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## PROCEEDINGS.

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The 19th annual session of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association convened with Pleasant Ridge Church, Itawamba county, Miss., September 30th and October 2nd 1905.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. George C. Elliott. The text used was Matthew 28th chapter, 19th and 20th verses: Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the names of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo! I am with you always, even to the end of the world. Amen.

After preaching, an intermission of one hour was taken for rest and refreshments; after which, the ministers and delegates were requested to meet in the house, organize and proceed to business.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to the request of the former moderator. An appropriate hymn was sung by the congregation. Rev. W. A. Nelson, Moderator of the last session, offered prayer and called the body to order. The Moderator and Clerk of the last session being present took their seats and the Moderator called for business; and it was presented and transacted as follows, viz:

1. Rev. J. L. Conner and L. M. Raburn are appointed reading Clerks.

2. Letters from the churches are called for, handed in and read, and contents noted as per statistical table.

3. Called for petitionary letters, and opened the door for the reception of new churches into the body, and the following was received: Union Grove, New Mount Joy and New hope. After careful examination, it was found that the petitionary churches were organized on our Articles of Faith, and were declared to be sound in doctrine, and the Moderator announced that a motion to receive them would be in order.

On motion, they were unanimously received, and their delegates invited to seats in the body.

4. On motion, it is agreed to permanently organize the body, which was done by electing Rev. G. C. Elliott Moderator; Bro. Robert Franks Clerk; and Bro. J. A. Nelson Treasurer, for the ensuing associational year.



5. Called for correspondents from sister Associations and received the following, viz: From Little Brown's Creek Association, Bro. J. T. Jackson: From the State Line Association, Brethren J. W. Stone and E. M. Shoots: From the Tupelo Association, Rev. J. L. Rains. These brethren were cordially received and welcomed to seats among us, and the hand of Christian fellowship was extended to them, and we felt that it was good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in love and union.

6. On motion, it is agreed that the Moderator appoint all the committees, and the following are appointed:

7. ON PREACHING—Brethren A. J. Ingle, L. M. Raburn, and J. W. Burleson, with the Deacons of this church.

8. ON DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS—Revs. W. A. Nelson, J. L. Conner, M. R. Martin, T. M. Canup, and S. W. Brooks, with the Moderator and Clerk.

9. ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—Rev. J. F. James, and Brethren J. A. Underwood, J. C. Pike, J. R. Franks and N. P. Hutchinson.

10. ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE—Brethren H. T. Warren, J. H. Whitman, J. T. Tharp and J. C. Waters.

11. ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND MEMBERS—Brethren J. A. Beazley, W. M. Fowler, G. C. Estes, J. W. Robbins and W. M. Dobbs.

12. ON FINANCE—Brethren J. A. Nelson, Wiley Elliott, G. W. Kenedy and J. W. Pyron.

13. ON ASSOCIATIONAL FUNDS—Brethren S. H. Bowen, W. H. Wilson, C. T. Wilson and J. H. Mullenix.

14. Committee on preaching report that Rev. J. L. Conner preach tomorrow at half past nine o'clock from our Articles of Faith; Rev. W. A. Nelson preach Sunday at 11 o'clock; and Rev. J. L. Rains, of the Tupelo Association, preach at 3 o'clock, P. M., and Rev. M. R. Martin preach at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. L. Conner preach Monday at 11 o'clock; and Rev. W. A. Nelson preach Sunday night.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. INGLE, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and com. discharged.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. T. M. Canup. Benediction by the Moderator.

## ORDER OF SERVICE ON SABBATH.

Sunday Morning at 9:30 o'clock, Rev. J. L. Conner preached from our Articles of Faith, a soul stirring sermon to a large and attentive concourse of people.

At 11 o'clock, Rev. W. A. Nelson preached to a large and well behaved concourse of people. His text was Galatians, 6th chapter, and 7th verse. Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.

After preaching, the Lord's Supper was administered and Christians of the different denominations partook with us. It was a free communion service, and was a practical demonstration of the liberal doctrine we preach.

At 3 o'clock, Rev. J. L. Rains of the Tupelo Association, preached to a large congregation: His text was 2nd Timothy, 2nd chapter, 5th verse: And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned; except he strive lawfully.

At 7 o'clock P. M., Rev. M. R. Martin preached to a large and well behaved audience. His text was Luke 2nd chapter, later clause of the 7th verse: Because there was no room for them in the inn. This closed our Sabbath service.

## MONDAY MORNING, Oct., 2nd.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer is offered by Rev. G. C. Elliott, the Moderator, who also, called the body to order. The Clerk called the roll, and the ministers and delegates answer to their names.

On motion, the proceedings of Saturday are read and adopted.

On motion, visiting ministers of other denominations are invited to take seats with us. Rev. A. L. Owens of the M. E. church came forward and accepted the invitation.

Reports of committees are called for, and presented in the following order, viz:

## ON DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.

We, your committee on Documents and order of Business beg leave to report as follows, viz: We find three petitionary letters for the next Association, and we recommend that it be left to the decision of the body: We also, recommend that all our churches keep their doors closed against all secret organizations; public shows and all things not pertaining to the worship of God, but schools may be allowed. Also, that all our church property be valued and a tabulated report of the same be appended to the minutes. Also, we recommend that a committee of two be appointed to



examine our church deeds and report the same to the next session of this Association, and that they be paid out of the associational funds actual expenses. We also recommend that steps be taken to get up a union of all our sister Associations to form a capital stock, to buy a press and print our own literature; and also, meet in general session once each year. We recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, and have them printed to the best advantage, and sent direct to the Clerks of the churches as per their contributions. Also, that the Clerk have five dollars for his services. Also, that the moderator have four dollars out of the associational funds for his services as moderator.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. A. NELSON, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and the com. discharged.

#### ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

We, your committee on Denominational Literature, report as follows viz: We recommend that all good religious literature be studied. But we prefer the Freewill Baptist Literature for the study of our Sunday Schools. We also recommend the prayerful study of the Bible as it is the only safe guide or way bill to Heaven. We also recommend that our Clerk see what can be done about printing our hymn books, and if he can get them printed, that he notify each church in the bounds of the Association, the amount of money to bring to the next annual Association to pay for the publication of the same.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. T. WARREN, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and committee discharged.

#### ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools report as follows, viz: We find the cause of Sabbath Schools still neglected. Please let us urge our preachers throughout the bounds of the Association to urge the Sabbath School cause upon all the churches of our Association for we believe it is necessary to train the minds of the young people. Brethren, please do not neglect this cause further. Still we find some good Sabbath Schools in our bounds as follows: Mt. Olive, New Hope, Brilliant, Union Hill, Liberty, Gum Springs, and Union Chapel. Seven churches have Sabbath Schools which are doing much good, and we still recommend the use of our own Literature.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. F. JAMES, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and committee discharged.

#### ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance report as follows, viz: We find paid in from the various churches of this Association as a minute fund \$24.02. Twenty-four dollars and two cents. We find nothing on hand from any previous session of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. A. NELSON, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted and the com. discharged.

#### ON ASSOCIATIONAL FUNDS.

We, your committee on Associational Funds report as follows, viz: Paid in from the various churches of the Association the following amounts: Mt. Olive \$1.50, Beech Grove \$1.00; Mt. Pleasant 50 cents; Oak Grove 75 cents; New Oak Grove nothing; Friendship \$1.00; Gum Springs \$4.25;

Union Chapel 75 cents; Union Hill nothing; Free Water \$1.00; Liberty \$2.75; Fair View 50 cents; Pleasant Ridge \$5.00; Shady Grove 85 cents; Brilliant \$2.05; Pearce's Chapel paid nothing; Pocahontas \$4.20; Union-Valley \$1.00; Union Grove 1.00; New Mt. Joy 35 cents; New Hope 75 cents; Total amount paid in from the above named church \$29.25. Private contribution \$1.00; which makes \$30.25.

Respectfully submitted,  
S. H. BOWEN, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and committee discharged.

On motion, brother J. A. Nelson is appointed to make a report for the Treasurer, Bro. W. W. Nelson, as he (the Treasurer) is absent.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The amount of Associational Funds left in my hands October 3, 1904, was \$35.65. On the same date I paid to Liberty Church \$5.00. Also, paid to Rev. R. A. Nix \$10.00 October 2nd, 1905, which leaves a balance in my hands of \$20.65. October 2nd, 1905, I received from the various churches of the Association \$30.25; also, received from Rev. W. A. Nelson \$5.00; which is in satisfaction for that amount of money which the Association loaned to him at our last session. I paid out as follows: To Rev. W. A. Nelson \$4.00 for his service as Moderator of our last session; and 65 cents for the Treasurer's cash book. All done by order of the Association, which leaves a balance in my hands of \$51.25.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. A. NELSON, Treasurer.

On motion, the report is adopted, and com. discharged.

On motion, it is agreed to instruct our Treasurer to deposit for safe keeping, the Associational Funds in his hands, in some banking institution, which pays interest on its deposits, and let it be stated in the certificate who these funds belong to.

#### ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND MEMBERS.

We, your committee on deceased Ministers and Members report as follows viz: Since our last Association death has removed from us a number of our members to wit: Brother D. Z. Griffin died June 17th 1905. Sister Nancy Nesmith died January 17th 1905. Sister Nettie Griffin died June the 25th, 1905. And sister Stacia Cooner died February 9th 1905; age not given. All of Beech Grove Church. Sister Nancy Hallmark of Gum Springs Church aged 58 years. Rev. W. M. Moses a member of Pleasant Ridge Church died October 7th, 1904. He was born October, 1832 and he was 72 years of age. Sister Whitfield of Shady Grove Church died September 1st, 1905. age about 37 years. Brother J. R. Burleson of Brilliant Church. Sister Rosa Lee Cantrell, of Friendship Church, aged 20 years, 8 months and 16 days. Brother Joseph H. Powell of Mt. Pleasant Church died November 22, 1904. Bro. T. B. Files died March 1st, 1905. Brother M. C. Wakefield died December 18th, 1904. Brother John Cooner died September 1904. Sister Martha Harris died June 30th 1905. All members of Pocahontas Church. These members all died in the faith of the Gospel, and in the bright hope of Heaven. And we resolve first that we bow in humble submission to him who doeth all things well. And while we mourn their loss, we feel that it is Heaven's eternal gain. Resolved 2nd that we humbly thank God for the preservation of our lives the past associational year, and our prayer to God is that our future may be brighter than the past.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. A. BEAZLEY, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and the committee discharged.



On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. A. L. Owens of the M. E. Church. At 11 o'clock, Rev. J. L. Conner preached to a large and attentive congregation. His text was Romans 10th chapter, latter clause 16th verse: "Lord who hath believed our report."

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Singing by the congregation. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. F. James. The Moderator called the body to order, and called for unfinished business, and the following is presented, viz:

On motion, brother J. A. Beazley is appointed to look after our church deeds and see if they are drawn up according to law, and he is also authorized to get up the deed and records of Mt. Joy Church as it is disbanded, and turn them over to our Treasurer, Bro. J. A. Nelson, for safe keeping.

#### ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER.

We, your standing committee on Ministerial Character to wit: W. T. Keeton, C. W. Bell, A. J. Ingle, W. T. Burleson and J. T. Tyra report as follows: Our ministers are in good standing so far as we know. And we urge all our ministers to be at each session of the Association as much as possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. T. KEETON, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and the com. discharged.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Resolved 1. That any minister of this Association who is found guilty of circulating false reports by pen or otherwise, on a brother minister, which is liable to injure his usefulness and destroy his influence, shall be deemed guilty of a disciplinary offense, and after discipline has been used, if he does not show signs of penitence and reformation, he shall be excommunicated from the Association, and published in our denominational paper.

2. On motion, it is still agreed to retain a financial system as we see the great need of such: And we earnestly recommend that each member that belongs to the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association pay annually twenty-five cents, this is in connection with the minute funds; and we earnestly urge and ask all of our ministers to use their best efforts in urging the collection of these funds; and it is further understood that we elect a treasurer to keep a true record of all the funds that are paid in; and also, how the same are paid

out. These funds are to be disposed of by the Association, through the Moderator and Clerk, being empowered by the body. Said money is to be used for no other purpose than the building up of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association. Such as aiding destitute and disabled ministers, poor widows and orphans.

3. Be it resolved, that members shall not hold their letters out of the church over twelve months after date, and they are still under the jurisdiction of the church to which they belonged.

4. Be it resolved that any licentiate minister or ministers of the Jasper Freewill Baptist denomination of Ala., after one or more years who desires to be set forth to the full functions of the Gospel the same shall be made known to the annual Association through a recommendation from the church or churches to which they belong; and if on examination, they shall be found worthy, the Association may ordain them; but all ordinations must be done at the annual Associations.

5. On motion, it is agreed that Rev. J. L. Conner be and he is hereby appointed to write a circular letter to be appended to the minutes of 1906. Subject, the spiritual birth.

6. The Union Meeting of 1905 which convened with Brilliant Church, Marion county, Ala., was very well represented, and a good time was enjoyed, and some subjects were introduced and discussed. The 2nd was a failure owing to a mistake as to the time of meeting.

7. On motion, it is agreed to have one Union Meeting During the year 1906, and that it be held at Shady Grove Church, Franklin county, Ala., and that it convene on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1906. That Rev. J. L. Conner preach the introductory sermon; Rev. W. A. Nelson, alternate.

8. On motion, it is agreed that each minister report annually the amount of money he has received, the number of miles traveled, the number of sermons preached, the number of public prayers offered, the number of marriage ceremonies performed, the number of visits made to sick and burial services attended during the associational year.

9. On motion, the following Preamble and Resolution was presented, read and adopted: Whereas, the Jasper Association is without proper representation with her sister



Associations, and feeling the great need of the spirit of union which is essential to the furtherance of the cause of Christ, that we elect corresponding delegates, and the following are elected, viz:

Bear Creek Association—Rev. W. A. Nelson, and brethren A. J. Ingle and J. T. Ingle.

Veron Association—Revs. J. L. Conner, J. J. Wesley and M. R. Martin.

Cullman Association—Rev. J. F. James and J. C. Pike.

Tupelo Association—Rev. T. M. Canup and J. T. Tharp.

Little Brown's Creek Association—Brethren W. T. Keeton, W. Dickinson and W. C. White.

State Line Association—Revs. G. C. Elliott, M. R. Martin and S. W. Brooks.

10. On motion, it is agreed that the next session of this Association be held with Mount Olive Church five and a half miles North East of Guin station on the Frisco Rail Road, in Marion county, Ala., the same to convene on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1906.

11. On motion, Rev. W. A. Nelson is elected to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. G. C. Elliott, alternate.

12. On motion, it is agreed that the Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of Decorum be appended to the minutes.

13. On motion, it is agreed that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he have the work done to the best advantage, and it is further agreed that the publisher be instructed to send them to the clerks of the churches according to their contributions, and that the Clerk be allowed five dollars for his services.

14. Be it Resolved that a vote of thanks is given to pleasant Ridge Church, and good people of this community, for kindness shown to members and visitors of the Association. Also, to the officers of the Association, for the faithful manner in which they have discharged their duty.

15. On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at the time and place above named. Prayer by Bro. N. P. Hutchinson. Closing service conducted by the Moderator with feeling and appropriate remarks. A hymn was sung and the parting hand was taken amid tears and joy.

GEORGE C. ELLIOTT, Moderator.

ROBERT FRANKS, Clerk.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

REV. W. A. NELSON, Brilliant, Marion county, Ala.

" J. L. CONNER, Twin, Marion county, Ala.

" S. W. BROOKS, Hackleburgh, Marion county, Ala.

" M. R. MARTIN, Twin, Marion county, Ala.

" T. M. CANUP, Yale, Miss.

" J. F. JAMES, Nauvoo, Franklin county, Ala.

" G. C. ELLIOTT, Brilliant, Marion county, Ala.

" J. J. WESLEY, Twin, Marion county, Ala.

" J. E. COCHRAN, Brilliant, Marion county, Ala.

" W. H. INGRAM, Brilliant, Marion county, Ala.

" W. B. BENSON, Carbon Hill, Walker county, Ala.

" W. M. BUZBEE, Nauvoo, Franklin county, Ala.

" R. A. NIX, TRAVIS, Walker county, Ala.

" G. W. FLIPPO, Pearce's Mills, Marion county, Ala.

" H. B. FOWLER, Galoway, Walker county, Ala.

" S. B. RAMSEY, Pleasant Site, Franklin county, Ala.

" E. C. THOMAS, Galoway, Walker county, Ala.

## MINISTERS REPORTS.

I have preached 154 sermons. Prayed 210 public prayers. Delivered 27 Exhortations. Baptized 20 persons. Married 3 couples. Preached 3 funerals. Visited the sick 85 times. Traveled miles unknown. Received from the various churches as follows: From Mt. Olive \$5 00. From Gum Springs \$50 00. From Liberty \$38 15. From Friendship \$6 70. From Union Chapel \$4 25. From Brilliant \$7 50.—Total \$111 60.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. CONNER.

Since our last Association I have preached 152 sermons, offered 172 public prayers, visited the sick 21 times, married 4 couple. Received from the churches as follows: From Pocahontas \$45 50. From Pearce's Chapel \$30 00. From Brilliant \$2 00.—Total \$77 50. I have baptized 15 persons. The number of miles traveled, I am unable to give to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. NELSON.

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association of Alabama, and being composed of ministers and delegates from the different churches forming the same, each church being entitled to three delegates.

ART. 2. This body shall be considered an advisory council.

ART. 3. All questions of doctrine and matters of general interest shall be settled by a two thirds vote of the association, and the decision shall be final.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each session by a majority of votes.

ART. 5. This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by a previous annual session, and shall not adjourn finally, until all the business is transacted.



ART. 6. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt our Articles of Faith and conform to its usages.

ART. 7. We agree as churches of this Association to use our best influence to promote the best interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as the Temperance Cause, Sabbath Schools, Missionary Work, &c.

ART. 8. No member of this Association shall be eligible to the office of Moderator more than two successive sessions, unless no other member be competent to act in that capacity.

ART. 9. Any church of this Association failing to be represented for two years in succession, the name shall be dropped from our minutes.

### RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE - 1. The Association shall be called to order by the Moderator who presided at the last session. Former Clerk also officiating until the body is fully organized.

ART. 2. The Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

ART. 3. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association. A majority of votes by the delegates present elects.

ART. 4. The names of delegates from the different churches shall be enrolled and called as often as necessary during the session.

ART. 5. A majority of delegates shall rule in all cases, except in the reception of churches, then it shall be unanimous.

ART. 6. The Moderator shall not be entitled to vote except in case of a tie; and then he shall give the deciding vote. He shall be entitled to speak on any question after others have spoken, providing he appoint some one to the chair while he is speaking.

ART. 7. Only one person shall speak at the same time, and he shall arise and address the Moderator; and after recognition by the Moderator, proceed.

ART. 8. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or use words of personal reflection.

ART. 9. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, nor more than fifteen minutes at a time.

ART. 10. No member shall laugh or talk during the time the debates are going on.

ART. 11. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

OF GOD—ARTICLE 1. We believe there is one, and but one living and true God. Who is in personality, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Equal and harmonious in every Divine perfection.

OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES—ART. 2. We believe that God is the Author of the Holy Bible, and that its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of his church.

OF ORIGINAL APOSTASY—ART. 3. We believe that Adam was created holy; but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity, and consequently involved his posterity in sin.

OF FREE GRACE—ART. 4. We believe that the Grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings. That the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. That the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted, regenerated and saved.

OF CHRISTIAN FAITH—ART. 5. We believe that Christian Faith is belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world, and we believe in the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. That "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."

OF REPENTANCE—ART. 6. We believe that Repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which constitutes godly repentance, must be preceded by effectual conviction for sin.

OF FREE AGENCY—ART. 7. We believe that the human will is free, and that men have ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

OF PERSEVERANCE—ART. 8. We do not believe, under the Gospel dispensation, that any soul is elected to eternal life, unconditionally; but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved. That it is possible for men who have been converted, to "Make ship-wreck of the Faith," turn again to sin and be finally lost!

OF GOOD WORK—ART. 9. We believe that good work is the result of Faith, and not of necessity. That those who have Faith will do works of righteousness; while those who have no Faith cannot do any thing pleasing or acceptable unto God.

OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM—ART. 10. We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in the names of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. That Baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without Faith in the subject who receives it.

OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—ART. 11. We believe the Supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance. That the bread and wine represent his body and blood. That it was instituted for Christians, and that all Christians should unite in observing that sacred service, regardless of names or denominational distinctions.

OF THE SOUL—ART. 12. We believe that man is a living soul. That the body will die but that the soul is immortal. That death is the separation of the mortal and immortal parts of human beings.

OF THE RESURRECTION—ART. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead. When the resurrection shall take place the soul and body will reunite and form an immortal being. That the righteous will be received into a state of everlasting happiness, to reign with God forever and ever. But the wicked will be bound hand and foot and cast into outer darkness. The wicked are driven away in their wickedness, but the righteous have hope in their death.



## STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1905.

| CHURCHES AND CCUNTIES.       | NAMES OF DELEGATES.                 | PASTORS.           | CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.       | Baptized | Rec'd by Letter | Dis. by Letter | Ree'd on Conf. | Restored | Died | Excluded | Days of Meeting | Number of Members | Paid for Minutes |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------|------|----------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
|                              |                                     |                    |                                |          |                 |                |                |          |      |          |                 |                   |                  |
| Mt. Olive, Marion Co., Ala   | J. W. Burleson, J. A. Nelson....    | J. J. Wesley ....  | W. S. Flippo, Twin, Ala...     | 15       | 15              | ...            | ...            | ...      | ...  | ...      | 3               | 125               | \$ 2 00          |
| Beech Grove, Walker Co.,..   | Represented by letter & contri..... | J. W. Moore ..     | J. H. Files, Townley, Ala .    | 1        | ...             | 3              | ...            | ...      | ...  | ...      | 4               | 51                | 1 09             |
| Mt. Pleasant Marion Co.,..   | J H Whitman,J Mullinix,W Elliott    | G. C. Elliott..... | F. B Elliott, Brilliant, Ala.. | ...      | ...             | 18             | ...            | ...      | 1    | ...      | 4               | 71                | 1 30             |
| Oak Grove, Walker Co.,..     | G. W. Robbins, W. A. Keeton....     | W. P. Scott....    | W. A. Keeton, Prospect,Ala     | ...      | ...             | ...            | ...            | ...      | ...  | 2        | 4               | 15                | 50               |
| N. Oak Grove, Walker Co.,..  | Not Represented.....                | ...                | ...                            | ...      | ...             | ...            | ...            | ...      | ...  | ...      | ...             | ...               | ...              |
| Friendship Marion Co ,Ala.   | Represented by letter & Contri ...  | J. L. Conner....   | J. R. Cantrell, Pike ville,Ala | ...      | ...             | ...            | 1              | ...      | 1    | ...      | 1               | 49                | 85               |
| Pleasant Grove, Marion Co,   | Not Represented.....                | ...                | ...                            | ...      | ...             | ...            | ...            | ...      | ...  | ...      | ...             | ...               | ...              |
| Gum Springs Marion Co,...    | A. J. & J. T. Ingle, J. A. Beazly.  | J. L. Conner....   | W. T. Hawkins, Baccus,Ala      | 5        | ...             | ...            | ...            | ...      | 1    | 1        | 4               | 54                | 2 00             |
| Union Chapel, Marion Co,...  | H. T. Warren, J. R. Bishop.....     | G. C. Elliott...   | J. L. Eades, Glen Allen,Ala    | 2        | ...             | 2              | ...            | ...      | ...  | ...      | 3               | 74                | 1 40             |
| Unnion Hill, Marion Co.,..   | L. M Raburn, McKaig & Kenedy.       | H. B Foster....    | L. M. Raburn. Hackleb.,Ala     | 9        | 14              | 4              | ...            | 1        | ...  | 6        | 1               | 120               | 2 02             |
| Free Waters Marion, Co.,..   | J. R. Franks, WH & RM Wilson.       | G. C. Elliott ..   | J. R. Franks, Ur, Ala .        | ...      | 1               | ...            | ...            | ...      | ...  | ...      | 1               | 35                | 1 45             |
| Liberty, Marion County,      | G C Estes,C T Wilson,J w Pyron.     | J. L Conner....    | J. W. Pyron, Stinson, Ala .    | 15       | 4               | 1              | ...            | ...      | ...  | ...      | 2               | 68                | 1 35             |
| Fair View. Franklin Co.,     | W M Dobbs D Richard J Crawford      | T. M. Canup ....   | W. M. Dobbs, Ples. Site,Ala    | ...      | ...             | ...            | ...            | ...      | ...  | ...      | ...             | 13                | 45               |
| Pleasant Ridge,Ita Co.,Mis-  | W C White J A Keeton J T Tharp      | T. M. Canup....    | W B Dickinson,Dennis,Miss      | 4        | 2               | 2              | 1              | ...      | 1    | ...      | 1               | 79                | 2 50             |
| Shady Grove, Franklin, Co.   | N. P. Hutchison, A. M Clark ...     | R. A Nix. ....     | J. T. Nix, Travis, Ala .       | ...      | ...             | ...            | ...            | ...      | ...  | ...      | ...             | 55                | 70               |
| Brilliant, Marion county,Ala | S. H. Bowen, J. A Underwood...      | W. A. Nelson...    | W. G. Cook, Brilliant, Ala.    | ...      | ...             | ...            | ...            | ...      | 1    | ...      | 4               | 37                | 1 00             |
| Pearce's Chapel, Marion Co., | Represented by Contribution. ....   | W. A. Nelson...    | J W Raberson,P. Mills,Ala.     | ...      | ...             | ...            | ...            | ...      | ...  | ...      | 3               | 21                | 25               |
| Pocahontas, Walker Co.,      | Represented by letter & Contri..... | W. A. Nelson. .    | A R. Shed,Pocahontas,Ala.      | 3        | ...             | 11             | ...            | ...      | 4    | ...      | 1               | 118               | 2 00             |
| Union Valley, Walker Co.,..  | J. C. Pike, H. P. Pike.....         | J. W Moore....     | T S. Tidwell, Townley,Ala.     | 4        | ...             | ...            | 4              | ...      | ...  | ...      | 2               | 22                | 1 00             |
| Union Grove, Walker Co.,..   | Represented by letter & Contri ...  | W. A. Nelson.....  | R Crenshaw, Carb. Hill,Ala.    | ...      | 6               | ...            | ...            | ...      | ...  | ...      | ...             | 19                | 1 00             |
| New Mt. Joy, Marion Co.,..   | J. C. Waters.....                   | J. J Wesley ....   | W. A. Waters, P. Mills.Ala.    | ...      | ...             | ...            | ...            | ...      | ...  | ...      | 1               | 7                 | 25               |
| New Hope. Walker Co., Ala    | W. M. Fowler. ....                  | J. F. James. ....  | J W Fowler, Galloway,Ala.      | 4        | 6               | ...            | ...            | ...      | ...  | ...      | 2               | 19                | 1 00             |
| Total.                       |                                     |                    |                                | 62       | 43              | 31             | 6              | 1        | 9    | 9        | ...             | 1052              | \$24 02          |