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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; 2nd, Missions; 3rd, Finance; 4th, Temperance; 5th, Sabbath Schools; 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 Minutes.
18. Adjournment.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. P. Smith,	- -	Chipley;	R. C. B. Lawrence,	Dellwood.
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.
Benj. Urton,	- -	Chipley,	T. N. Knowls,	- St Andrews.
J. Deal,	- -	Campbellton,	L. T. Knizly,	- - Chipley.

### LICENSED MINISTERS.

J. H. Crutchfield, Eli English, and W. McIntosh, all of Graceville.

## MINUTES.

FRIDAY, OCT. 18, 1894.

The West Florida Baptist Association met this day in Ebenezer Church at 11, a. m. Services began by singing, "Soldiers of Christ." Elder Wm Sapp being absent the introductory sermon was preached by Elder M. J. Webb, from Ephesians, 6:11, "Put on the whole armour."

After services the Moderator requested the delegates to reassemble at 1:30 p. m., for organization. Dinner was then announced and all invited to partake.

### AFTERNOON SERVICES.

Promptly at 1:30, the delegates reassembled and after the reading of 147th, division of the Psalms by Rev. J. P. Smith, the body was led in prayer by Brother Benj Urton.

The Moderator request the following brethren, J. M. Stephens, W. R. Gainer, W. J. Daniel and E. Z. Taylor to read the church letters. The following churches and delegates were enrolled.

Appalachicola — S. M. Provence.  
 Bethlehem — C. H. Scott, Willie Rawls.  
 Bethel, — W. P. Richardson, W. McIntosh, Eli English.  
 Cottondale, — W. A. Walding.  
 Campbellton, — J. Deal, W. H. Deal, H. H. Hinson.  
 Chipley, — J. P. Smith, W. M. Farnior, Fred Hawk, D. H. Horn, Benj Urton.  
 Croxaton — By letter.  
 Damascus — G. B. Yawn, Berry Yawn, J. H. Taylor, J. H. Crutchfield.

Ephesus, — J. W. Johnson, F. J. Pilcher.  
 Ebenezer, — E. W. Sapp, W. C. Hickman, J. G. Morris.  
 Econfina, — W. R. Gainer, J. M. Porter.  
 Friendship, — J. M. Stephens, J. B. Williams, Sister Belle Dill.

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Greenwood, — C. A. Boone, A. Bevis, T. Applewhite.  
 Grassy Point, — J. S. Walsingham, J. H. Anderson.  
 Green Head, — A. Posey, Wm Walsingham.  
 Hickory Level, — S. Pumphry, W. T. Pumphry.  
 Marianna, — W. J. Daniel.  
 Mount Olive, — C. E. Still.  
 Mount Ida, — S. W. Robertson, G. W. Rodgers.  
 New Abizail, — F. Register.  
 New Harmony, — By letter.  
 Orange Hill, — L. S. Daniel.  
 Pilgrims Rest, — John M. Long, C. Tool.  
 Pinzy grove, — J. D. Cutchin, C. S. Lock, T. G. Lock, G. W. Creamer.  
 Pleasant Hill, — D. G. Nixon.  
 Pleasant Ridge, — F. M. Grace, G. W. Lee, H. Wise.  
 Unity, — B. F. Evans, J. Evans, Jas. Yates, R. C. Crofton.  
 Wewahitchka, — N. L. Cornell, A. P. Higgins, Sister E. Z. Taylor,  
 E. Z. Taylor.

White Pond, — F. Swails, E. Kent, W. Kent.  
 The following petitionary delegates and letters were enrolled.  
 New Salem, — A. O. Connor, J. H. Coley.  
 Borifay, — T. S. Scott,  
 Oakey Ridge, — W. H. Slay, W. T. Brock.  
 St Andrews, — M. J. Webb, V. D. Green, W. J. Singletery.  
 The body was then announced ready for a permanent organization.  
 Upon the motion the former Moderator and Clerk were elected by acclamation, and after remarks by the Moderator the body proceeded to business.

The following committee on preaching was appointed by the Moderator, F. M. Grace, J. B. Williams, S. Pumphry, and the delegates of Ebenezer Church.

By motion J. C. Porter, was allowed time to make some statements.

The following resolutions was adopted:

Resolved, that Article 1st of Decorum should read thus. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches and the ministers and pastors in our union should compose the Association.

The committee on preaching reported the following: J. C. Porter, at Vernon to-night 7:30, 11, a. m., to-morrow. S. W. Lock, at Ebenezer to-night.

After considering the request of the churches of Unity and Mount Olive for a change in the 11th, Article of Faith Brethren J. C. Porter, S. M. Provence, A. Bevis, and W. P. Richardson, made some very in-

teresting and instructive remarks and the body declined to recognize feet washing as a church ordinance.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator.

On Nomination, — C. Scott, A. Bevis, H. Wamble.

On Deceased Ministers, — S. Pumphrey, F. C. Hawks, E. C. Still, T. J. Pilcher.

On Documents, — G. B. Yawn, J. W. Johnson, Eli English, W. A. Walding.

On Temperance, — E. Z. Taylor, J. M. Stephens, G. W. Lee, H. Wise, E. S. Connell, J. W. Walsingham.

On Sabbath Schools, — D. H. Horn, W. Mc Intosh.

On Mission, — S. W. Lock, N. L. Connell, J. Deal, B. F. Evans.

On Publications, — J. P. Smith, Thos. Applewhite, A. T. Posey.

On Finance, — W. J. Daniel, A. P. Higgins, W. R. Gainer.

On Education D. H. Horn, W. M. Farrior, Miss E. S. Taylor.

Resolved, that this body meet at 8:30, a. m., and adjourn at pleasure.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At the appointed hour the body assembled in the house where the Moderator conducted devotional exercises. The 90th, Psalm was read and prayer offered by J. C. Porter.

Call for visitors, — Brethern S. M. Provence, and J. C. Porter, were welcomed to seats in the body, representing the State Board and Baptist Witness.

Correspondents were then called for, but there were none present.

Upon motion the report on Education was set for special order 2, p. m., tomorrow.

Report of Executive Committee. The committee made the verbal report, that it had employed Brethren H. Harris, and S. W. Lock, for two weeks each month at \$12.00 per month.

The report was adopted.

The committee appointed to erect a tombstone to the memory of Rev.

T. E. Langley, reported that the duty was performed.

The report was received and the committee discharged.

Upon motion a collection was taken to send the Baptist Witness to ministers who were unable to pay for same. Adjourned for preaching by J. C. Porter. At the arbor a large and attentive audience awaited to be taught. After singing the preacher read from memory the 7th. chapter of Mathew, and took his text from Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,"

After services dinner was spread on the grounds for every body and having partaken of the good things so abundantly provided the delegates reassembled at the house for business.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2, p. m., the body reassembled for work. Devotional exercises were opened by the Moderator followed by prayer by J. Deal.

The preaching committee reported the following. — W. P. Richardson at Ebenezer 7.30, to night, J. P. Smith, at Verno, 7:30 and W. A. Bryan. 11, a. m., to-morrow.

Committee on nominations made the following report. W. A. Bryan, to preach the next introductory sermon, S. W. Lock, alternate. W. J. Daniel, E. N. Deke, N. L. Connell, J. H. Stephens, and J. D. Forrester were recommended as the Executive Committee.

Report on Deceased Ministers. — We the committee on Decease of Ministers, ask to submit the following: We rejoice to say that no deaths have occurred among our ministers the past year, for which let us return thanks to God, who has so graciously blessed us.

S. Pumphrey, chairman.

Reports on Documents, read by G. B. Yawn, and adopted with amendment.

That this body meet with Campbellton Baptist Church at its next session on the Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1895.

Upon motion the following reports were appointed a special order: Sunday Schools at 9 a m; Ministerial Education, 9:30; Missions, 10:00.

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The report was read by E. Z. Taylor and pending its adoption was discussed by T. Scott and A. Bevis.

We your committee on Temperance submit the following:

Intemperance, that habit the Bible so often condemns, but which Satan so cunningly weaves; Brethren it demands our earnest efforts towards its suppression.

We believe that any member who signs a petition for the sale of intoxicants should be a subject of church discipline; we would also warn our brethren against breaking the laws of God and man by encouraging illicit distilling.

Drinking of intoxicants, is however, not the only intemperance. Let us guard ourselves against all excesses; "Be temperate in all things."

We would further urge the pastors and members to encourage the colored people to abandon their position and withdraw their aid from the liquor traffic. Respectfully submitted;

E. Z. Taylor.

Upon motion the Moderator appointed the following committee, Benj Urton, D. H. Horn and W. M. Farrior, whose duty it should be to draw

up resolutions setting forth the attitude of this body toward intemperance and its followers, and especially an appeal to the colored Baptists. The Committee reported the following:

An Appeal by the West Florida Baptist Association to the Colored Baptists of Florida:

Dear Brethren: In our Conventions and Associations we have passed strong resolutions, condemning the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating drinks, and we now appeal to your churches and pastors for help, believing that with the help of God we can do much against the liquor traffic. Believing drunkenness to be a powerfull enemy of religion, the source of crime, poverty, degredation, ignorance, and superstition, filling our jails, penitentiaries, poor-houses and insane asylums, and wrecking the homes of our land; remembering how God condemns drunkenness, and "whosoever putteth the bottle to his neighbors lips," and how Jesus taught that no drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven; we have recommended the exclusion of all white Baptists who by signing bar-room petitions encourage this traffic. And we now ask in behalf of our common interests in the great work of the church, will you not take action with us against the common foe, the bar-room, and urge your pastors to warn members against allowing their names on any paper, seeking to legalize the liquor traffic, for we find that many of the barroom petitions are signed almost entirely by colored people. None but those who are blinded by prejudice can fail to see that the interest of the whites and blacks of the south are the same. What elevates one race will elevate the other, and what degrades one race will have the same effect on the other. No thinking man will deny that the excessive use of intoxicants is degrading. The colored people just been released from bondage, and some of them think it is an abridgement of their rights to deny them the free use of intoxicating liquors, forgetting that whiskey itself is the most unrelenting and cruel of masters. If they wish to keep pace with the march of civilization, if they wish to be respected and esteemed by both whites and blacks let them conduct themselves soberly and array themselves in the ranks of those who are fighting King Alcohol the common enemy of all mankind of whatever race or color.

Work and pray to this end and may that Great Head of the Church direct you in all your deliberations is our prayer.

Done by order of the West Florida Baptist Association in session, Oct, 21st, 1894.

Benj Urton,

W. M. Farrior.

E. Z Taylor.

## REPORT ON WEST FLORIDA UNION MEETINGS.

The following are delegates to attend the meeting at Cottondale in December: W. R. Gainer, John Anderson, Geo. Lee, J. M. Stephens, S. L. Daniels, R. Harris, N. L. Connell, W. J. Daniel, A. Bevis, D. H. Horn.

## DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION.

J. P. Smith, Benj Urton, M. J. Webb, W. A. Bryan, A. Bevis, A. P. Higgins, E. Z. Taylor, A. Harris, S. W. Lock, W. M. Farrior. To Southern Convention: W. A. Bryan.

The following resolution was adopted: That that the ministerial funds personal pledges and collections be equally divided between brethren Lawrence and Osborne.

## FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS.

1st, 5th Sunday, at Cottondale; 2nd, 5th Sunday at Campbellton; 3rd, 5th Sunday, at St Andrews; 4th, 5th Sunday, at Friendship.

Resolved: That the clerk be authorized to furnish blank letters that the church clerks may furnish statistics of church and Sunday-school work. Report on finance read and adopted.

Resolved: That all members of this Association be considered delegates to the corresponding Associations.

## REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

From April, 1st to October, 20th 1894, Labored two weeks in each month at \$12 00 per month. Miles traveled 893; Sermons preached, 65; Prayers, 153; Sunday School lectures; 3; Received by baptism, 17; received by letter, 29; received by restoration, 9; awaiting baptism, 1; churches organized, 3; Sunday-schools organized, 1; Bibles sold, 10; Bibles given away, 2; Testaments sold, 2; Testaments given away, 12; found families without Bibles, 2; pages of tracts distributed, 1,000; sold Home Field, 4; sold Foreign Journal, 4; received in the field, \$1.

S. W. Lock.

## MISSIONARY REPORT.

April 1st, to October 20th, 1894. — Miles traveled, 989; Sermons preached, 62; prayed with families, 113; received by baptism, 11; by letter, 7; by restoration, 5; Sunday schools organized, 4; Women's mission societies, 1; collected and turned over, \$3; collected for church building, \$7; served as pastor, churches, 4, stations, 5; pages of tracts distributed, 2,000; Bibles sold, 3; Testaments sold, 5; Mission Journal, 12; Baptist Hand Book, 18; subscribers for Witness, 4; Foreign Journal, 12; Home Field, 12. Received for salary, \$48. Gave two weeks in each month @ \$12, per month.

R. Harris.

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

1893,	By amount on hand last report,	-	-	\$ 75.57
Oct. 23,	" " Received from Association,	-	-	281.45
" 23,	Paid W. M. Farrior, clerk,	-	-	\$ 20 00
" 23,	" Robert Harris,	-	-	29 20
1894:				
Feb. 26,	" J. C. Porter, printing minutes,	-	-	35 00
Mch, 12,	" W. N. Chaudoin,	-	-	10 68
May, 29,	" Robert Harris,	-	-	24 00
" 29,	" S. H. Locke,	-	-	12 00
Jun, 18,	" " "	-	-	12 00
Jul, 18,	" " "	-	-	12 00
Aug, 2,	" Robert Harris,	-	-	24 00
" 25,	" S. H. Locke,	-	-	12 00
Sep, 22,	" Robert Harris,	-	-	24 00
" 25,	" S. H. Locke,	-	-	12 00
	Balance October 18, 1894,	-	-	1,30 14

## PLEDGES FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Mrs. E. S. Taylor,	- \$ 5 00,	L. T. Knizley,	- - \$ 5 00,
R Harris,	- - 1 00,	Walter McIntosh,	- - 1 00,
S Pumphrey,	- - 5 00,	H Hinson,	- - 2 00,
W R Gainer,	- - 2 00,	T P Lawence,	- - 5 00,
Benj Urton,	- - 1 00,	W I Singleterry,	- - 1 00,
D H Horn and sons,	- 5 00,	J T Bowers,	- - 1 00,
Mis P Applewhite,	- 1 00,	Miss P J Evans,	- - 2 00,
Mrs. V Pippin,	- 1 00,	W H Register,	- - 1 00,
W H Deal,	- 1 00,	Jas. H Crutchfield,	- - 1 00,
J P Smith,	- 1 00,	W C Lockey,	- - 10 00,
W P Richardson,	- 1 00,	F C Hawks,	- - 1 00,
J M Stephens,	- 1 00,	J Deal,	- - 1 00,
N L Connell,	- 1 00,	J. B Williams, jr.,	- - 2 00,
Henry Wise,	- 1 00,	B F Evans,	- - 2 00,
W M Farrior,	- 10 00,	W A Bryan,	- - 4 00,
Mrs. E. J Mitchell,	- 3 00,	Mrs. N L Connell,	- - 1 00,
Mrs. E J Roach,	- 1 00,	Miss Juliet Mitchell,	- - 2 00,
D G Nixon,	- 2 59,	T J Pilcher,	- - 1 00,
M J Webb,	- 1 00,	J D Jones,	- - 1 00,

### THIRD DAY — MORNING SESSION.

At the usual hour the delegates assembled for business. Devotional Exercises were conducted by the Moderator and after the reading of the 92nd, Psalm, Elder R. C. B. Lawrence, led in prayer.

Brother Provence being quite sick of fever, the body offered special prayer for his recovery. A. Bevis led in prayer.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION:

Your committee elected at the last Association to whom the Educational interest of the West Florida Association was committed, comes to make its first report with glad hearts and great gratitude to our God and Saviour for the success with which we have met, and the favor which seems to smile upon your enterprise of giving aid to the Lord's living ministry.

It has been the crowning glory, and one of the chief characteristics of the Baptist churches that whomsoever the Lord should call to preach His everlasting gospel, the churches would immediately recognize and sanction the going forth of the called one to tell the "old, old story" to perishing souls. It has followed, as an unavoidable consequence, that many very many have gone out to preach full of the spirit of the Master, but un-equipped as to education.

It is a burden and a pleasure and a divinely enjoined duty for the churches thus recognizing the Lord's hand in the matter, to help these men to better prepare to deliver the heavenly message to humanity; and for this purpose and to that end, this committee was created and has labored cheerfully during the past twelve months.

Our financial report will better tell of our success, and notwithstanding that we desired to do and accomplish more, we are thankful for what has been done.

We beg this body to continue the efforts begun this year by appointing a similar committee and bidding them God Speed. We are now ready to receive applications by ministers who would like to take advantage of our educational institutions and promise to give their applications due consideration. O! that our churches may bestir themselves to this great work for the glory of God!

We have raised from all sources \$118.35, which is now in the hands of our treasurer.

E. S. Taylor, chairman,  
D. H. Horn,  
W. M. Farrior, Treasurer.

### II.

Upon motion Elder E. J. Webb was given time to speak in behalf of his church at St Andrews, and to secure assistance for building a church-house at that place.

Resolved: That the clerk have 900 copies of the minutes printed for distribution to the churches and that he be paid \$20 for his services.

#### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The committee on Sabbath Schools have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to make the following report:

We find there to be thirty-three churches in the Association. There are sixteen of them reported as having Sabbath Schools. We regret our inability to give the vital statistics of all the Sabbath Schools within the bounds of the Association. We most respectfully, but earnestly recommend to the churches that have Sabbath Schools, to report at each session of this body a tabulated statement of their schools. We are, as a denomination, occupying a higher plane, than at any previous time, on the subject of Sabbath Schools. They are better attended, better officered, better supplied with literature in better variety. Parents and guardians are more in earnest in seeing that their children and wards attend regularly and promptly. In addition to all this, every church in the Association stands pledged to organize a Sabbath School at its earliest convenience, and to run it all the year round without going into winter quarters, as is the custom. We have gathered the following information from the partial reports of schools as stated in the letters:

Number of schools, 16; of pupils enrolled, 417; of officers, 59; of volumes, 50; money expended, \$62.20.

And now we trust that the churches will render better reports the coming year.

D. H. Horn, chairman.

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Read by S. W. Lock, and pending its adoption, discussion by S. W. Lock, Benj. Irton, and W. A. Bryan.

Your Committee on Missions would submit the following report.

We learn from the reading of the letters that although much good has been done, the fields are yet white to harvest, but the laborers are few. We continue to recommend the pledge system and urge that the pastors stimulate a missionary spirit among their church members using every available means to educate the people in this work.

We recommend that Appalachicola, St Andrews, and all other points be speedily looked after and supplied. Respectfully submitted.

S. W. Lock.

Amended by adding that all pastors in this Association be requested to preach a missionary sermon at least once in six months.

Pending the adoption of the forgoing report the pledges for missions were taken.

PLEDGES FOR MISSIONS.			
J. Deal, - - -	\$ 1 00,	E. D. Nelson, - . .	\$ 1 00,
T. Scott, - - -	1 00,	Mrs. A. F. Register, -	1 00,
A. T. Posey, - -	1 00,	L. T. Knizley, - - -	1 00,
Mrs. C. Simmons, -	1 00,	Mrs. N. L. Connell, -	1 00,
N. L. Connell, - -	1 00,	J. T. Winsor, - - -	50,
Mrs. S. Morris, - -	1 00,	W. P. Roach, - - -	1 00,
G. F. Gainer, - - -	2 50,	G. F. Gainer, jr, - . .	2 00,
Wm Walsingham - - -	50,	Chiple Church, - - -	25 00,
W. C. Lockety, - - -	2 00,	Wewahitchka, - - -	10 00,
A. P. Higgins, - - -	10 00,	J. R. Hollinger, - - -	5 00,
R. J. Higgins, - - -	5 00,	J. M. Stephens, - - -	1 00,
W. P. Richardson, -		J. R. Morris, - - -	5 00,
W. Mc Intosh, - - -	5 00,	Geo Crofton, - - -	1 00,
Eli English, - - -		B. V. Gainer, - - -	1 00,
H. Wamble, - - -		Thos Morris, - - -	5 00,
W. A. Bryan, - - -	4 00,	Jno Bruner, - - -	2 50,
Cash collected, - - -	7 20,	Total, - - -	\$ 98.00,

#### REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

R. Harris, read and adopted.

#### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS,

Read by J. P. Smith, and pending its adoption, was discussed by J. C. Porter, Benj Urton, R. Harris, and S. M. Provence.

Your committee on Publication would submit the following report:

Inasmuch as the religious status and spiritual fervor of our people is determined largely by the kind of reading matter furnished them, we would heartily recommend the judicious selection of that kind of literature that would secure the best ends. To inspire missionary zeal every Baptist family should subscribe for and read the Foreign Mission Journal. Of course our Sunday Schools ought to be provided with suitable helps, and these may be amply supplied by the Sunday School Board at Nashville, and also by the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia.

In addition to these we would recommend with emphasis our state paper The Florida Baptist Witness, and further insist that this Association adopt some plan, or inaugurate methods by which to increase its circulation.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

After refreshments the delegates re-assembled.

Following the singing the body was led in prayer by W. McIntosh.

The resolution of thanks read by Benj Urton, was adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved: That the thanks of this body are due and are heartily tendered the members of the Ebenezer Church, and the people of that vicinity for their generous entertainment of this body during the stay among them.

As an amendment to the former report on education the following was adopted.

Resolved: That the Association leave to the Executive Committee on Ministerial Education all funds of this department to be used for the benefit of ministers in the West Florida Association.

The farewell sermon was preached by Elder Benj Urton, from Acts 1:33, the subject being, Model Hearers. After the parting hymn, and hand shaking the body was led in prayer.

After a pleasant prosperous and harmonious session the body adjourned to meet with Campbellton Baptist Church the Friday before the 3rd, Sunday Oct, 1895.

W. A. BRYAN, Moderator,

W. M. FARRIOR, Clerk.



## DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches ministers, and pastors, 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 read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be discussed, and if there is a majority for discussion, it shall be taken up and considered, if not it shall be withdrawn, provided, always, those be 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 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 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 case 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 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 assistant, if they deem it to be necessary; 5th, to appoint a Clerk to keep the record 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. 23; 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; 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, 59; Psa. xiv. 9; 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 be finally lost.—John x. 29, 30, vi, 27; 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 they only justify us to the 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 disorderly, either in principle or practice, and must be faithfully keep 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	Womens' Mission Society	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers
Appalachicola,	4 00		5 00	1 00				3 70
Bethlehem		4 00		1 00	50			
Bethel		2 50		75				
Bonifay				50	50			
Cottondale,		4 50		50				
Campbelton	2 50		6 75	1 00				
Chipley				1 50	18 80		5 00	
Cromaton				25				
Damascus		3 75		1 50	25			
Epesus				1 50				
Ebenezer		2 52		50	50			
Econfinia		1 00			1 35			
Friendship				1 00	7 23			
Greenwood	5 00	16 25		1 00	3 00			
Grassy Point			3 00	50	25		40	
Green Head		1 05		25	25			
Hickory Level	1 00	1 00		40	1 00			
Marianna	3 00	3 00	5 00	1 10	5 00			2 00
Mt Olive		1 00		50				
Mt Ida		1 65		25				
New Abigail				25	75			
New Harmony				50	1 50			
New Salem		1 00		25	25			
Orange Hill		1 55		25				
Oakey Ridge		75		25				
Pilgrims' Rest		2 00		70				
Piney Grove		1 25		50	50		25	
Pleasant Hill	50	50		50	3 25		1 50	
Pleasant Ridge		2 10		50	50			
St Andrews				1 00				
Unity		75		25				
White Pond	1 00	1 00		50				
Wewahitchka	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	29 00		58 45	5 00
Cash Collections					25 45			
Total	22 00	58 12	24 75	21 95	99 83		65 60	10 70

**STATISTICAL TABLE.**

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST-OFFICES	Rec'd by Baptism,	Rec'd by letter,	Restored,	Dismissed by Letter,	Excluded,	Died,	Total,
Appalachicola	Franklin,	S W Lock	Jn TDavis	Appalachicola	5	1		2	11	23	
Bethlehem	Jackson	W P Richardson	W A Swearingen	Cottondale	11	1	2	11	10	58	
Bethel	Holmes,	T S Scott	J W Richardson	Chipley	3	3			2	42	
Bonifay	"		R Jordan	Bonifay						6	
Cottondale,	Jackson	J P Smith	A F Thomas	Cottondale	10	1		1		9	
Campbelton	"	J D Smith	R A Renfro	Campbelton	19	6	1	1	4	52	
Chipley	Washington	M J Webb	J D Farris	Chipley	4	1		1	4	95	
Dromatou	"	W A Cumbria	E P Kenny	St Andrews	6	1		1		12	
Damascus	Jackson	J Deal	G B Yawn	Graceville	4	1	2	5	2	81	
Epesus	"	R Harris	M Christmas	Campbellton	3	4	1	2		50	
Ebenezer	Washington	R Harris	W P Roach	Vernon	2		4	13	1	29	
Econfina	"	R Harris	J W Gainer	Econfina						26	

Friendship	Jackson	J W Herndon	J M Stephens	Zoe, Ala.,	9	2		2	2	103	
Greenwood	"	J J White	T G Alsbrooks	Greenwood	5	7		1	1	46	
Grassy Point	Washington	R Harris	Jno H Anderson	St Andrews	7	1	2	5	1	32	
Green Head	"	Geo Crofton	W Walsingham	Cottondale						12	
Hickory Level	Jackson	E D Nelson	W T Pumphrey	Marianna	12	2	6	1	1	50	
Marianna	"	J P Smith	J N Wilson	Bonifay	9	3	1	5	1	42	
Mt Olive	Holmes	J F D Richter	R E Jordan	Wausau	2	1				42	
Mt Ida	Washington	E D Nelson	S W Robinson	Vernon	3					16	
New Abigail	"	E D Nelson	F Register	Chipley	3	1		3			
New Harmony	"	D W Creamer	J A Jordan	Marianna						12	
New Salem	"	J E Nixon	D E McQuage	Orange Hill	12	1	13	1		16	
Orange Hill	"	S W Lock	S L Daniel	Orange Hill						14	
Oakey Ridge	"	S W Lock	W H Slay	Cottondale						56	
Pilgrims' Rest	Jackson	J M Long	C C Shoupppe	"	7	2	3	9	2	49	
Piney Grove	"	S W Lock	J D Cutchin	Nixon	3	6			1	32	
Pleasant Hill	"	S W Lock	Robt Nixon	Pt Washington	2	2				19	
Pleasant Ridge	Washington	R Harris	L Casey	St Andrews	4	1	2			29	
St Andrews	"	M J Webb	V D Green	Clarkson	16	13			1	59	
Unity	"	Geo Crofton	B F Evans	Chipley	8					40	
White Pond	Jackson	S W Lock	Burris Kent	Wewahitchka	4	2	4	2	2	52	
Wewahitchka	Calhoun	S M Provence	J R Hollinger		5	4					
Total,					159	94	28	65	67	13	204

287  
145  
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STATISTICS.

S	Year.	Moderators.	Clerks.	Churches.	No	Mis- sions.
3	1849	D. P. Everett	E. Minching	Union Academy	464	34 93
4	1850	J. Mercer	"	Bethlehan	460	119 15
5	1851					
6	1852	J. Mercer	J. H. Wombweil	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	" "	" "	Saadis	600	143 40
11	1857	" "	" "	Bethlehem	423	158 00
12	1858	" "	" "	Greenwood	545	166 90
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	816 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	946	105 00
35	1881	" "	W. J. Daneil	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	" "	" "	Magonolia	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	580 90
46	1892	" "	" "	Piney Grove	950	147 40
47	1893	" "	" "	Wewahitchka	1117	200 00
48	1894	" "	" "	Ebenezer	1204	401 10

