

MINUTES.

SECOND SESSION, REVISED EDITION.

The second session of the United Freewill Baptist composing the Liberty Association convened with Friendship church, Mitchel county, Ga., on Tuesday night after the second Sunday 12th day of October 1894, after singing and prayer. Preaching by W. T. Griffin followed by C. M. Hall.

Delegates then present were assigned to homes among the brethren: adjourned till morning 10 o'clock a. m. Met pursuant to adjournment October 15, 1894, W. G. Stovall, Moderator, in the chair presiding after singing hymn No 81, "Prayer and Praise."

An able prayer by the Moderator. On motion called for church letters and the following responded and Bros. J. T. Hambrick and R. C. Gregory to read them as follows and delegates enrolled:

New Shiloh, Thomas Massey, J. T. Hambrick.

Friendship, A. B. Brown, W. W. Ward, William

Pope, J. S. Pope, J. W. Cooper, A. J. Shirah.

County Line, W. B. Weathersby,

Hartsfield, J. A. Callicr, F. G. C. Boatwright, R.

C. Gregory.

Magnolia, E. T. Barksdale.

New Prospect, E. W. McCook, E. C. Zorn.

Pine Hill, J. A. Rhodes, George Willis.

Cool Spring, J. B. Dunn Jr., Seaborn Simmons.

Loves Chapel, Pastor W. T. Griffin.

Pleasant Home, W. A. Bushby, J. L. Busby.

New Bethel, J. M. Lawson, W. R. Lawson.

Green Wood, James T. Lee, F. K. Smith.

Motion that roll of delegates be called and perfected and stand as above stated. Permanent organization was perfected by motion carried to elect Modera-

for and Clerk by ballot, which resulted in the election of W. G. Stoval Moderator and S. N. Little Assistant moderator. R. C. Gregory Clerk. C. M. Burtz Assistant Clerk. Next in order appointment of committees as follows: On preaching, J. S. Pope, W. T. Sellers, Thomas Massey, J. A. Busby. Appointed committee on finance, J. M. Lawson, Thomas Massey, E. W. McCook.

Committee on investigation of church viz—C. M. Hall, J. A. Collier, J. S. Pope.

Committee on Sabbath Schools viz—W. T. Sellers, J. W. Cooper and E. C. Zorn.

Committee on Temperance viz—F. K. Smith, J. A. Rhodes, A. J. Shirah; Committee on Obituaries viz—J. T. Lee, W. T. Griffin and George Willis. Committee on Standing of the Ministry viz—J. B. Dunn, Jr. W. W. Ward, A. B. Brown, J. S. Pope and R. C. Gregory. Committee on By-Laws viz—G. C. Carter, J. T. Hambrick, S. N. Little, C. M. Hall.

Committee on Examination of E. W. McCook Licentiate, applicant for ordination, viz:—J. T. Lee, J. T. Hambrick, E. W. McCook. Executive committee appointed, viz:—J. T. Hambrick, Thomas Massey and S. N. Little. The above committees were appointed after the introductory sermon preached by W. T. Griffin, followed by S. N. Little, from 1st Cor., xvi, 13-14. Motion carried to have petitionary letters read, and Bro. Hambrick appointed to read them. One from Pleasant Home, Worth Co., delegate, J. W. Renew; and from Pleasant Hill, Colquitt Co., by its pastor, C. M. Hall as proxy, both being received, and the right hand of fellowship extended. Visiting brethren of ours and other denominations were invited to seats in the body. Rev. Thomas Howell, Methodist; Bro. Dunn, Missionary Baptist, of Colquit; Rev. Busby, Missionary, of Thomas county were present.

2nd day's session. Song 124, Prayer and Praise. Prayer by Bro. J. T. Hambrick. Minutes read, corrected and approved. Correspondents to Martin Association 1895, appointed and volunteered as follows:

W. T. Griffin and W. G. Stoval to the Chattahoochee, 1895. S. N. Little, J. T. Hambrick and Thomas Massey to the Ogeechee; W. T. Griffin and J. T. Hambrick to Ocmulgee, J. T. Hambrick, J. M. Lawson, Thomas Massey.

Union Meeting of the first district to convene with Greenwood church, ten miles west of Camilla, Ga., on Friday night before the 4th Sunday in July. Bro. W. T. Sellers to preach the introductory sermon, Bro. W. G. Stoval, alternate. 2nd district meeting to convene with New Shiloh, Erwin county, Ga., two miles north-east of Ashburn, Friday night before the 4th Sunday in August, Rev. W. G. Stoval to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. C. M. Hall, alternate. Also a Union meeting to convene with Loves Chapel, five miles east of Vienna, Dooly county, Ga., Friday night before the 5th Sunday in July. W. T. Sellers to preach the introductory sermon, W. T. Griffin alternate. On motion of W. T. Griffin the application of Loves Chapel and Freewill Union, applying for dismission was granted, and committee appointed consisting of J. T. Hambrick, S. N. Little, Thomas Sellers as advisory council for Loves Chapel as per request of letter to this body; also a committee was appointed to get up an appendix consisting of timely topics and neglected themes, viz: J. T. Hambrick, S. N. Little, R. C. Gregory, C. M. Burtz and Thomas Howell. Report of preaching committee called for as follows: S. N. Little Wednesday night, 7 o'clock, W. G. Stoval to follow. Thursday 9 A. M., E. W. McCook, S. T. Busby to follow, at 11 o'clock a. m. George Carter and S. N. Little to follow, at 3 o'clock p. m. C. M. Hall and W. T. Griffin to follow, at night. Thomas Howell. Friday 9:30 o'clock a. m. W. T. Sellers, S. N. Little to follow at 11 o'clock a. m. W. T. Griffin to preach and W. G. Stoval to follow. Thomas Massey chairman of said committee.

Committee on Temperance called for and received as follows: We denounce drunkenness as the Bible does and we beg our ministers to preach against it

We think it is to some extent on the decrease; also we ask our Deacons to do all they can against drunkenness. F. K. Smith chairman of said committee.

Committee on Sabbath Schools called for and received as follows: Report not good. E. C. Zorn chairman of said committee.

Committee on the good of the ministry called for and received as follows: We find the ministers spiritually good and so far as we know, faithfully laboring in the vineyard, and we commend them for their faithful work, we offer to your honorable body the following: A better system by which we can support our ministry. Seeing a want in our churches on this line, we further recommend that the Moderator appoint a committee to arrange minutes and add appendix in our minutes describing duty of churches to pastors and duty of deacons to churches. R. C. Gregory chairman of said committee.

Committee on standing of churches make the following report and received viz:—An examination of the same through the delegates and ministers of the various churches we find the spiritual condition of all churches good except one, and, we ask the prayers of this body in behalf of this church (Magnolia.) C. M. Hall chairman of said committee.

Committee on decorum received and adopted as compiled at last association. W. T. Hambrick chairman of said committee.

Committee on order of business received and adopted as will appear in the minute. W. T. Hambrick chairman of said committee.

Committee on finance received as follows. Received from the various church \$14.92 Thomas Massey chairman of said committee, and above amount turned over to J. T. Hambrick who was re-elected as treasurer.

Report of treasurer received as follows, received of S. N. Little chairman of finance committee 1896, \$20.25, received of Thomas Massey 75c for minutes 1896. Paid out to G. M. Burtz clerk for 1896 \$5.00 leaving the balance on hand \$16.00.

Report of committee on examination of applicants for ordination recommend upon the corresponding letter from New Prospect church that the general department of E. W. McCook and other evidences of his standing as a man of God that be be ordained giving choice of Presbetyery to applicants. Moderator W. G. Stovall assisted by S. N. Little and W. T. Sellers to act as Presbetyery. Thomas Massey chairman of said committee. Upon the recommendation of the above committee rites of ordination was duly performed and executed by the above named Presbetyery right hand of fellowship was duly extended to Bro. E. W. McCook as a legally ordained minister of the gospel, also Bro. Thomas Howell an ordained minister of the Methodist church, having just joined Friendship church. Upon motion of deacon W. W. Ward and pastor W. T. Sellers of said church recommend that his certificate of ordination from the Methodist church be recognized by our church and upon examination of the same he was accepted immediately after Baptism as a legally ordained minister of the Freewill Baptist church. And said article of ordination of the M. E. Church South of the Florida conference, held by him, ordered endorsed by this body; by receiving the signature of the Moderator of this association.

Motion carried that Bro. R. C. Gregory write the circular letter for the next association. Motion carried that the deacons of each church of this Association secure two or more members of their respective churches to solicit subscriptions in every vicinity for mission purposes. A subscription list of \$40. was made up to be paid at the next Association, by the delegates of this Association for the above named purpose.

Circular letter from Bro. W. G. Stovall received and ordered placed on the minute.

Motion carried to tender thanks of this body to Friendship church and friends of this vicinity. Motion carried to adjourn, singing hymn 174. in Prayer and Praise, and taking the parting hand to meet again on the Tuesday night after the second Sunday in October, 1895, with New Prospect church, 7 miles southwest of Ashburn, Ga. R. C. Gregory, Clerk.

STATISTICS, 1894.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	DELEGATES	CLERK AND P. O.	PASTOR	Mem-ship.	For Min-utes.
New Shilo	Irwin	Thos. Massey, J T Hambrick	D J Newton, Ashburn	S N Little	38	81 50
Friendship	Mitchell	A J Shirah, W W Ward, Will Pope	A J Harrel, Magnolia	W T Sellars	115	1 50
County Line	Colquit	J S Pope, T K Strickland	W G Stoval, Hartsfield	W G Stoval	11	1 20
Hartsfield	Colquit	W V Weathersby	J C Gregory,	G T Embry	50	1 25
Magnolia	Mitchell	J A Collier, R C Gregory, J F C Boatright	Josco Hunt, Tuton	W T Sellars	30	50
New Prospect	Worth	E T Barksdale	A A Suggs, Ashburn	S N Little	42	1 30
Pine Hill	Colquit	E W McCook, E C Zorn	G W Rhodes, Elm	W G Stoval	31	1 00
Cool Spring	Colquit	J A Rhodes, Geo Willis	D J C Weeks, Randall	C M Hall	29	1 15
Love's Chapel	Dooly	J B Dunn, Jr, Seaborn Simmons	E Nobles, Velma	W T Griffin	61
Freewill Union	Pulaski	W T Griffin	key, Hawkinsville	W T Sellars	59
Pleasant Home	Thomas	W A Busbee, S I Busbee	Busbee, Thomasville	W T Sellars	20	1 00
New Bethel	Worth	J M Lawson, W R Lawson	Box, Sycamore	S N Little	32	75
Green Wood	Mitchell	J T Lee, F B Smith	Smith, Camilla	W T Sellars	23	1 52
Pleasant Hill	Colquit	By Pastor	Thompson	C M Hall	1 10
Pleasant Home	Worth	C M Hall, J W Renew	Total		558	14 92