 00
18 1864	"	"	Greenwood	952	590 00
19 1865	"	"	Friendship	1082	846 00
20 1866	"	"	Campbellton	1049	138 00
21 1867	W. H. Howell	"	Greenwood	953	184 00
22 1868	"	"	Antioch	983	"
23 1869	W. H. Banks	"	Friendship	638	"
24 1870	"	W. F. Jordan	Samyria	654	137 00
25 1871	T. E. Langley	"	Campbe Iton	739	154 00
26 1872	"	W. J. Daniel	Greenwood	729	182 00
27 1873	"	"	Cedar Pond	629	83 00
28 1874	"	"	Friendship	668	203 00
29 1875	"	"	Campbellton	698	264 00
30 1876	"	"	Rocky Grove	833	177 00
31 1877	"	"	Greenwood	889	167 00
32 1878	"	"	Cedar Pond	771	111 00
33 1879	"	"	Damascus	771	82 00
34 1880	"	A. P. Ashurst	Campellton	592	102 00
35 1881	"	W. J. Daniel	Friendship	847	135 00
36 1882	"	W. M. Farrior	Ebenezer	918	158 00
37 1883	"	"	Bethlehem	982	378 00
38 1884	"	"	Dellwood	982	212 00
39 1885	W. J. Daniel.	"	Rocky Grove.	1095	306 00
40 1886	T. E. Langley	"	Greenwood	1007	231 58
41 1887	"	"	Magnolia	1120	213 00
42 1888	"	"	Chipley	1377	206 92
43 1889	"	"	Damascus	1054	237 00
44 1890	D. H. Horne	"	Ephesus	1141	263 15

