

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE PINEY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON COUNTY, FLA.,
OCTOBER 12, 13 AND 14, 1892.

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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; 2d, 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.

J. P. SMITH,	CHIPLEY, FLA.
W. P. RICHARDSON,	" "
E. D. NELSON,	" "
J. F. D. RICHTER,	" "
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LICENSED MINISTERS.

T. N. KNOWLS, ST. ANDREWS.
ELI ENGLISH, GRACEVILLE.

MINUTES.

WEDNESDAY, October 12, 1892.

The West Florida Association met this day in the Piney Grove Baptist Church, at the hour of 11 A. M. Services began at the Arbor by singing the hymn, "I love thy kingdom, Lord." Rev. J. P. Smith read the first chapter of Romans. By previous appointment Rev. W. A. Bryan preached the introductory sermon from Rom. i. 16—"The All-conquering Gospel."

After an interesting and instructive discourse the congregation was led in prayer by Rev. J. W. Johnson. The delegates were requested to meet in the house for business at 2 P. M. It was also announced that dinner was prepared on the grounds, and everybody invited to partake.

EVENING SESSION.

2 P. M.—After enjoying the many good things provided, the delegates assembled for business.

After singing, the 84th Psalm was read by Bro. Bryan, and after prayer made by Bro. A. Bevis.

By request of the former Moderator, the letters were taken up and read by Brethren J. D. Forrester, W. B. Gainer, M. L. Dekle and E. Z. Taylor.

The following churches and delegates were then enrolled:

Bethel—Henry Wamble, A. J. Holland.
Bethlehem—S. M. Griffin, J. W. Rauls, C. H. Scott, A. M. Thomas.
Cottondale—A. F. Thomas.
Campbellton—Mrs. Caroline Daniel, Miss Lizzie Daniel.
Chipley—J. P. Smith, J. D. Forrester, W. M. Farrior.
Cromaton—P. G. Harding.
Damascus—W. W. Parker, Henry Taylor, J. H. Crutchfield.
Ephesus—R. Harris, J. W. Johnson.
Econfina—J. F. Richardson, W. B. Gainer.
Ebenezer—James A. Simmons.

Friendship—J. H. Ferguson, E. McDaniel, G. E. Tidwell.
 Greenwood—A. Bevis, J. D. Watts.
 Grassy Point—J. H. Anderson.
 Green Head—Alfred Posey.
 Hickory Level—W. Thompson.
 Marianna—W. J. Daniel, M. L. Dekle.
 Mt. Wayfair—T. D. Peacock.
 Mt. Ida—J. H. Raley, Jesse Rodgers.
 New Harmony—J. A. Jordan, John Nelson.
 New Abigail—A. F. Register.
 Orange Hill—W. Jackson, W. T. Brock, S. L. Danolds.
 Piney Grove—J. J. Tharp, J. D. Cuthin, J. E. Reyser, D. P. Creamer.
 Pilgrims' Rest—J. A. Shoupe, J. D. Shoupe, J. N. Parish.
 Pleasant Hill—J. V. McClellan, D. J. Mixon.
 Wewahitchka—E. Z. Taylor, Mrs. S. E. Taylor.
 White Pond—W. Kent, Doc. Arnold.
 Unity—L. H. Deal, R. C. Crofton.

After hearing the letters read and the bearers enrolled, upon motion the body elected by ballot the following officers: W. A. Bryan, Moderator; W. M. Farris, Clerk. After a few remarks by the Moderator upon the work of the body and thanks for the confidence placed in him, business was resumed.

Call for Petitionary Letters. New Abigail and White Pond were admitted. The Moderator welcomed the new churches to seats in the body. The Moderator appointed the following Committee:

On Preaching—J. W. Rawls, A. Bevis, and brethren of Piney Grove Church.

Call for Correspondents—Rev. John Stuart, John G. Stuart, of Rocky Creek Association, were welcomed.

Upon motion—The time of meeting at 9 a. m., and adjourn at will.

Appointment of Correspondence.

Columbia Association—J. W. Johnson.

South Western Association—J. E. Nixon.

Rocky Creek—S. M. Griffin, W. J. Daniel, W. H. Creamer, J. E. Nixon, J. D. Watts, J. P. Smith, A. Bevis.

Graves Association—J. A. Simmons, R. Harris, C. Croyton, L. H. Deal.

Committee on Divine Services reported that Rev. J. W. Johnson was to preach at night.

Upon motion—The same Executive Committee was elected by acclamation.

Delegates to the State Convention—W. J. Daniel, R. Harris, J. P. Smith, M. L. Dekle, W. M. Farris, J. D. Forester, W. A. Bryan, J. A. Simmons, A. J. Holland, W. B. Gainer.

The Committee on Monument reported nothing done the past year, and were asked to continue the work.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Education—W. M. Farris, R. Harris, W. Kent.

On Publications—J. P. Smith.

On Documents—J. D. Watts, A. Posey, G. E. Tidwell, J. H. Ferguson.

On Temperance—M. L. Dekle, J. A. Anderson, J. F. Richardson, J. W. Johnson.

On Nominations—A. Bevis, E. McDaniel, J. A. Simmons, A. F. Register.

On Finance—W. J. Daniel, S. M. Griffin, A. F. Thomas and J. A. Simmons.

On Sunday Schools—J. D. Forester, M. L. Dekle, R. Harris and W. Kent.

On Missions—P. G. Harding, E. Z. Taylor, J. E. Nixon and M. L. Dekle.

On Deceased Ministers—J. W. Rawls, T. D. Peacock, Jesse Rodgers and Amos Thompson.

The Committee on Hospitality read out the homes assigned the delegates and visitors.

Adjourned to meet Thursday at 9 a. m.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. P. Smith, G. W. Porter lead in prayer.

Call for correspondents. Brethren Porter and Provence were welcomed by the Moderator to seats in the body.

Report on Divine Services. Bro. S. M. Provence to preach at 11 a. m.

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Resolved, That time be allowed Bro. Provence to speak in behalf of the works of the State Board of Missions.

It was interesting and instructive.

Resolved, That time be allowed Bro. Porter. No one could talk better for the *Baptist Witness*.

Resolved, That the body adjourn to the arbor to have preaching by Bro. S. M. Provence.

After singing and prayer the text was taken from Col. iii. 5 "And covetousness, which is idolatry." It was full of interest and greatly appreciated by the hearers. After a collection, it was announced that dinner was prepared on the grounds and all requested to remain.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 p. m. The delegates reassembled in the house for business.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee recommend that Rev. J. P. Smith preach the next Introductory sermon and Rev. Robt. Harris alternate.

Upon motion Bro. Porter was asked to speak in behalf of the Stetson University.

Upon motion the body adjourned to the arbor to have preaching by Bro. Porter. After singing and prayer, he took his text from Math. xiii. 18, "Hear therefore the parable of the sower." He gave a picture of the enemies of Christ and different degrees of Christian usefulness, the thirty fold, sixty fold and one hundred fold Christians.

After a good old-fashioned hand shaking the Association returned to the house to resume business.

Upon motion the regular order of business was dispensed, and called for the report on documents.

Your Committee find only two churches asking for this body to meet with them at its next session, viz: Ebenezer and Wewahitchka. We recommend that the Association meet with the latter.

J. D. WATTS,
A. POSEY,
J. E. TIDWELL,
J. H. FERGERSON.

Upon motion the body, by a rising vote, was in favor of

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meeting with Wewahitchka at its next session, on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1893.

Report on deceased ministers read and adopted:

REPORT.

We are very grateful to report that all the ministerial brethren have been spared to us the past year. Let us show our gratitude for these favors by an increase of efforts to advance his cause in the spread of the Gospel.

Respectfully,

J. W. RAWLS.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by J. D. Forester, and after remarks by Brethren J. D. Forester, D. G. Harding, A. Bevis and E. Z. Taylor it was adopted.

REPORT.

After examining the reports of Sunday School statistics sent to this Association, we fail to find the interest manifested in the Sunday School that it deserves.

We are very much pained to find that some of our largest churches, numerically speaking, have no Sabbath Schools at all. Brethren, why do we find this the case? Do we as Baptists believe in reading the scriptures and teaching and having them taught to our children, if so, why not have Sabbath Schools in every church and school house throughout the bounds of the West Florida Association? We as Baptists boast of our Baptist faith and doctrine and yet a majority of the Baptists of West Florida seem to be careless as to the importance of having these doctrines and truths of the Bible taught to our children.

Pastors have you done your whole duty in instructing your members of your several churches as to the importance of the Sabbath School work? Brethren of the laity, fathers and mothers of the children of West Florida, what say you in regard to this line of church work, are you satisfied, have you discharged your whole duty to your children in this particular? Alas! we fear not, we believe that this is the church at work. We believe also that there is no better way in which the children and young people can be taught the doctrines of the Bible than in the Sabbath School.

Therefore we beg and insist that every pastor will see that there is a Sabbath School in every church he serves.

J. D. FORESTER,
M. L. DEKLE,
R. HARRIS,
W. KENT.

Report on Temperance was read by M. L. Dekle. Remarks on the subject were made by Brethren Provence and Porter. It is a subject that Christians should never cease to "agitate, educate and legislate." After which the report was adopted.

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REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

This is an old subject, but not so ancient as to be beyond the necessity of notice. As the years go on the history of temperance repeats itself. Its horrors come before the human gaze in every path in human life. It is not enough that we recommend our brethren to be sober, but that each strive by his personal influence to suppress the traffic in liquors. Surely it is strange that a professed Christian would sign a whiskey petition. We further advise that each church disfellowship any member that in any way encourages its sale as a beverage.

Respectfully,

M. L. DEKLE,
J. H. ANDERSON,
J. F. RICHARDSON,
J. W. JOHNSON.

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FINANCIAL REPORT.

	Foreign Mis- sions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	Woman's Mis- sionary Society.	Ministerial Ed- ucation.	Centennial.	Aged Ministers.
Bethlehem.....			\$ 5 00	\$1 50	50				
Bethel.....			3 80	50					
Cottondale.....			3 00	65			\$1 00		
Campbellton.....	\$5 00		9 45	50	50			9 20	
Chipleigh.....			21 50	1 50			2 00		
Cromaton.....				50	50				
Damascus.....			2 55	1 50					
Ephesus.....			3 60	1 00	50				
Ebenezer.....			3 50	50	50				
Econfina.....	1 50		1 75	75					
Friendship.....			7 00	1 00					
Greenwood.....			13 25	1 50	1 50				
Grassy Point.....	1 15			30					
Green Head.....				25	25				
Hickory Level.....			2 65	25					
Marianna.....	3 50	10 00	10 00	1 00	1 00				
Mt. Wayfair.....			60	50	50				
Mt. Ida.....			1 00	45					
New Harmony.....			1 25	25					
Orange Hill.....			2 00	50	25				
Piney Grove.....			2 75	50	65				
Pilgrim's Rest.....			1 35	50					
Pleasant Hill.....				75	1 25		25		
Unity.....			1 15	35					
Wewahitchka.....	2 00	11 50	2 00	1 10	50	50	2 00		\$2 00
New Abigail.....			3 00	50					
White Pond.....			1 55	35	25				
Cash Collection.....			7 50						
.....Total	13 15	21 50	108 20	18 95	8 65	50	\$5 25	9 20	\$2 00

W. J. DANIEL,
S. M. GRIFFIN,
J. A. SIMMONS,
A. F. THOMAS.

Report on Publications was read by J. P. Smith, and after remarks by Brethren J. P. Smith, J. D. Forester, J. C. Porter and S. M. Provence is was adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

It is a fact worthy of note, that there is a great destitution among our people in the supply of suitable literature to give relish for Bible study, and to aid in understanding its precious truths. The *Baptist Witness* is our State paper, of course we should subscribe for it and

read it. We have abundant reason to advise the reading of the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va. Sunday Schools should be furnished with the choicest helps. We would recommend the "Convention Series," the property of the Southern Baptist Convention. But, in the event that we cannot obtain all the variety we wish, we would do well to order from the American Baptist Publication Society any supplement needed.

In addition we would mention with favor the *Home Field*, published in Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully,

J. P. SMITH, Chairman,
MRS. E. S. TAYLOR.

On motion the body adjourned to meet at 9 a. m.

FRIDAY MORNING.

9 A. M. The Association met for business. The Moderator read Psalm xviii., and Bro. E. Z. Taylor lead in prayer.

The Report on Missions was read by the Clerk, and after remarks by D. G. Harding, R. Harris, E. D. Nelson, J. P. Smith, A. Bevis and others it was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee make this report: We, as Missionary Baptists, would urge upon our brethren the consistency of making good our name by a hearty support of all mission work.

We see by last year's report that it was recommended that a committee be appointed to fall in line with the denomination in celebrating the one hundred years of foreign missions and give emphasis to the celebration by giving more largely of our means. We recommend that committee, if appointed, be continued.

P. G. HARDING,
E. Z. TAYLOR,
J. E. NIXON,
M. L. DEKLE.

The following pledges were given:

Marianna Church.....	\$25 00	Mrs. J. W. Rawls	\$1 00
Chipley.....	25 00	Mrs. Sarah Vickey	1 00
W. M. Farrier.....	5 00	Miss Mary Rawls.....	1 00
Bethlehem.....	25 00	Miss Callie Chafin.....	1 00
Greenwood.....	10 00	Miss Sarah E. Nixon.....	1 00
Wewahitchka.....	10 00	Robt. Farrier.....	1 00
W. A. Bryan.....	5 00	Clarence Olinger.....	1 00
Econfina.....	5 00	D. T. Creamer.....	1 00
Cromaton.....	5 00	Spurgeon Bryan.....	1 00
Pleasant Hill.....	5 00	Charlie Rawls.....	1 00
Orange Hill.....	5 00	Drew Rawls.....	1 00
Grassy Point.....	5 00	Price Smith.....	1 00
Robt. Harris.....	5 00	Oran Harding.....	2 00

Piney Grove.....	5 00	S. M. Griffin.....	1 00
Bethel.....	5 00	D. W. Nixon.....	1 00
Unity.....	5 00	Miss Louise Rawls.....	1 00
Hickory Level.....	5 00	Mrs. Adie Land.....	1 00
Friendship.....	10 00	Miss M. S. Rawls.....	1 00
Mt. Ida.....	5 00	J. F. Richardson.....	1 00
Mrs. W. M. Farrier.....	2 50	Mrs. Harding.....	1 00
Mrs. E. S. Taylor.....	2 00	Mrs. S. M. Griffin.....	1 00
Mrs. W. A. Bryan.....	2 00	J. H. Anderson.....	1 00

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In consequence of a general diffusion of intelligence men are becoming vastly better acquainted with the moral condition of each other. Intelligence of every kind has become an article of profit; and when once this is the case there can be no doubt it will be abundantly supplied. Hence the moral influence which men are exerting upon each other is greater than it has been at any period in the history of the world. Knowledge provokes to comparison, and comparison leads to reflection. The fact that others are happier than themselves prompts men to inquire whence this difference proceeds, and how their own melioration may be accomplished. The means of extending knowledge and influencing the human mind by argument and moral power are multiplied a thousand fold. In the primitive age the light of science beamed only on a small portion of mankind. The mass of mankind were not and could not be instructed to read. Everything was transient because so little was made permanent in books. Now not only tracts and Bibles but even libraries are brought within the reach of every man and every child. We would urge our people to avail themselves of the privilege of the common schools for their children, and to insist that teachers only be employed whose religious character is strong enough to impress their pupils with a pious preference. We heartily recommend Stetson University for the higher education of boys and girls, and the Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky., for the training of young men for the ministry.

W. M. FARRIOR,
R. HARRIS,
W. KENT.

Resolved, That a fund for Ministerial Education be started.

Mrs. S. E. Taylor is the first to begin by a pledge of \$5.

Report of Missionary Rob't Harris:

Miles traveled.....	1363
Sermons preached.....	71
Prayers.....	136
Sabbath School Talks.....	90
By Baptism.....	23
By letter.....	16
Restored.....	3
Churches organized.....	3
Sabbath Schools organized.....	3
Gospel Papers distributed.....	1360

Very respectfully,

ROB'T HARRIS.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. J. Daniel, Treasurer, in account with West Florida Association.

1891.	
Oct. 19. By amount on hand at last Ass'n,	67.70
" " Received from Ass'n,	
for various objects	306.55
To paid W. M. Farrior, Clerk	20.00
" turned over to W. W. Chaudoin	53.50
Dec. 5, to paid J. P. Smith, for mission- ary work	33.35
1892.	
Feb. 9. To paid for printing minutes	26.00
May 11. To pd. R. Harris for miss. w'k,	15.00
" 25. " " " "	18.33
July 1. " " " "	16.67
" 17. " " " "	33.00
Oct. 10. " " " "	33.00
On hand at meeting of Ass'n, Oct. 1892,	\$125.40

\$374.25 \$374.25

W. J. DANIEL, Treas. West Fla. Ass'n.

October 20th, 1892.

Upon motion the Clerk was instructed to have 800 copies of the minutes printed, and the clerk be paid \$20 for his services.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to expend the funds on hand to their best discretion.

Resolution of thanks was read by J. P. Smith, and adopted by a rising vote.

I beg leave to offer a resolution of thanks to the dear brethren and sisters, of Piney Grove Church, for the liberal entertainment given to the West Florida Association during its present session.

Respectfully,

J. P. SMITH.

Upon motion, the body adjourned, having had a very pleasant session; harmony and peace characterized the entire session. After singing the parting hymn: "Blest be the tie," &c., the parting hand was given each other. The Moderator closed by leading the body in prayer.

The next session will be held with Wewahitchka Baptist Church, on Friday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1893.

W. A. BRYAN, Moderator. W. M. FARRIOR, Clerk.

DECORUM.

ARTICLE I. 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 of 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 reproved 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 com-

munication 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. xvi. 17; xviii. 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 Testament 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, 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. 1, 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. 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, not one of them be finally lost.—John x. 29, 30, vi. 27; Phil. 1, 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 they only justify us to 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.

REPORT BY W. N. CHAUDOIN.

	State.	Home.	Foreign.	Total.
Campbellton.....	\$ 4 00	\$ 7 85	\$ 11 85	
Chipley.....	24 65	40 60	27 95	93 20
Cromaton.....	2 40			2 40
Dellwood.....			1 30	1 30
Ephesus.....		1 50		1 50
Greenwood.....		9 15		9 15
Honeyville.....	1 00			1 00
Marianna.....	26 95		11 75	38 70
Wewahitchka.....	16 00		4 30	20 30
Collection by R. Harris.....			5 00	5 00
Total.....				\$ 184 40
To paid Bro. Bryan.....				\$ 103 40

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Postoffices.	DELEGATES.	R'e'd by B'ptism.	R'e'd by Letter.	Rest'r'd	Dismiss-ed by Letter.	Excl'dd	Died.	Total.
Rethlehem.....	Jackson.	Robt. Harris.	W. A. Swearingen	Cottondale.	S. M. Griffin, G. H. Scott.	7	2	1				61
Bethel.....	Holmes.	W. P. Richardson	J. W. Richardson	Chipley.	A. M. Thompson.....	2	2					21
Cottondale.....	Jackson	J. White	A. F. Thomas	Cottondale.	A. J. Holland, H. Wamble.	2			9			8
Campbellton.....	Washington	J. P. Smith	R. A. Kentroe	Campbellton	A. F. Thomas	2	2					4
Chipley.....	Calloun	W. A. Bryan	W. C. Lockey	Chipley.	J. D. Forester, W. M. Farrow	2	5					24
Cromaton.....	Jackson	W. P. Smith	E. P. Kenny	Chipley.	P. G. Harding	1	3	2				9
Damascus.....	Washington	W. M. Sapp	G. B. Yawn	St. Andrews.	W. W. Parker, H. Taylor	2	2					9
Ephesus.....	Jackson	R. Harris	J. A. Simmons	Campbellton	R. Harris, J. W. Johnson	2	8		3			72
Ebenezer.....	Washington	Wm. Stuart	J. W. Gainer	Vernon.	J. A. Simmons	1	1		3			47
Economa.....	Jackson	J. J. White	J. M. Stevens	Economa.	W. B. Gainer	1	1		2			45
Friendship.....	Jackson	W. P. Stuart	J. G. Alsbrook	Greenwood.	J. H. Ferguson, E. McDaniel	2	2					22
Greenwood.....	Washington	E. D. Nelson	Alfred Posey	Greenwood.	J. D. Watts, A. Bevis.	1	1					93
Grassy Point.....	Washington	A. T. Posey	Alfred Posey	Cottondale.	J. H. Anderson	1	1					28
Hickory Level.....	Jackson	E. D. Nelson	J. N. Wilson	Cottondale.	Alfred Posey	1	1					48
Marianna.....	Jackson	J. P. Smith	J. N. Wilson	Marianna.	W. Thompson	1	1					14
Mt. Wayfair.....	Washington	E. D. Nelson	J. H. Mart	Wausaw.	W. J. Daniel, M. L. Dekle	4	6		3			22
Mt. Ida.....	Washington	E. D. Nelson	J. H. Raley	Chipley.	T. D. Peacock	4	5		1			42
New Harmony.....	Washington	R. Harris	J. A. Jordan	Chipley.	J. H. Raley, J. Rodgers.	4	5		1			20
Orange Hill.....	Jackson	E. B. Nelson	L. T. Charles	Vernon.	J. A. Jordan, J. Nelson	7	7					15
Piney Grove.....	Jackson	R. Harris	S. L. Danolds	Orange Hill	A. F. Register	7	7					13
Pilgrim's Rest.....	Jackson	J. F. D. Richter	J. D. Cutchen	Cottondale.	W. Jackson, W. T. Brock.	7	7		2			9
Pleasant Hill.....	Washington	J. E. Nixon	C. C. Shoupp	Cottondale.	S. L. Donalds	8	8		2			33
Unity.....	Washington	E. D. Nelson	E. Singleton	Cottondale.	J. J. Thorp, J. D. Cutchin	8	8		16			51
Wewahitchka.....	Caloun.	W. A. Bryan	L. H. Deal	Miller's Ferry	D. T. Creamer, J. E. Kysar	3	3		1			18
White Pond.....	Jackson	R. Harris	J. R. Hollinger	Wewahitchka	J. A. Shoupp, J. D. Shoupp.	3	3		1			16
Totals.....			Burris Kent.	Chipley.....	J. V. McClellan	15	3	4	3			39
					L. H. Dent, R. C. Crofton.	14	2	1	1			24
					E. C. Taylor	100	49	10	51			44
					W. F. Kent, Doc Arnold	14	2	1				41
						100	49	10	51			17
						100	49	10	51			17

Apalachicola, Macedonia and Mt. Olive reported last year.

STATISTICS.

S.	Year.	Moderators.	Clerks.	Churches.	No.	Missions.
3	1849	D. P. Everett.	E. Minching.	Union Academy..	464	\$ 134 93
4	1850	J. Mercer.....	"	Bethlehem.....	460	119 15
5	1851	"	"	"	"	"
6	1852	J. Mercer.....	JH Wombwell	Sardis.....	467	147 30
7	1853	"	W. D. Horne.	Bethlehem.....	568	84 50
8	1854	"	J. Drummond	Union Academy..	193	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. Lacey.	"	Campbellton.....	774	200 00
15	1861	"	"	"	"	"
16	1862	"	"	"	"	"
17	1863	W. B. Lacey.	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.....	629	183 00
28	1874	"	"	Friendship.....	698	204 00
29	1875	"	"	Campbellton.....	833	166 00
30	1876	"	"	Rocky Grove.....	663	177 00
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.....	823	125 00
36	1882	"	W. M. Farrior	Ebenezer.....	918	98 00
37	1883	"	"	Bethlehem.....	982	212 00
38	1884	"	"	Dellwood.....	1005	206 00
39	1885	W. J. Daniel.	"	Rocky Grove.....	1018	231 15
40	1886	T. E. Langley	"	Greenwood.....	1007	263 80
41	1887	"	"	Magnolia.....	1120	213 00
42	1888	"	"	Chipley.....	1377	206 92
43	1889	"	"	Damascus.....	1052	257 00
44	1890	D. H. Horne.	"	Ephesus.....	1141	263 15
45	1891	W. A. Bryan.	"	Hickory Level....	1159	280 90
46	1892	"	"	Piney Grove.....	950	187 40

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