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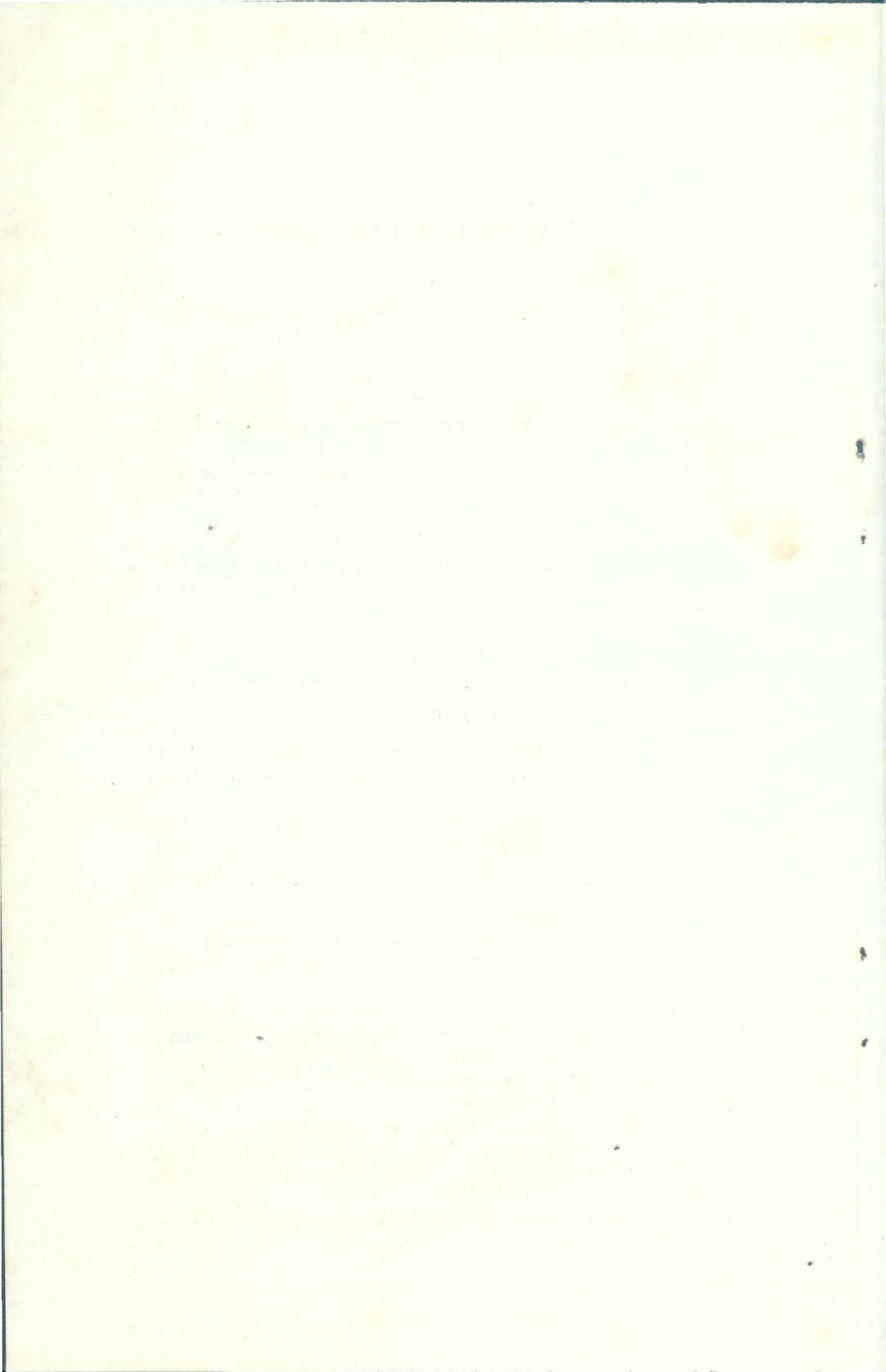
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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION.

The Second session of the Free Will Baptist State Convention, of Alabama, met with Mount Olive church of the Jasper Association, near Guin, Ala., Nov. 5th, 1908.

The body was led in the devotional service by the moderator, Rev. Woods Springfield, prayer by Wm. T. Kendrick.

The moderator made an able address setting forth the object and purposes of the convention engaging the attention and interest of the audience. Dinner was served on the grounds.

Afternoon Session.

The convention was called together by singing. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Conner.

The program was read.

The body was then organized for business.

Enrollment of delegates and members were as follows; viz,

Mount Moriah Association—Rev. Woods Springfield and Rev. J. E. Mathas.

Jasper Association—Rev. J. L. Conner and Rev. J. J. Wesley.

Cahaba River Association—Rev. Wm. T. Kendrick.

Bear Creek Association—Rev. Porter Duboise.

Members, Rev. R. C. Flippo, Rev. G. C. Elliot, Rev. S. M. Perkins, Rev. J. G. Boyett.

Permanent officers elected as follows; viz, For permanent moderator, Rev. Woods Springfield, assistant moderator, Rev. J. J. Wesley, secretary, Rev. Wm. T. Kendrick, assistant secretary, Rev. J. L. Conner, treasurer, Rev. W. T. Kendrick.

The moderator invited visiting brethren to seats.

It was ordered that we correspond with Rev. G. W. Cherry and the Ga., Ala., State Line Association by sending minutes.

On motion, by Rev. J. L. Conner, the item of the pro-

gram for preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. was adopted.

On devotion, the moderator appointed the following: Bros. A. J. Westbrook, E. D. Flurry, J. A. Nelson, W. S. Flippo with the deacons of Mt. Olive (this) church.

The moderator appointed the following committees: Publication, literature and education—Revs. J. G. Boyett, J. E. Mathas and W. T. Kendrick.

Sabbath Schools—Revs. J. L. Conner, Porter Duboise and S. M. Perkins.

Temperance—Revs. J. J. Wesley, R. C. Flippo and J. E. Mathas.

Finance—Bros. W. H. Estes and J. C. Wates.

Correspondence—Revs. Wm. T. Kendrick, J. L. Conner and J. G. Boyett.

Petitions and requests—Revs. Porter Duboise and S. M. Perkins.

Memorials—The secretaries.

On motion, the remainder of the program was adopted.

The devotional committee reported as follows: Rev. Woods Springfield preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock and Rev. J. E. Mathas tomorrow night at 7 p. m.

It was decided that a memorial service should be conducted tomorrow at 1:30 in honor of our much beloved brother, Rev. W. A. Nelson.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8:30.

Friday Morning.

The devotional service was conducted by the moderator who read the 21st Psalm. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Mathas.

The secretary read the minute of the preceeding day which stood approved.

On motion by William T. Kendrick, each session of the state convention shall be composed of the ministers and delegates of the associations belonging thereto and any other of our ministers in good standing who join the convention.

The item of the program—Missions and money was discussed by the following: W. T. Kendrick, Rev. Porter Duboise. The subject was laid over until the afternoon session. Adjourned for preaching etc.

11 a. m., Rev. Woods Springfield preached an able

sermon, text, Rom. 10:12,13,14, and 15.

Dinner was served on the grounds.

1:30 p. m., Rev. Woods Springfield was elected to conduct the memorial service in honor of our deceased brother, the Rev. W. A. Nelson whose remains rest in the grave yard of Mount Olive church and in whose honor the state convention was called to meet at this place. It was fitting that the convention meet in honor of its distinguished assistant moderator and supporter and founder of the Jasper Association. Rev. W. A. Nelson was a most lovable Christian gentleman, a gifted minister, a fine speaker and commanded a fine appearance, a noble bearing and a charming personality. He was eminent in good natural ability and individuality.

He was doubly honored in his home churches that he organized and served as pastor. He is also loved and honored by those of short acquaintance. His memory will be cherished by those who knew him through life. His works will live through eternity. "It is appointed unto man once to die, after that the judgment." "In the midst of life we are in death" and yet "Blessed are they who die in the Lord," 'Yea saith the spirit, they rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." And whereas, the Lord doeth all things well we bow in humble submission to his "It is enough." Among the great, death could have struck no greater mark than that of our beloved brother, the Rev. W. A. Nelson, who at the time of his demise was the moderator of the Jasper Association and assistant moderator of the F. B. State Convention. He ably stood for the great temperance cause and when victory was almost in sight, he dropped the cross to take the crown and left the church militant to be with church triumphant.

THE SECRETARIES.

Afternoon Session.

1:30 p. m. A very impressive service in memoriam of our highly esteemed brother, Rev. W. A. Nelson, was held. Several spoke in highest terms of him.

The subject of missions and money was taken up and discussed by Rev. J. J. Wesley, Rev. Wm. T. Kendrick, Rev. Woods Springfield and Rev. J. L. Conner.

The subject was laid over until morning. Adjourned to meet at 8:30 tomorrow.

7:30 p. m. Rev. J. E. Mathis preached a powerful Gospel sermon. Text—St. John 19:30, "It is finished."

Saturday Morning Nov. 7th.

The devotional service was conducted by the assistant moderator, Rev. J. J. Wesley.

Re-opened for discussion the combined subject, of the program—missions and money, how to raise money, missions, our field, our duty etc.

Discussion—Rev. Woods Springfield, Rev. J. L. Conner Rev. G. C. Elliott, Wm. T. Kendrick and Rev. J. G. Boyett.

On motion by Rev. Porter Duboise, the executive committee be and is hereby empowered to make arrangements and select Evangelists to work under the committee's direction.

An opportunity was then given for pledges to support state mission work.

Personal pledges were made as follows: Rev. Woods Springfield, \$1.00 per month; Rev. J. E. Mathas, \$1.00 per month; Rev. Wm. T. Kendrick, \$1.00; Rev. J. L. Conner, 50c per month; Rev. Porter Duboise, 50c per month; Rev. S. M. Perkins paid \$5.00; Rev. G. C. Elliott paid \$5.00.

The following resolution was passed, that each pastor in each association in the state, place the mission question regularly before each church and raise as much as possible and send amount raised at each time to state treasurer, Wm. T. Kendrick, McCalla, Ala.

On motion by Rev. J. E. Mathas, the chair was authorized to appoint the executive committee. The chair appointed Rev. Wm. T. Kendrick, chairman, Rev. J. L. Conner, Rev. J. D. Byars.

On motion by Rev. J. E. Mathas, the executive committee is authorized to write letters of correspondence and appoint delegates to other state conventions.

Note—the executive committee expects to appoint only those who love the cause well enough and pay their own expenses.

The committees were called on to report.

The reports were made and received. See reports of committees.

The secretary was authorized to prepare the minute for the press and receive five dollars for the same.

The body as per recommendation of committee on petitions, decided that the next session of the convention convene with the McCalla church on Friday night before the first Sunday in Nov. 1909. The McCalla church is one mile from the McCalla station on the A. G. S. R. R. and four miles S. W. on straight-forward macadamized road from end of the electric car line in Jonesboro. McCalla is 17 miles S. W. of Birmingham, Ala. and 5 miles S. W. of Bessemer.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Almighty God for his manifest presence in spirit during this session and also to Mt Olive church and community for kindness and hospitality.

On motion, the convention adjourn to meet with McCalla church on Friday night before the first Sunday in Nov. 1909.

Prayer by Rev. John L. Conner.

The parting hand was taken amid shouts of great joy.

REV. WOODS SPRINGFIELD, Moderator.

REV. J. J. WESLEY, Assistant Moderator.

WM. T. KENDRICK, Secretary,

REV. J. L. CONNER, Ass't. Secretary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

PUBLICATION, LITERATURE AND EDUCATION—We your committee on publication, literature and education submit the following: We recommend the continued use of our existing establishments for the present. We recommend the loyal use of our own literature. We recommend that our people take greater interest in the education of their children, training the mind to think the heart to feel and the body to act in true accord with the true teachings of the Bible. Education gives power. By it we are made to more fully comprehend and understand the truth, the pure and beautiful. It brings to light the gems of individual life. Its demand was never greater than now. Young men entering the ministry should be encouraged and aided in thorough preparation for so grand a calling. Respectfully submitted.

Committee.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—We your committee on Sabbath schools beg leave to submit the following: As we are not supplied with statistics, we cannot tell what is be-

ing done for the Sabbath school cause, and, whereas, the great state of Alabama is now pushing the Sabbath school work with much vigor and the signs of success are already apparent. We urge the Free Will Baptist of the Convention of Alabama, to enter heartily into direct co-operation with the state Sabbath school work and push the work until every school shall be an ever-green school, and to do this it is necessary to organize at every church house in the state, not a Free Will Baptist school but a co-operative school and make liberal contributions to support same, also to pray much about the work.

J. L. CONNER, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE—We your committee on temperance after due deliberation beg leave to submit the following:

1. We note with pleasure the advanced ground the Free Will Baptist and Christian people are taking on the temperance question.

2. It is the opinion of the body that no one may countenance the legalization, manufacture, sale or use of intoxicating liquors without committing a crime against God and man. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That any member guilty of making, selling or using intoxicating liquors, is subject to discipline or expulsion from the church. Be it

Resolved further, That we uncerimoniously and unqualifiedly condemn any minister of any denomination or church who drinks or encourages anyone to use the same as a beverage.

J. J. WESLEY,
J. E. MATHAS,
Committee.

FINANCE—We your committee on finance report the following for minute funds:

Mt. Moriah Association paid \$5; J. G. Boyett, 25c; Jasper Association, \$5; Liberty Association charged \$5. paid \$1.00 Nov. 7th; Bear Creek Association, charged \$5; Cahaba River Association, paid \$5.

W. H. ESTES, Chairman.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS—We your committee on petitions and requests report as follows: We find two petitions asking for the the next session of the State Convention. We recommend that a vote of the body decide it, and also that the time for holding the conven-

tion be changed to Friday night before the first Sunday in November.

Organization of delegates Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. Introductory Sat. 11 a. m.

REV. PORTER DUBOISE,
REV. S. M. PERKINS.
Committee.

EVANGELIST REPORT.

Report of Rev. Woods Springfield, State Evangelist of Ala., From Sept. 1907 to Nov. 1908.

Associations visited: Mount Moriah home association Cahaba River, twice; Vernon, twice; Jasper, once in state convention. Churches organized two, one in the Mt. Moriah association, and one in the Vernon association.

Names of churches where work was done and amounts paid by each and number of members churches received.

Mt. Moriah, members 13 paid none, Macedonia, none received paid \$4.20; Shiloh, members 6, paid \$6; Tabernacle none received, paid \$6.51; Union Hill, members 1, paid \$3.45; Hattie's Chapel, members 6, paid \$8.85; Mt. Zion, members 1, and \$7.65;

All in Mount Moriah Association.

New Hope, received from mission fund \$20.00; McCalla, \$8.92.

Both in Cahaba River Association.

Friendship, Beaverton and Union Chapel, none; three in Vernon Association.

Mission points worked at and number members received 26; Kerr school house, \$11.05; Alliance Hall, (now Union Hill church), \$6.05; Kirk school house, Buhl Station, \$2.25; Arbor Springs, \$3.43; amounts received from mission fund, Mt. Moriah Association, \$81.05; Cahaba River Association, \$20.00; Total \$123.83; Vernon (new church) \$23.85.

Number services church and mission, 115; miles traveled, 26.93; railroad expenses to Triennial conference at Nashville Tenn., \$18.90. This equally paid by Mt. Moriah church and Cahaba River Association.

Note—As the State Evangelist's report comprehends the executive committee's report and also the treasurer's report these reports are omitted from this minute. WM. T. KENDRICK, Chm. Ex. Com. and Treas.

P. S. Each association may if it chooses send three laymen delegates to each session of the convention. Each association is entitled to three delegates.

Note—Evangelist's doing work aided by mission fund must report, time, amount of work, where, result prospects, amount, received from each place to chairman of executive committee once a month regularly, or oftener in writing.

WM. T. KENDRICK, Chm. Ex. Com.

ROLL OF MINISTERS, 1908.

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

J. W. Alexander,	Lynn	Ala.
W. L. Delaney	Tharptown	"
P. H. Drain	Moulton	"
Portor Duboise	Phil Campbell	"
H. P. Foster	Concord	"
W. C. McCombs,	Crews	"
E. B. Poole	Natural Bridge	"
W. P. Scott	Phil Campbell	"
R. P. Shadrix	Double Springs	"
F. R. Skelton		"

Cahaba River Association.

D. L. Baker	Sterrett	Ala.
N. M. Davis	Coalville	"
J. H. Grimes	Coalville	"
Ezekiel Isbell	Vandiver	"
T. W. Jones	Sprotts	"
Wm. T. Kendrick	McCalla	"
W. J. Vest	Pratt City	"
J. J. Miner	Vandiver	"

Liberty Association.

N. G. Baggett	Brewton	Ala.
W. H. Bailey	Jones Mills	"
A. J. Browning	Hammac	"
J. A. Burk	Appleton	"
N. T. Caldwell	Bluff Springs	Fla.
R. T. Coleman	Perdido Station	Ala.
C. C. Hanks	Brat	Fla.
J. W. Joiner	Nokomis	Ala.
G. W. Little	Canoe Station	"

W. J. Morgan.....	Wallace.....	"
W. H. Nowling.....	Jay.....	Fla.
Warren Renfroe.....	Flomaton.....	Ala.
W. L. Rowland.....	Range.....	"
J. J. Thomley.....	Perdido Station.....	"
W. R. Thompson.....	Perdido Station.....	"
B. S. Wallace.....	College Hill.....	"

Jasper Association.

W. B. Benson.....	Carbon Hill.....	Ala.
S. W. Brooks.....	Hacklebourg.....	"
W. M. Busbee.....	Nauvoo.....	"
T. M. Canup.....	Brilliant.....	"
J. E. Cockran.....	Brilliant.....	"
J. L. Conner.....	Twin.....	"
G. C. Elliott.....	Brilliant.....	"
G. W. Flippo.....	Pierce's Mill.....	"
H. B. Fowler.....	Galloway.....	"
W. H. Ingram.....	Brilliant.....	"
M. R. Martin.....	Brilliant.....	"
R. A. Nix.....	Sunshine.....	"
S. B. Ramsey.....	Pleasant Site.....	"
E. C. Thomas.....	Twin.....	"

Mt. Moriah Association.

W. R. Latham.....	Gordo.....	Ala.
J. S. Hinton.....	McConnell's.....	"
J. M. Pinkerton.....	McConnell's.....	"
W. B. Montgomery.....	McConnell's.....	"
J. D. Byars.....	Millport.....	"
J. E. Mathas.....	Millport.....	"
W. J. Harben.....	Kuykendall.....	"
Woods Springfield.....	McShan.....	"

Jasper Association Statistical Table for 1906, Twentieth Annual Session.

CHURCHES COUNTIES.	PASTORS	Baptized	Rec by Letter	Dis by Letter	Rec on Con	Restored	Died	Excluded	Meeting Days	No Members	Minute Fund
Mt Olive, Marion	J J Wesley	1	3	1	1	3	3	3	123	\$2 50	
Beech Grove, Walker.....	J W Moore.....	13	3	1	3	3	4	4	81	1 00	
Mt Pleasant, Marion.....	J J Wesley.....	1	2	1	1	1	4	4	71	1 45	
Oak Grove, Walker.....	W P Scott.....	2	1	1	1	1	4	4	18	50	
N Oak Grove, Walker,...	F R Skelton...	1	5	1	3	2	3	1	63	1 00	
Friendship, Marion.....	.....	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	58	1 00	
Pleasant Grove, Marion	J W Porter...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	50	
Gum Springs, Marion.....	J L Conner.....	7	3	3	3	4	4	4	61	1 60	
Union Chapel, Marion...	J L Conner.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	1	14	60	
Union Hill, Marion.....	G C Elliott...	3	9	1	1	9	4	100	1 15		
Free Waters, Marion	G C Elliott.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	33	85		
Liberty, Marion.....	J L Conner... 8	7	.....	.....	.....	1	96	1 20			
Fairview, Franklin.....	T M Canup.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	50				
Pleasant Ridge, Miss.....	T M Canup... 7	3	2	1	1	1	88	2 00			
N Mt Joy, Marion.....	J J Wesley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	50				
Shady Grove, Franklin...	G C Elliott... 6	16	1	2	77	80					
Brilliant, Marion.....	G C Elliott.....	2	.....	.....	36	1 05					
Pearce's Chapel, Marion	W A Nelson.....	.....	.....	4	25						
Pocahontas, Walker.....	W A Nelson.. 2	3	.....	1	60	2 00					
Union Valley, Walker.....	J W Moore... 6	4	3	2	36	75					
Union Grove, Walker.....	W A Nelson.....	.....	.....	13	50						
New Hope, Walker.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt Hope, Franklin.....	T M Canup.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	35	50			

Liberty Association Statistics Fifteenth Annual Session for 1906.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	No. Members.	Paid Pastors	Meeting Days
Shiloh.....	R. T. Coleman.....	39	\$22 80	1st
New Home.....	J. B. Ray	30	18 10	3rd
Harvest Home.....	N. T. Cardwell.....	57	27 70	3rd
Friendship	J. J. Thomley.....	61	25 00	1st
Mt. Willing.....	N. G. Baggett.....	78	.....	2nd
Shady Grove.....	W. H. Nowling.....	24	12 75	3rd
Macedonia.....	J. J. Thomley.....	52	23 84	2nd
Union Grove.....	N. G. Baggett.....	30	16 47	.....
Antioch.....	R. T. Coleman.....	23	2 40	3rd
Dry Springs.....	J. W. Jones.....	39	2 40	4th
Pilgrims Rest.....	J. B. Ray.....	52	22 35	2nd
Pleasant Plains.....	J. J. Thomley.....	32	13 27	2nd
Good Hope.....	W. H. Nowling.....	12	8 60	1st
Juniper Grove.....	N. G. Baggett.....	35	32 25	3rd
Liberty.....	G. W. Little.....	18	14 15	3rd
Midway.....	D. N. Rowland.....	60	.....	1st
Love Well.....	H. N. Smith.....	22	25 85	2nd
Mt. Sherron.....	J. W. Joiner.....	6	.....	1st

Bear Creek Association Statistical Table for 1906 Tenth Session.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Baptized.	Dis. by Letter Rec. by Letter	Died	Excluded.	Meeting Days.	No. Members.	Minute Fund.
Abey.....								\$
Blue Spring.....	W. P. Scott.....	4	3	1				1 50
Bethel.....								
Blooming Youth.....								75
Cave Springs.....	G. B. Haney.....	10	3	4				1 00
Christian Hill.....	A. Tidwell.....		2				7	1 00
Hopewell.....	W. P. Scott.....			2	1	3 57		70
Harmony.....								
Mt. Zion.....								
Marshall.....	W. P. Scott.....							65
Mountain Home.....	H. B. Foster.....						35	1 15
New Prospect.....	E. B. Pool.....							40
Pleasant Hill.....	J. W. Alexander.....	1			2	2		50
Rock Springs.....	J. W. Alexander.....		8		4			65

Cahaba River Statistica Table, 1907, 30th Annual Session.

CHURCHES	POST OFFICES.	CO'S	PASTORS	By Baptism	Rec by Letter	Dis by Letter	Excluded	Died	No Members
Pilgrims Rest	Aldrich	Shelby	J H Grimes	2		2			64
Pleasant Valley	Coalville	Shelby	N M Davis	3	2		1	3	71
Union Hill	Vandiver	Shelby	E Isbell	9		2			75
Pleasant Hill	Brompton	St Clair	J H Grimes	9	5		7	1	74
McCalla	McCalla	Jefferson	N M Davis	4			2		26
Meadows Chapel		Jefferson	E Isbell						31
Tabernacle	Pratt City	Jefferson							12
New Hope	Belle Ellen	Bibb	N M Davis	2	1	2	1		23
Weicome	Moro	Perry	N M Davis						42
Mount Pleasant	Moro	Perry	T W Jones					2	102

MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION STATISTICAL TABLE, 57th SESSION. 1907.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.	PASTORS	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Dis by Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Meeting Days	No. Members.	Minute Fund.
Mt. Moriah, Pickens Co.....	J. D. Byars.....	T. A. Springfield, Millport, Ala.....	3	3	2	3	2	2	150	\$2 50	
Macedonia, Pickens Co.....	J. D. Byars	J. S. Stokes, Millport, Ala.....	20	8	2	5	2	2	186	2 80	
Shiloh, Pickens Co.....	J. E. Mathas	J. H. Zeanah, Gordo, Ala.....	8	2	1	1			72	2 50	
Tabernacle, Tuscaloosa Co..	W. B. Montgomery	J. T. Cunningham, May, Ala...	5	1	1				66	2 25	
Antioch, Fayette Co.....	J. M. Pinkerton	R. D. Belk, Belk, Ala.....	15	1		4	1		85	2 00	
Union, Pickens Co.....	W. B. Montgomery	J. W. Powell, Mayfield, Ala ...	2	2		2	2		97	2 00	
Phillips Ch'l Tuscaloosa Co	W. J. Harben.....	G. W. Phillips, Morebridge, Ala..	4	2		1	3	1	4	72	1 70
Hattie's Chapel Pickens Co.	George Taylor	L. F. Pridmore, Ethelville, Ala.	2	3					33	2 00	
Mt. Zion, Tuscaloosa Co....	W. B. Montgomery	N. A. McGee, McConnells, Ala...	6	4	2				3	56	2 25

