

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

West Florida Baptist Association,

Held with the Wewahitchka Baptist Church, Calhoun County, Fla.,
October 13th, 14th and 15th, 1893.

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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, Finance and Education.
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.	R. C. B. Lawrence.....Dellwood, Fla.
W. P. Richardson....." "	W. A. Bryan.....Wewahitchka, "
E. D. Nelson....." "	John Long.....Campbellton, "
J. F. D. Richter....." "	George Crofton.....Caryville, "
William Sapp.....Campbellton, "	A. T. Posey.....Alpine, "
J. E. Nixon.....Nixon, "	T. S. Scott.....Bonifay, "
Robert Harris.....Vernon, "	S. W. Lock.....Cottondale, "

LICENSED MINISTERS.

T. N. Knowls.....St. Andrews, Fla.	Eli English.....Graceville, Fla.
John H. Crutchfield.....Graceville, "	

MINUTES.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1893.

The West Florida Baptist Association met this day in the Wewahitchka Baptist Church at 11 a. m. Services began by singing, "My soul be on thy guard."

Rev. J. P. Smith being absent, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. R. Harris from Hebrews 12: 1, 2, "The Christian Race."

After services the former Moderator requested the delegates to assemble at 1:30 p. m. for organization, and announced also that dinner was on the grounds and everybody was invited to partake.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the appointed hour the delegates reassembled in the house. After singing and reading 103d Psalm by Rev. J. E. Nixon, prayer was offered by Bro. A. Bevis.

By request of the former Moderator, Brethren P. G. Harding, J. L. Massey and J. B. Henson collected and read the church letters. The following churches and delegates were enrolled:

Apalachicola—Mrs. E. Warren, Mrs. J. Floyd.
Bethlehem—J. W. Rawls, J. L. Massey, Miss Lula Massey.
Bethel—A. J. Holland.

Cottondale—By letter.
 Campbellton—J. W. Carter, H. H. Hinson.
 Chipley—W. M. Farrior.
 Cromaton—E. P. Kinney, P. G. Harding.
 Damascus—J. Miller, J. B. Hinson, Noah Barefoot.
 Ephesus—R. Harris.
 Ebenezer—By letter.
 Econfina—By letter.
 Friendship—J. H. Turner, A. S. Scammel.
 Greenwood—J. D. Watts, A. Bevis, J. H. Stephens.
 Grassy Point—By letter.
 Green Head—A. Posey.
 Hickory Level—S. Pumphrey, W. T. Pumphrey.
 Marianna—By letter.
 Mt. Olive—By letter.
 New Abigail—Mrs. R. Harris.
 Orange Hill—William Sapp.
 Piney Grove—G. W. Creamer.
 Pleasant Hill—D. G. Nixon, J. E. Nixon, E. Singleton.
 Unity—By letter.
 Wewahitchka—N. L. Connell, A. Bowen, W. J. Connell.
 White Pond—Frank Swails, J. Hovey.

The following named brethren were appointed a Committee on Preaching: D. H. Horne, E. Singleton, Joe Turner, and delegates of Wewahitchka Church.

The call for admission of churches was responded to by Bros. John McKinnie and F. M. Grace, representing Mt. Zion and Pleasant Ridge respectively. After hearing the letters read, on motion they were received and the Moderator extended the hand of welcome.

Upon motion, the following officers were elected by acclamation: W. A. Bryan, Moderator, and W. M. Farrior, Clerk. After appropriate remarks by the Moderator for the confidence and honor conferred upon him, an address of welcome was offered by Bro. N. L. Connell, and a fitting reply was given by Col. D. H. Horne.

Committee on Preaching reported Rev. William Sapp to preach at 8 p. m. and R. Harris at 11 a. m.

Upon motion, the body will meet at 9 a. m. and adjourn at 11 a. m. for preaching each day.

After singing and prayer, the body adjourned to meet in the evening.

NIGHT SESSION.

Rev. William Sapp preached from Cor. 1:3, "Ye are the temple of God."

After services the following committees were announced:

Education—D. H. Horne, A. Bowen, Mrs. E. Warren.

Documents—William Sapp, Frank Swails, A. S. Scammel.

Temperance—J. E. Nixon, N. Barefoot, J. Hovey, Mrs. J. Floyd.

Nominations—R. Harris, John Miller, F. M. Grace.

Finance—J. H. Stephens, J. W. Carter, J. B. Hinson.

Sabbath Schools—J. L. Massey, J. D. Watts, G. W. Creamer, Mrs. M. F. Boone.

Missions—P. G. Harding, J. W. Rawls, S. Pumphrey, Mrs. R. Harris.

Deceased Ministers—A. Bevis, H. H. Hinson, John McKinnie, A. Posey.

Publications—E. P. Kinney, W. J. Connell, E. Singleton, Miss Lula Massey.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At the appointed hour the body assembled for business. The Moderator conducted the exercises and read 90th Psalm. Prayer by F. M. Grace.

Called for correspondents and Bro. Charles Chafin and wife were recognized from the Rocky Creek Association.

The following correspondents were appointed to sister Associations:

Rocky Creek—J. H. Stephens, W. M. Farrior, A. Bevis, Joe Turner.

Columbia—John Holland.

Graves—R. Harris, John McKinnie, J. E. Nixon.

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

The following were elected delegates to the State Convention: R. Harris, J. E. Nixon, S. Pumphrey, J. H. Stephens, William Sapp, W. M. Farrior, J. W. Rawls, J. W. Carter, D. H. Horne and A. Bevis.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to submit the following report:

Upon investigation we find two churches asking this body to meet with them at its next session, namely, Ebenezer and Greenwood.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SAPP,
J. F. SWAILS,
A. S. SCAMMEL,
Committee.

Report adopted.

On motion, the body decided to meet with Ebenezer Church on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1894.

At the appointed hour the body adjourned for preaching by Rev. R. Harris.

After services a collection for missions was received from the congregation in the sum of \$10.40.

The Moderator announced that dinner was on the grounds for all. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator, P. G. Harding leading in prayer.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report:

We are told by Solomon that "wine is a mocker," and that "strong drink is raging," and again admonished to "look not upon the wine when it is red in the cup." In the New Testament, which is more particularly the law and guide of Christians, we are told that "no drunkard can inherit eternal life," and advised to be "temperate in all things."

In this enlightened age, when all denominations are taking such firm stands on the highest ground against this great monster who has, from the remotest past, been the fell destroyer of such hosts of the human race, it behooves us as Baptists who claim to be exponents of the teachings of the Lord Jesus, to come out boldly in opposition to all practices and tendencies that would allow us to be accused of the least disposition to make a compromise with this great evil.

In order that we may be fully understood as being in direct antagonism to intemperance, we, as individuals, should not allow ourselves a personal indulgence in any of its forms. We should let our actions speak louder than our words. Then, as churches, we should not admit into membership those who are themselves intemperate, who sign petitions for drinking saloons or in any other way afford aid and comfort to this great enemy of our cause. It is the sincere prayer of your Committee that the God of all peace may soon drive from our country this enemy of

peace and happiness, and that the sun of righteousness may shine forth upon a quiet and temperate land.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. NIXON,
NOAH BAREFOOT,
J. HOVEY,

Committee.

After remarks by Bros. J. E. Nixon, William Sapp, A. Bevis and E. P. Kinney, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to submit the following report:

Dear brethren, fathers and mothers of the West Florida Association, our hearts are pained beyond measure after listening to the reports of our churches in regard to Sunday School work.

Where are our children on the Lord's day? What influences are around them? Can you find a better place for them on the Lord's day than an hour in the Sabbath School? Surely, it is a nursery to the church. We are very sorry to find so many of our largest churches maintaining no Sabbath Schools.

Do we as Baptists believe in reading the Scriptures and have them taught to our children? Where is there a better place for them than in the Sabbath School, where can we claim the promise, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I will be in the midst and that to bless?"

Do we want to see the children of this Association won to Christ and his work, to fill our places before the evil day comes, when they will surely say they have no pleasure in these things?

Oh, brethren of the ministry and all that are interested in the salvation of the children of this Association,

wherever you may be and see this report, gather them in on the Lord's day for the study of His word.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. MASSEY,
J. D. WATTS,
MRS. M. F. BOONE,
G. W. CREAMER,

Committee.

After remarks by Bros. P. G. Harding, E. T. Taylor and A. Bevis, the report was adopted.

Upon motion, the report on missions was appointed a special object after the night services.

The Moderator appointed Bro. A. Bevis a committee to collect funds for Bro. R. C. B. Lawrence.

Resolved, That the Clerk request a report from the Secretary of the Executive Committee to place before the body of each session.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers, beg leave to submit the following report:

We are thankful to learn that no deaths have befallen our ministers during the past year; for which, let us truly thank Him who is the kind preserver of all our lives.

Respectfully submitted.

H. H. HINSON,
A. BEVIS,
JNO. MCKINNEY,
A. POSEY,

Committee.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee on Publications, beg leave to submit the following report:

What shall we furnish our young people to read to create a deeper relish for Bible reading and study?

First, We recommend the Florida Baptist Witness to every home.

Second, We recommend the Missionary Journal to every family, to create a love for missions.

Third, For reading in the homes, we heartily recommend the catalogue of the American Baptist Publication Society, in which can be found a vast variety and grades of splendid Christian reading, and very cheap.

Fourth, For Sunday Schools, we recommend that we use the publications of our American Baptist Board, which are complete.

Respectfully submitted.

E. P. KINNEY,
J. L. MASSEY,
E. SINGLETON,
W. J. CONNELL,

Committee.

After some remarks, the report was adopted.

Resolved, That the report on Education be appointed for hearing at half after 10 o'clock to-morrow.

The Committee on Preaching reported the following: J. E. Nixon to preach at night and W. A. Bryan at 11 o'clock a. m.

Upon motion, the body elected W. A. Bryan to the Southern Baptist Convention.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations would recommend that Rev. Wm. Sapp preach the next Introductory Sermon and Rev. S. W. Lock be his alternate.

Respectfully submitted.

R. HARRIS,
F. M. GRACE,
J. F. MILLER,

Committee.

Adjourned, to meet after divine services to-night.

NIGHT SESSION.

After services by Rev. J. E. Nixon, from the text, "I have fought the good fight," the body was called to order for special business, the same being to hear the Report on Missions.

The Report on Missions was read and followed by reports from Rev. Wm. Sapp and Rev. R. Harris, who were employed to do missionary work.

After remarks by Bros. Sapp and Harris, a collection was taken up and the proceeds were divided between them.

The following reports were then adopted, to-wit :

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions submitted the following report :

We feel that much could be said on this subject, and especially on the work in the fields of the West Florida Association. We were glad to learn, from the reading of letters, that progress was being made along the line of missions. There are yet uncultivated fields, and we will not tire and faint, we trust, till we have gathered these precious souls for the Master. We hope to occupy the entire bay country and every destitute corner, wherever man is found, till the coming of our Lord.

We also recommend the pledge system and urge all good means to educate the people on this line of work, until we have experienced that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Apalachicola is a part of our Association, a town of 3,000 souls and is almost entirely dependent upon the mission spirit for development. We have a small church there, struggling most nobly against sin and error, but are not able of themselves to do the work to be desired. Let us

turn our eyes on this city of Romanism and pray for our noble little band of brethren and sisters, and give substantial aid to the whole field at an early day.

Respectfully submitted,

P. G. HARDING,
J. W. RAWLS,
S. PUMPHREY,
Committee.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Number of weeks labored, 15, miles traveled, 750; sermons preached, 48; prayer meetings held, 4; Sunday School lectures, 4; special prayers, 10; religious visits, 8; received by baptism, 7; assisted in ordaining deacons, 1; pages of tracts distributed, 1000; Home Journals distributed, 6; Foreign Journals distributed, 6; Baptist Baskets, 6; Bibles sold, 1; hymn books, 1; found families with no Bible, 4; collected for Home Missions, 25 cents; for State Missions, 25 cents; for Foreign Missions, 10 cents.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SAPP,
Missionary.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

Number of miles traveled, 884; sermons preached, 82; number of prayers, 112; Sunday School lectures, 3; received by baptism, 20; received by letter, 12; received by restoration, 7; number awaiting baptism, 2; churches organized, 1; Sunday Schools organized, 3; subscriptions to Baptist Witness, 11.

Respectfully submitted,

R. HARRIS,
Missionary.

PLEDGES.

The following pledges were then made for Missions:

W. M. Farrior.....	\$ 5 00
E. Z. Taylor.....	5 00
J. W. Rawls.....	5 00
R. J. Higgins.....	5 00
Wm. Sapp.....	5 00
J. W. Carter.....	5 00
D. G. Nixon.....	2 50
N. L. Connell.....	2 50
Mrs. E. Z. Taylor.....	1 00
Capt. Ed. Evans.....	2 00
Wewahitchka.....	10 00
Miss L. Rawls.....	1 00
R. Harris.....	5 00
J. R. Hollinger.....	5 00
A. P. Higgins.....	10 00
E. Singleton.....	2 50
J. H. Stephens.....	5 00
H. H. Hinson.....	5 00
J. E. Nixon.....	2 00
W. M. Farrior.....	1 00
W. A. Bryan.....	5 00
W. J. Connell.....	1 00
Mrs. R. Harris.....	1 00
Mrs. N. L. Connell.....	2 00
Cash collections.....	13 10

Total collections and pledges.....\$106 60

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to have nine (900) hundred copies of the minutes printed for distribution, and that he be paid twenty (\$20) dollars for his services.

After singing and prayer, adjourned to meet at 9 a. m.

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THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION,

Devotional exercises were conducted by Moderator, 67th Psalm was read and prayer was offered by N. L. Connell. By special appointment the report on Education was called for. The report was read by Bro. A. Bowen and after remarks by Bros. W. M. Farrior, William Sapp, R. Harris, A. Bowen and E. Z. Taylor, it was adopted with the following amendment:

That the Moderator appoint the following executive committee: Mrs. E. Z. Taylor, W. M. Farrior and D. H. Horne, whose duty it will be to secure, collect and disburse all funds for this department of educational interest of our Association, and that each church appoint a committee to collect funds and report to the executive committee.

After which a collection was taken and pledges for ministerial education were given as follows:

Mrs. E. Z. Taylor.....	\$5 00
J. R. Hollinger.....	5 00
S. Pumphrey.....	5 00
Mrs. E. Warren.....	5 00
Mrs. W. A. Bryan.....	3 00
Mrs. A. Bowen.....	2 00
Miss Adie Bowen.....	50
Miss Louie Bowen.....	50
Thomas Spencer.....	5 00
J. W. Connell.....	2 50
A. P. Higgins.....	7 50
E. P. Kinney.....	5 00
Joe Turner.....	5 00
Miss S. Spencer.....	5 00
Mrs. Rish.....	2 00
G. P. Harding.....	2 00
Jessie Bowen.....	1 00
Mrs. Spencer.....	1 00
Mrs. McCurdy.....	2 00
R. McCurdy.....	2 50

TREASURER'S REPORT.

In Account with West Florida Association.

1892.		
Oct. 13, By amount turned over to the Association 1892.....		\$305 95
Oct. 14, Paid to S. M. Provence for State Missions.....	\$ 39 85	
Oct. 14, Paid W. M. Farrior, Clerk Association.....	20 00	
Dec. 10, Paid J. C. Porter, printing Minutes.....	30 00	
Dec. 23, Paid R. Harris, Missionary.....	33 33	
1893.		
Mch. 28, Paid R. Harris, Missionary.....	14 60	
May 10, Paid Wm. Sapp, Missionary.....	14 60	
June 8, Paid R. Harris, Missionary.....	14 60	
June 27, Paid Wm. Sapp, Missionary.....	5 00	
Aug. 14, Paid R. Harris, Missionary.....	14 60	
Oct. 6, Paid Wm. Sapp, Missionary.....	38 80	
Balance due Association.....	80 57	
	\$305 95	\$305 95

W. J. DANIEL,
Treasurer.

William Sapp.....	\$2 00
Mrs. N. L. Connell.....	1 00
J. M. Harper.....	50
William Barnes.....	1 00
I. Cally.....	2 00
J. W. Rawls.....	1 00
S. S. Alderman.....	5 00
Mrs. Cally.....	1 00
Mrs. M. F. Boone.....	5 00
N. B. Stone.....	2 00
N. L. Connell.....	2 00
R. Nixon.....	1 00
Charles Glen.....	1 00
Alice Harding.....	50
Gracie Harding.....	50
Miss L. Rawls.....	1 00
W. M. Wishard.....	1 00
J. E. Nixon.....	1 00
R. Harris.....	1 00
Mrs. E. H. Anderson.....	1 00
J. H. Stephens.....	5 00
W. A. Bryan.....	5 00
Robert Boone.....	1 00
John Mathews.....	1 00
Mrs. J. Floyd.....	1 00
Mrs. C. Harris.....	1 00
R. J. Higgins.....	1 50
Daniel Smith.....	1 00
W. M. Farrior.....	5 00
Cash collection.....	8 00

Total cash and pledges, \$131.50.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee will not trench upon the ground that we expect the Committee on Publications to occupy, but

will address ourselves more especially to the institutions of learning in easy touch with our Association, viz.: Stetson University, for the education of the youth of the country, both male and female; the Theological Seminary at Louisville; the Baptist Female College at Marion, Ala.; the Judson and the Howard at Birmingham, Ala.; the Mercer University at Macon, Ga.

By a resolution adopted at the last session, 1892, a fund for ministerial education was begun and a pledge of \$5.00 was the first move, made by Sister E. Z. Taylor, and there the matter stopped as far as the report shows.

Your Committee proposes to take up the thread where it seems to have been left off by the Association last year, and recommend that a Committee be appointed to look after the raising of such funds. And as Sister Taylor has shown her zeal in the cause by putting her money into it, we recommend that she be made chairman of that Committee.

Our Association is in much need of ministerial labor. The harvest is truly great and the laborers are few, and we need more educated workmen in the field, as we see the importance of training the minds of children. An impression made on the mind of a child is more lasting and productive of more good than the same impression made in later years; and we notice the deficiency of proper schools to obtain the desired good in this section of the country, and would recommend that the Committee suggested be instructed to investigate the advisability of this Association taking hold of and starting a school for the religious education of children, to fit them for the Stetson University, and that the same committee devise and submit plans for such a school at the next session of this body for approval.

Respectfully submitted.

D. H. HORNE,
A. BOWEN,
MRS. E. WARREN,
Committee.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this body heartily thank the good people of Wewahitchka and vicinity for the liberal hospitality extended them during their stay among them, and that we highly appreciate the low rates given by the steamboats to delegates and visitors to attend the meeting at this place; and that a copy be furnished the Calhoun News.

Very respectfully, W. M. FARRIOR.

The Moderator announced that refreshments were on the grounds and everybody was requested to remain and partake.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the appointed hour divine services began by singing, "Soldiers of Christ arise, etc."

Rev. W. A. Bryan read 133rd Psalm, and W. M. Farrior led in prayer. After singing, "Jesus, lover of my soul," the farewell sermon was preached by Rev. W. A. Bryan, taking as his text Psalm 133:1, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The subject was one of the characteristics of the present session, perfect harmony and unanimity reigning through the entire session. After singing the parting hymn and a hearty handshaking, the Moderator led in prayer. The body adjourned to meet with Ebenezer Church, three miles south of Vernon, Fla., on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1894.

W. M. FARRIOR,
Clerk.

W. A. BRYAN,
Moderator.

Rules of 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, excommunicated and dead since the last Association; also, a statement of the amount of funds sent up by the delegates, and for what purpose, and any other 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. The 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 the 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 reprov'd 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 pre-

served 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; I Tim. 1, 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.—II Tim. iii. 16, 17; II Pet. i. 21; II 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; I Cor. xv. 20; I 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; II Thess. ii. 13; I Pet. i. 2; Rom. viii. 29, 30; Rom. ix. 11, 12, 23, xi. 4, 7; II 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. 3; 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, not one of them being finally lost.—John x. 29, 30, vi. 27; Phil. 1, 6; I Pet. 1, 3, 9; Heb. vi. 16, 20; John xvii. 2, 3; II 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; I 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; II Cor. v. 10; I 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.

FINANCE REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Minutes	Associational Missions	Woman's Missionary Society	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers
Apalachicola	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$ 50	\$.	\$.	\$ 1 50	\$.
Bethlehem	3 00	15 00		1 00	50			
Bethel		5 00			75			
Cottondale	1 00	4 00					25	
Campbellton	7 00		16 05					
Chipley	5 00	4 25	3 50	1 50	10 00	10 00		
Cromaton		7 00					2 00	
Damascus		4 25		1 00				
Ephesus	2 50	3 00	2 50					
Ebenezer		4 00		75				
Econfina		3 00		50				
Friendship				1 00	6 50			
Greenwood		12 00		1 00	2 00			
Grassy Point					6 00			
Green Head		1 25			25			
Hickory Level		5 00			50			
Marianna		15 00		1 00	9 00			
Mt. Olive		2 50		1 00	2 00			
Mt. Zion		1 00			50			
Orange Hill	2 00	2 25	25	25	25			
Piney Grove		1 00			50			
Pilgrims Rest							1 55	
Pleasant Hill	1 00	5 40	25	50	50			
Pleasant Ridge		2 85		50	25			
New Abigail		3 00		50		5 08		
Wewahatchka		30 00		1 25	2 50	5 60	5 00	4 25
White Pond		1 00		30	20			
Cash Collection					10 42			
Total	\$21 50	131 75	\$22 55	\$16 30	\$54 52	\$20 68	\$ 8 75	\$ 5 80

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	DELEGATES.	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total
Apalachicola	Calhoun	W. A. Bryan	J. T. Davis	Apalachicola	Mrs. E. Warren, Mrs. J. Floyd							65
Bethlehem	Jackson	S. W. Lock	W. A. Swearingin	Cottondale	Miss J. Massey, J. L. Massey, J. W. Rawls	3	8					65
Cottondale	Holmes	W. P. Richardson	J. W. Richardson	Chipley	A. J. Hallard	11	6	4	11	3		38
Campbellton	Jackson	J. P. Smith	R. A. Thomas	Cottondale	By Letter							9
Chipley	Washington	J. P. Smith	K. A. Kenfro	Campbellton	J. W. Carter, H. H. Hinson	10	5	2	1	3		38
Damascus	Calhoun	W. P. Richardson	J. D. Farrow	Chipley	W. M. Farrow	1						9
Ephesus	Jackson	J. W. Johnson	E. P. Kenney	Parley	J. P. Kenney	1						70
Ephesus	Jackson	J. W. Johnson	G. B. Lawn	Craneville	Jno. Miller, J. B. Hinson	1						9
Evangel	Washington	Wm. Sapp	M. Christmas	Campbellton	R. Harris	6	7	1	2	5		81
Friendship	Washington	R. Harris	J. W. Simmons	Vernon	A. Simmons							55
Greenwood	Jackson	W. P. Stuart	J. W. Garner	Economa	By Letter							47
Greenwood	Jackson	J. J. White	J. M. Stevens	Zoe, Ala.	Joe Turner, S. Scammel	5	2	1	1	2		23
Grassy Point	Washington	E. D. Nelson	J. G. Alsobrook	Greenwood	D. D. Watts, A. Bevis, J. H. Stephens	2	4	1	1	2		96
Hickory Level	Washington	E. D. Nelson	Ino. H. Anderson	Anderson	By Letter							32
	Jackson	E. D. Nelson	Allred Posey	Cottondale	Alfred Posey	1						32
	Jackson	E. D. Nelson	Willie Pumphrey	Marianna	S. Pumphrey, W. T. Pumphrey	5						11
												39

Marianna	Jackson	J. P. Smith	J. N. Wilson	Marianna	By Letter	1	3					40
Mt. Olive	Holmes	J. F. D. Richter	E. P. Creel	Bonifay								45
Mt. Zion	Washington	R. Harris	J. W. McKinnie		J. W. McKinnie	3						14
Mt. Wayfair												12
Mt. Ida												15
New Harmony	Washington	R. Harris	A. F. Register	Vernon	By Letter							13
Orange Hill	Washington	S. W. Lock	S. L. Daniels	Orange Hill	Wm. Sapp							12
Piney Grove	Jackson	S. W. Lock	J. D. Cutchin	Cottondale	G. W. Creamer	4						28
Pleasant Ridge	Washington	R. Harris	W. L. Casey	Pt. Washington	F. M. Grace	3	2	20	21	1		33
Pilgrim's Rest	Jackson											41
Pleasant Hill	Washington	J. E. Nixon	Robert Nixon	Nixon	D. G. Nixon, J. E. Nixon, E. Singleton	6						30
Unity	Washington	E. D. Nelson	L. H. Deal	Carville	By Letter	10		2	6			31
Wewahitchka	Calhoun	W. A. Bryan	L. R. Hollinger	Wewahitchka	By L. Connell, A. Bowen, W. J. Connell	1	6					50
White Pond	Jackson	S. W. Lock	Burris Kent	Cottondale	Frank Swails, J. Hovey	18	6					47
												41
Total						89	59	32	63	26	12	1117

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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	J. H. Wombwell	Sardis	467	"
7	1853	"	W. D. Horne	Bethlehem	568	147 30
8	1854	"	J. Drummond	Union Academy	193	84 50
9	1855	"	Stephen Rowe	Orange Hill	597	104 40
10	1856	"	"	Sardis	600	72 40
11	1857	"	"	Bethlehem	600	143 40
12	1858	"	"	Greenwood	423	158 00
13	1859	"	"	Grange Church	545	166 60
14	1860	W. B. Lacey	"	Campbellton	679	300 90
15	1861	"	"	"	774	200 00
16	1862	"	"	"	"	"
17	1863	W. B. Lacey	Stephen Rowe	Campbellton	"	"
18	1864	"	"	Greenwood	870	650 00
19	1865	"	"	Friendship	952	500 00
20	1866	"	"	Campbellton	1082	846 00
21	1867	W. H. Howell	"	Greenwood	1049	128 00
22	1868	"	"	Antioch	953	184 00
23	1869	W. H. Banks	"	Friendship	993	"
24	1870	"	W. F. Jordan	Smyrna	935	"
25	1871	T. E. Langley	"	Campbellton	654	127 00
26	1872	"	W. J. Daniel	Greenwood	739	154 00
27	1873	"	"	Cedar Pond	720	152 00
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29	1875	"	"	Campbellton	608	204 00
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40	1886	T. E. Langley	"	Greenwood	1018	231 15
41	1887	"	"	Magnolia	1067	263 80
42	1888	"	"	Chipley	1120	213 00
43	1889	"	"	Damascus	1377	266 92
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