

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION,

GEORGIA STATE LIBERAL BAPTIST,

Convention held with Christian Hill church,
Wilcox county, Nov. 11, 12, 13, 1897.

Next session to be held at Columbus, Georgia, November 10, 1898.

J. H. JENKINS, Columbus, Ga., C. M. BURTZ, Camilla, Ga.,

Moderator.

Secretary.

FREE GRACE.

FREE WILL.

FREE COMMUNION.

1 Tim. 2:5. "Jesus Christ, who gave himself a ransom for all."

Titus 2:11. "The grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men."

1 John 2:2. "He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world."

Deut. 30:19. "I have set before thee the life and death, the blessings and the curse; therefore choose life, that thou mayest live."

Ezek. 33:11. "Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways"

Rev. 22:17. "He that will, let him take the water of life freely."

1 Cor. 10:16, 17. "The bread which we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? Seeing that we, who are many, are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

Matt. 25:27. "And he took a cup, and gave thanks, and gave to them, saying, 'drink ye all of it.'"

1 Cor. 11:28. "But let a man prove himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup."

Rom. 14:10. "But thou, why dost thou judge thy brother?"

"Or thou again, why dost thou set at naught thy brother?"

"For we shall stand before the judgment seat of God."

Luke 22:25. "The Kings of the Gentiles exercise Lordship over them."

Luke 22:26. "But ye shall not be so."

— ALSO —

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
Georgia Union Association,

UNITED FREE WILL BAPTISTS,

Held with Double Branch church, Nov. 20, 1897.

Next session to be held with Free Will Union, Pulaski County,

October 21, 1898.

W. G. BARBER, Clerk.

W. M. MATHEWE, Moderator.

GEORGIA STATE CONVENTION,

— OF —

LIBERAL BAPTISTS.

Held with Christian Hill Church in Wilcox County, Nov.
11th 12th and 13th, 1897.

Motion carried by visiting brethren present on previous day to appoint temporary committee consisting of Bros. T. G. Rhodes, E. L. Martin and J. L. Dunn, and after retiring a few minutes Rev. W. R. White, of the middle Ga., Association, was requested to preach, Rev. John A. Blanton to conclude. The text was—after singing and prayer by Rev. J. A. Blanton—six verses of Matt., vi, also the 21st verses. Closed with prayer by Rev. S. J. Noble, of the Georgia Union. Recess until night service, when according to previous appointment, after prayer, the introductory was preached by Rev. W. R. White from 2 Tim., — 1, 2; followed by Rev. J. A. Blanton. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Jenkins.

NOVEMBER 12.

Rev. J. H. Jenkins opened the morning service by reading Isaiah lxxv, and singing "A charge to keep I have," and prayer. The roll was called and the following answering were seated as representatives of their respective Associations:

Ogeechee:—John A. Blanton;

Middle Georgia:— W. R. White;

Martin:— Not represented;

Chattahoochee:— Not represented, but on motion Rev. J. H. Jenkins was seated;

Georgia Union:— Not represented, but on motion Revs. S. J. Noble and J. L. Dunn were seated;

Liberty:— C. M. Burtz and D. Arnett; Bro. J. R. Lacy appeared later and was seated. After organization Revs. E. W. Wright and J. E. Thompson were, on motion seated as delegates from Liberty.

On motion to enter into a permanent organization Rev. J. H. Jenkins was elected Moderator, John A. Blanton, assistant, C. M. Burtz, secretary, and Rev. W. R. White, treasurer.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On Preaching:— E. W. Wright, J. L. Dunn, and J. R. Lacy.

On Missions:— W. R. White, J. A. Blanton and S. J. Noble.

Literature:— C. M. Burtz, E. W. Wright, J. A. Blanton and J. H. Jenkins.

Finance:— D. Arnett, J. A. Blanton, and J. L. Dunn.

General conditions of the Associations:— S. J. C. L. Burtz, W. R. White, J. A. Blanton.

Committee on preaching reported Rev. J. A. Blanton to preach 11 o'clock sermon, close by Rev. S. J. Noble. Rev. J. B. Jenkins tonight, Rev. W. R. White to close.

After a few minutes intermission 53 chapter of Isaiah was read, also Acts viii, 32, and sermon delivered by Rev. John A. Blanton, closed by Rev S. J. Nobles.

AFTERNOON.

Prayer by Rev. E. W. Wright. On motion Rev. J. E. Thomson was seated as a delegate from Liberty Association.

Reports of committees called for and placed herein as received

On motion this body to meet with the Columbus church on Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in November 1898, introductory to be preached by Rev. John H. Blanton, alternate, J. H. Jenkins. On motion S. J. Noble, D. Arnett and J. E. Thompson were granted leave of absence. Adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

At night opened with prayer by Rev. S. J. Noble, Rev. J. H. Jenkins preached from John ii, 28, followed by Rev. W. R. White.

The Saturday morning service opened by singing "Come thou fount." Report on missions received. Report on resolutions dispensed with for the session and

committee discharged. The clerk was instructed insert the articles about Liberal Baptists, appearing and read by him in the Free Baptist Cyclopaedia. The thanks of the convention was extended by unanimous vote to the members of this church while in their midst. Adjourned.

C. M. BURTZ,
Clerk,

J. H. JENKINS,
Moderator.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Condition of the Associations:— We find from the reports given by the members of the Associations that the condition of our Liberal Baptist brethren is better now than it has been for several years. While but few churches have been organized in nearly all the Associations, the older ones which have had revivals have held their own, both in their numbers and spiritual condition.

S. J. NOBLE,
W. R. WHITE,
J. R. LACY.

Literature:— We recommend that this body adopt the *Free Will Baptist*, published at Ayden, N. C., as our organ for the next conventional year. That our ministers subscribe and make earnest endeavor to gain for it a circulation among the people. We would also recommend the *Free Baptist* of Minneapolis, Minn., as a good paper and containing occasional letters from the Southern field.

C. M. BURTZ,
E. W. WRIGHT,
J. A. BLANTON,
J. H. JENKINS.

Missions:— We find that some of our associations have acted on the plan recommended by the last session of this body, and we still urge that every association in the state make an earnest effort to arrange for home mission work through an elected board or through the organization of some mission societies.

We also recommend Bros. Eugene L. St Clair, J. H. Jenkins and W. R. White as faithful ministers whose services we believe will be of great advantage to every

home mission board that may be able to secure them. We recommend that C. M. Burtz and J. H. Jenkins do all possible, visiting among the different associations of the state in the interest of our denominational publications.

W. R. WHITE,
S. J. NOBLE,
J. A. BLANTON.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

- 1st. Establish and operate plans for church extension.
- 2nd. To secure co-operative work to promote such denominational enterprises as we are too weak to carry on as single Associations.
- 3rd. To labor for the union of all Liberal Baptists.

CONSTITUTION.

1st. The general principals of Free will, free salvation, free communion and immersion shall form the doctrinal basis of union with this body. Each constituent Association shall have the right to the formation of its own creed and the administration of its own internal affairs.

2nd. The necessary expenses of the Convention shall be met by funds sent up by the Associations for that purpose. It is recommended that an amount equal to five cents per member be sent up by the churches to the Associations and from the Associations to the State Convention.

3. Theseveral Associations or conferences forming this body as well as those with whom it may form future compact shall be composed of whites only.

4th. It will be the duty of the State Convention to lend its strength and aid to the support of all benevolent enterprises of the denomination.

5th. The convention shall have the right to withdraw from any association unsound in faith or disorderly in practice.

6th. Associations shall be entitled to one delegate for every one hundred members or majority fraction thereof.

7th. The associations shall send a letter to the convention giving their general condition, a full statistical report of the previous year's work, the names and post offices of the moderator and clerk and the names and post office of all ordained ministers of the association.

8th. The officers of the convention, the members of the standing committees and the clerks of the associations shall be entitled to seats in the convention as ex-officio members.

9th. The convention shall meet annually at such place as shall be agreed upon, and when assembled shall organize and elect officers after the manner of associational organizations, and shall arrange its own program of business as far as possible observing the order of business of the association, and the members shall maintain due christian deportment as enjoined by the church and associations.

10th. This constitution may be altered or amended or amended at any session of the convention by a majority of votes.

THE DOCTRINAL STATEMENT.

General principals taught by the Free Will and other Liberal Baptists.

1. As to God. One God and Father of all.—Eph. iv, 6.
2. As to the Scriptures. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.—2 Tim. iii, 16.
3. As to freedom of the will. Ye will not come to me—John v, 40. Whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely.—Rev. xxii, 17.
4. As to conditions of salvation. He (Christ) did for all.—Cor. v, 15. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.—Rom. x, 13. For in due season we shall reap if we faint not.—Eph. vi, 9. Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.—Rev. ii, 10.
5. As to election. God is no respecter of persons but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted with him.—Acts x, 34.
6. As to grace. For the grace of God that bringeth salvation has appeared to all men.—Titus ii, 11. For by grace are ye saved, through faith.—Eph. ii, 8.
7. As to faith. Justified by faith.—Rom. v, 1. This is the victory which overcometh the world even our faith. 1 Jno 5, 4.
8. As to works. Faith without works is dead.—James ii, 17. God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.—Eph. ii, 10.
9. As to baptism. They went down both into the water.—Acts viii, 38. They were come up out of the water.—Acts viii, 39. We were buried with him by baptism unto death.—Romans vi, 4.
10. As to subjects for baptism. If thou believest with all heart thou mayest.—Acts viii, 37. Everyone shall give an account of himself to God.—Rom. xiv, 12.
11. As to the oneness of the Christian church. Is Christ divided?—1 Cor. i, 13. I am the vine, ye are branches.—John xv, 1. That they may be one as we are.—John xix, 11, 22. There is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of our calling.—Eph. iv, 4.

12. As to communion. This does not remembrance of me. Luke xxii. 19. But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. 1 Cor. xi. 28. Let no man judge you. Col. ii. 16.

13. As to feet-washing. I have given you an example. John xiii. 14.

14. As to the resurrection. For the hour is coming in the which all that are in the grave shall hear his voice and come forth. John v. 28. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed. 1 Cor. xv. 22.

15. As to judgement reward and punishment. For we shall all stand before the judgement seat of Christ. Rom. iv. 10. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Matt. xxv. 46.

In the Free Baptist Encyclopedia, the article referred to in regard to the Liberal Baptist says: They advocate both a general atonement and open communion. In Great Britain the 250,000 Baptists are open communionists:

The Liberal Baptists of the United States and provinces through delegates held a two-day's conference at Minneapolis, Minn., October 2-3, 1883. Six denominations were represented: Free Baptists, 99,714, General Baptists, 13,295, Church of God, 40,000; United Baptists, 1,400; Free Christian Baptist, 10,000; Separate Baptists, 6,329; Total, 168,445.

Addresses were delivered, a declaration of principles were adopted in which they set forth that the several associations of churches of Jesus Christ in America which hold evangelical faith, practice believer's baptism and exclude no recognised christian from the Lord's table, are one.

They recommend a Liberal Baptist Year Book, mission in foreign missions and mutual patronage of each other's literature. They recommend that the transit of ministers and members from one body to another be recognized as simply a change from one section of the society to another, and not an actual change of denominational relations. The conventional committee published a Liberal Baptist Year Book from which the above statistics are taken. Since which time the lat-

of some of the above organizations show at
 a gain of double the amount as given in mem-
 ship at the above date, besides a wonderful increase
 new organizations amounting to forty thousand in
 Southern states according to some estimates. Del-
 es were appointed and attended the Southern Bap-
 Convention this past October, held in Nashville,
 and the Rev. J. W. Lucas, McMinnville, Tenn.,
 ed as a delegate to the next General Conference.
 angement providing to have statistics of our mem-
 published in the Free Baptist Year Book has re-
 ly been set on foot and further and better inform-
 can then be obtained upon this subject.

The next session of the Liberty Association meets
 New Bethel church near Isabella, Worth county,
 October 11th, 1898. Union meeting at Hartsfield,
 the 5th Sunday in July, 1898.

C. M. BURTZ, Clerk.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

White, Weaver, J. E. O. Daniels, Marietta,
 Weaver, Woodbury, R. H. Golsby, Monticello,
 Avery, Hollandsville, W. B. Cook, Lisfy,
 ence Gibson, Lifsy, W. R. Young, Roscoe,
 Adams, Donaldsopville, G. H. Akridge, Saco,
 A. Blanton, Graham, D. W. Blanton, Graham,
 E. Butler, Jessup, C. C. Carter, Ochlocknee,
 S. Cooper, Salam, Ala., J. B. Cox, C'dartown,
 W. Daniel, Sycamore, E. A. Drake, Iron City,
 Ely, Jakin, J. T. Embry, Morgan,
 Haddan, Morgan, C. M. Hall Saco,
 Henderson, Mt. Pl'sant, J. L. Hunter Cedar Spg's,
 mas Howell, Whigham, J. W. H. Hunter, Tula,
 T. Griffin, Oakfield, B. J. Griffin, Lawson,
 and Joiner, Dawson, S. N. Little, Sycamore,
 Martin, Bethel, W. E. Massey, Butler,
 McDonald, Golquitt, M. B. Musgrove, Bait,
 Nobles, Vienna, S. J. Nobles, Hawkinsville,
 Nobles, Beards Creek, E. C. Norris, Iron City,

A. J. Peters, Iron City, O. H. Perry, Sowhatchee
 Z. H. Bone, Butler, B. F. Green, Butler,
 Jim Posey, Butler, D. C. Brinkley, Cottondale,
 J. R. Brown, Japanese, T. P. Carr, Potterville,
 Jas. A. Cobb, Americus, J. H. Dupree, Tropic,
 W. J. Freevy, Skipperton, A. J. Parker, Potterville,
 A. Smith, Tropic, Jesse Culpepper, Birmingham, Ala.
 W. C. Dupell, Saville, Ala. W. A. Hooks, Phoenix,
 T. P. Young, Columbus, J. H. Jenkins, Columbus.

STATISTICS.

ASSOCIATIONS,	NO CHURCHES. MEMBERS.	
Chattahoochee,	23,	800,
Middle Georgia,	8,	353,
Ogeechee,	13.	350,
Martin,	28.	1500,
Liberty,	22.	600,
Georgia Union.	3,	120,
Total,		3928,

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MINUTES

THE THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GEORGIA UNION
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

Convened with Double Branch church in Dooly
County, Ga., commencing Saturday morning, Nov., 20,
1897. The former Moderator and also the Clerk being
absent, the body was called to order by Bro. H. V. J.
Ethridge, by singing and prayer.

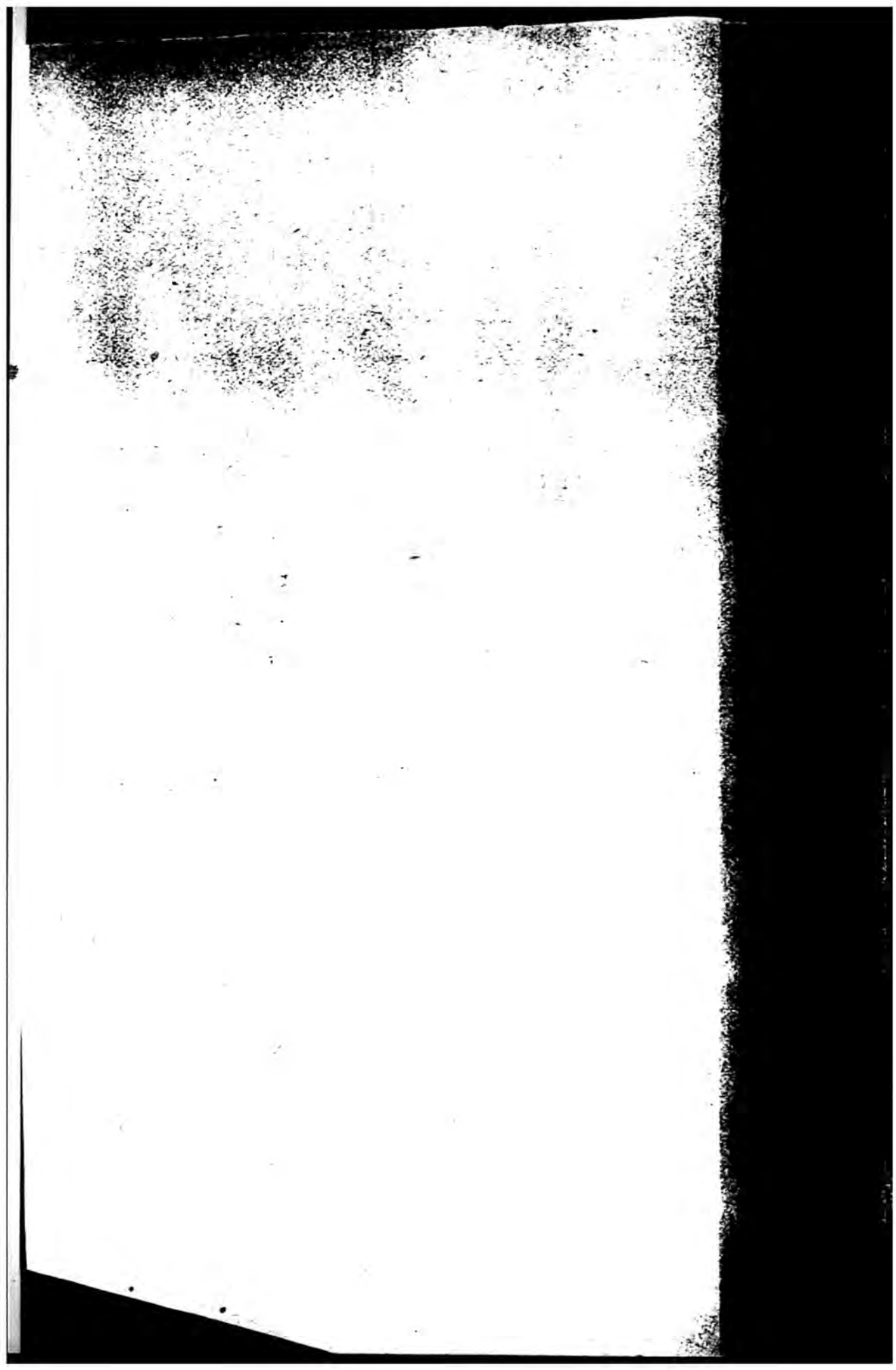
The Moderator, protem, appointed W. G. Barber
Clerk protem, and corresponding letters were called
and read. Delegates were received as follows: Love's Chap-
el, Joseph Sangster and R. Yahn; Double Branch, R.
Mashburn, A. J. Dunnway, and Jas. Williams; Free
Will Union, J. M. Singleton, S. L. Dunn, and W. G.
Barber. Elected officers as follows: Rev. W. M. Mat-
thews, Moderator, W. G. Barber, Clerk. Appointed
Committee on preaching as follows: Bros. Jas. Williams,
S. L. Dunn and J. Sangster. They reported Rev. W.
Matthews to be followed by Rev. S. J. Nobles, text
John xiv, 1-3, Monday morning. elected Rev. S. J.
Nobles Treasurer who received \$——.

Correspondents appointed as follows: To the Ogee-
chee: Rev. S. J. Noble and G. W. Noble; to the Liberty:
S. J. Noble, H. V. J. Ethridge, J. L. Dunn, G. W.
Barber, Rev. W. M. Matthews,; to the Martin: W. M.
Matthews, Jas. Williams and D. B. Williams.

Appointed the place for the next Association to be
with Free Will Union church to commence Friday
before the 4th Sunday in October 1898, Rev. E.
Matthews to preach the introductory sermon, Rev.
Wright, alternate. After taking the parting
word adjourned.

W. G. BARBER,
Clerk,

W. M. MATTHEWS,
Moderator.



1 Christian Hill
2 New Shilo
3 Columbus
4 Nazareth
5 Friendship
6 Love's Chapel.
7 Christian Hill

Wilcox
Irwin
Muscogee
Pike
Mitchell
Dooly
Wilcox

J. R. Brown
W G Stoval
T J Leverett
W S Lockhart
W G Stoval
J H Jenkins

C M Burtz

W G Stoval
W T Griffin
W E White

LIBERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTIONS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	Property Value.	CLERK & POST OFFICE.	Missions	Meeting Sunday	By Baptism	By Letter	On Faith	Lettered out	Membership	Excluded	For Minutes.
Loves Chapel	Dooly	\$200	S. Noble, Vienna,	4	15	1	2	1	2	46	2	00
Double Branch	Dooly	200	A. J. Dunaway	26	50	4	4	5	4	30	2	00
Free Will Union	Pulaski	200	W. G. Barber, Hawkinsville	13	30	2	2	2	4	44	2	00

Four deaths reported Free Will Union. Names of Ministers and P. O. address, L. Noble, Vienna; G. W. Noble, Hawkinsville. Licentiates: H. V. J. Ethrikge, S. J. Nsble, Hawkinsville.

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