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Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

STATE LINE

FREWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONVENED WITH—

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH, JACKSON CO., FLA. OCTOBER 5th, 6th, and 7th, 1893.

OFFICERS:

D. L. CHANDLER, JEFFERSON D. STEPHENS, MODERATOR. CLERK.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: D. L. CHANDLER, J. M. BRACKIN, J. M. CHANCE, G. W. CHERRY, ROBERT HATCHER.

The next session of this Association will meet with Spring Hill Church, Henry County Ala., on Thursday at 11 o'clock, before the second Sunday in October, A. D. 1894.

MARIANNA:

J. S. GARDNER, JOB PRINT. 1894.

PROCEEDINGS.

Pursuant to adjournment The State Line Freewill Baptist Association convened with Hickory Grove Church, Jackson Co., Fla, on Thursday at eleven o'clock before the second Sunday in Oct., A. D. 1893.

Introductory services directed by Eld. D. L. Chandler

from 119 Psalm followed by Rev. J. B. Mills.

After preaching services the body vacated one hour for refreshments.

Promptly at the hour the body reassembled in the house. And in the absence of the former moderator, Eld. D. L. Chandler was elected Moderator protem, and the body joined in singing a very appropriate hymn; after which Rev. J. I. Hatcher rendered prayer.

Rev. H. G. Wiggins and Rev. J. I. Hatcher were then appointed by the Moderator, to retire to the stand at the dominated hour, and engage Divine services; after the appointment

business was dispatched in the following order, viz:

1st Letters from the various churches were called for handed in and read by Bros. Jefferson D. Stephens and J. A. Robinson and their state minuted.

The churches and delegates were then enrolled as follows:

1. Howards Grove-Westley Toler, W. H. Jordan.

- 2. Union Springs—J. T. Eubanks, Thos. Story, A. U. Justice.
- 3 Hickory Grove—R. G. Hatcher, J. T. Williams, Jefferson D. Stephens, J. R. Robinson.

4. Spring Hill—F. M. Robinson, Davis Whitaker, R. B.

Robinson.

5. Rockey Grove—J. J. Baxter, Wm. J. Rodgers, W. C. Thigpen

6. Pleasant Plains—F. B. Kirkland, J. M. Brackin.

7. Mt. Pleasant—Thos. Golden, N. Golden.

8. Friendship-J. M. Chance, James Gainus.

9. Silver Run—Ephraim Jones, G. W. Smallwood, Leander Riley

10. New Hope Dale Co.-G. W. Anderson, R. L. Wright.

11. Macadonia-C. R. Cobb, H. Hobbs.

12. Prospect—A. I. Cherry, J. W. Conner, J. D. Blood-swerts

After the enrollment of churches and delegates the body was permanently organized by electing Eld. D. L. Chandler Moderator; and Jefferson D. Stephens, Clerk.

Revs. G. W. Cherry and G. L. Love to retire to the stand

the former bretheren having been excused.

Called for petitionary Letters, and received one from Rock Hill church Henry county Ala. Letter was read received and the right hand of fellowship extended to its dellegates, by the body.

On motion Rev. Calvin Dykes was elected assistant clerk.

Committees were then appointed as follows, viz:

On Divine Services—Brethren Wesley Toler, R. G. Hatchand E. G. Jones.

On Temperence—Brethren Robert Hatcher, Calvin Dykes,

G. W. Cherry and J. M. Chance.

On Finance—Brethren J. M. Brackin Noah Golden and G. W. Anderson.

On Nominations—Brethren James I. Hatcher, G. L. Love and Thos Sorey.

On Suggestions—Brethren J. B Mills, Neally Whittle,

G. L. Love, Calvin Dykes, and H. G. Wiggins.

On Obituaries—Brethren Davis Whitaker, J. T. Eubanks, and J. M. Robinson.

On Deceased Ministers—Brethren J. M. Robinson, Charley Cobb, and Davis Jordan.

On Missions—Brethren Robert Hatcher, Neally Whittle and L. Riley.

On Sabbath Schools—Brethren W. C. Thigpen, C. M. Barber and John Hatcher.

On Documents—Brethren J. W. Conner, R. L. Wright, A. N. Justice and A. J. Cherry.

After the above appointments, a motion was sustained to have an investigating committee, which consists of Brethren J. B. Mills, Calvin Dykes, G. L. Love and J. J. Baxter.

On motion of Rev. J. I. Hatcher we dismiss for preaching

at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion of Robert Hatcher call the roll and mark absentees.

Called for corresponding Delegates no one presented call for the reading of the constitution and decorum. Which was complied with.

Call for report of Committee on Divine Services.

We your committee on arrangements beg to make the following reports on Friday, Bro. Wiggins to preach at 9 o'-clock and Bro. Whittle to come in conclusion. Bro. D. L. Chandler to preach at 11 o'clock and G. W. Cherry to come in

conclusion. Bro. J. B. Mills to preach at 3 o'clock and Bro. Robert Hatcher to come in conclusion. On Saturday, Bro. Calvin Dykes to preach at 9 o'clock and Bro. John Robinson to close. Bro. Hammett to preach at 11 o'clock, Bro. Whittle to close, Bro. G. L. Love to preach at 3 o'clock and Bro. G. W. Cherry to close.

E. G. Jones, Chairman Committee.

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

On motion adjourned till Friday morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Pursuant to adjournment the body assembled, and joined the Mederator in singing the Hymn "Did Christ o'er sinners weep." After singing we humbled with the Moderator in divine supplications.

Call the roll, and on motion Bro. John Hatchar was gran-

ted further time to arrive.

Call for the report of Committee on Missions:

We your committee on missions submit the following report: We suggest that we put a missionary in the field, provided the body will consolidate, and raise an amount sufficient to pay a minister to work in the field. And we suggest the following plan; that it be arranged that each church shall contribute annually a prorate amount to the association.

ROBERT HATCHER, Chairman Committee.

On motion, the report is received and com. discharged. The report not adopted, and on motion of Bro. Robert Hatch-er, amended to read as follows: Each church send a missionary, and that he collect for the cause.

ON TEMPERANCE.

Paul reasoned on temperance, Acts 24, 25, and so should we, and then as we learn the right, let us stand firmly. The Holy Scriptures are quite pronounced on the subject speaking with no uncertain sound, And we must be equally strong. We must be temperate in all things, and Paul adds the exhortarion that we live soberly also. Drunkeness excludes from heaven, Think of it here in our own beloved nation, yearly, 100,000 drunkarks march into hell, 600,000 of our voters are perfect sots, soaked in rum. Again the rum power is thoroughly intrenched in our politics, then, as a financial question, last year the iniquitious traffic of rum cost us \$1,200,000,000, an expendature, vastly in excess of any interest that claims our attention, Our Judges and lawyers state that 95 per cent. of the crimes committed in

our country can be traced to the drink habit, Moderation will not do, total prohibition must be our cry. The bible says touch not, taste not, handle not. To sign a petition for the selling of alcohalic liquors-to legalize and protect such a trafficmeans sin, as an Association we say the saloon must go, and stand pledged for personal abstinence, and total supp ession af the liquor traffc. The prayers of suffering wives, mothers, and children are ascending to the mercy seat. May providence so arouse the church of Christ that soon this terrible curse of intemperance shall be lifted from our fair land.

ROBERT HATCHER, Chairman Com.

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

ON DOCUMENTS

We the committee on documents submit the following report: We recommend that our church use the baptist Review published by Bro. Nash; also David Cook's literature in our Sabbath Schools. Also recommend the Large Baptist Harmony Hymnbook as our standard. J. W. Conner, Chairman Com.

On motion, the report is received and the committee discharged. Report not adopted. Amended to read as follows: We adopt the litrature of the American Sunday School Union for use in our Sunday School, and that we use the Large Bap-

tist Harmony as our Hymn Book.

At this injunction, on motion of Bro. J M. Brackin, Bro. Hammett was given a seat with us, during our session. Adjourned till half past two, and repaired to the arbor for preaching. and was ably advised by Eld Chandler, from 28 chap. 19, 20 vr. of Matthew. After which we shared in abundance, the blessings of the generous hearted vicinity.

Friday, Afternoon Session.

Pursuant to adjournment the body repaired in the house, and joined the moderator in singing a portion of Hymn, "Children of the heavenly King," followed by prayer by elder Hatcher.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS:

We your committee on nomination, submit the following report: We nominate that the next session, of this body be held with Spring Hill church. We nominate J. D. Sowel, to preach the introductory sermon, Robert Hatcher alternate. J. B. Mills to write the Circular Letter.

J. I. HATCHER, Chairman Committee.

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

ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

We the committee on Deceased Ministers submit the following report: We are rejoiced to announce that all the Ministers are all well and enjoying good health, for which we J. A. Robinson, Chairman Committee. thank the Lord.

On motion, the report is received and adopted and com-

mittee discharged.

ON FINANCE.

We your committee n Received for minutes	We have.	
Received for Association Received for mission	purposes	
Received for Dykes on oid	minutes	
On motion, the report	is received and adopted.	\$20,23

ON SABBATH SCHOOL.

The Sunday School interest within the bounds of our associations is rapidly growing. There have been a number of Sunday Schools organized in our churches during the year, and we report seven schools still running. During the year we have had the services of the Sunday School Missionary of the American Sunday School Union, and he is now engaged in looking after our schools. We appreciate this help, and endorse the Union and its excellent literature, and hope to have the continued help of the missionary. On the first Sunday in July a convention was held with Friendship church, and an adjourned meeting of the same was held with Pleasant Plains church embracing the second Sunday in August; also a convention was held with Spring Hill church embracing the 3rd Sunday in July. At all of these meetings great good was accomplished, and the people quite stimulated on the subject. It is hoped that a still greater interest may be manifested, and that soon there may be a Sunday School in each and every church. The convention for the first District will be held at Union Springs church, Saturday before the second Sunday in July, and the convention for the 2nd District will be held at --on Saturday before the _____ in July '94. Let us all attend and rally to this good work. W. C. Thigpen Chm. Com.

On motion, the report is received and adopted and the committee discharged. The committee failed to give time

and place for the convention of the second District.

ON SUGGESTIONS.

We the committee beg leaf to make the following report: That we allow no other preacher to serve our churches, from any associations, unless they comply with our ordinances.

Church, 2nd, we suggest that the body appeal the resolution that was made last year, in regard to receiving members

from Knights association without rebaptism.

3rd. We suggest that the State Line Association have nothing to say about J. T. Knight nor his works, for if God be for him, who can be against him, so says the word.

4th. We suggest that all church letters sent to the association shall state whether or not, they are in peace one with another or not.

J. B. Mills, Chairman Committee.

On motion, the report is received and committee discharged. The report not being fully adopted, was considered as follows: Ist. section fully adopted. 2nd, Amended to read as follows: Whereas Rev. J. T. Knight who has been expelled from the State Line Association, is still preaching, and claims to be a Freewill Baptist; Be it resolved that we do not recognize him nor any of his work, nor allow him to preach in any of our chirches. 3rd objected, 4th adopted

ON OBITUARIES.

We your committee find six of our members departed this life since our last session.

Davis Whitaker, Chm Com.

The report received and on motion they are to be printed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We your committee, beg leat to make the following report: We find that J. B. Mills, our missionary, has worked 3 and a half months at \$25,00 per month, making \$87.50, we have paid him \$52.00, we are due him yet \$35,50. Which we recthat this body take steps to collect and pay.

J. M. CHANCE, Chairman.

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

TREASURE REPORT.	ø.
Treasure report for 1892:	-
Paid to Bro. Dykes for Publication\$	10.75
Paid to Bro. Dykes for services	15.00
Paid to Bro. D. L. Chandler the remainder for mission work	32.70
Paid to Bro. D. L. Chandler for expenses to the Martin and Chatta-	À .
hoochee Association	7.00
By order of the committee Bro. J. B. Mills	10.00
Total paid out	75.45
Remainder in hands of Treasurer.	.95
Total	
G. L. Love. Treasure	

Called for the reading of the Circular Letter. Rro. I. J. Ethridge, who was appointed to write the Circular Letter, was not present, but he was granted the oportunity, provided it does not defer the publication of the minutes.

Call for report of investigating Company. We the committee on Investigation beg leaf to make the following report: That we find, by investigating the brethren of Prospect church, that the church is now in order.

J. B. Mills, Chairman.

On motion; the report is received and adopted and committee discharged.

On motion we hear from Bro. Dykes on the conditions of having minutes printed.

On motion received, and the association pay him for his expendatures, \$4.02.

Called for Miscellaneous Business.

On motion adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

According to appointment, we assembled and joined the moderator in singing hymn "A Charge to keep I have." after which we engaged in prayer with Bro. Wm R Talley. On motion of Bro. A. J Cherry' that he would interrogate the editor at Dothan, and if we can get work done as cheap or cheaper to patronize him. On motion of Bro. J. I. Hatcher, that those making pledges at the last Association, redeem them and pay the remainder due Bro. Mill and the remaining to be placed in the treasure. On motion the executive committee are to receive the pledges and pay Bro. Mills the amount of \$35.50, and to retain the remaider in the treasure.

On motion of Bro. Brackin the Association pay back to Hickory Grove the fifty cents that was paid on old minutes. Call for the report of the Union meeting and Sabbath School Convention of the 1st District. Minutes of the Sabbath School Convention read and on motion of J. T. Eubanks, received and to be pudlished in our minutes, also minutes of the Union meeting of the first district read and on motion received and adopted Call for report of the Union Meeting and Sabbath School convention of the 2nd district. Not present. On motton Bro. Brackin was to furnish the clerk with the proceedings of the Sabbath school Convention for pub-On motion the Union meeting of the second district will convene with Prospect Church.one mile east of Dothan, Saturday before the third Sunday in August, A. D. 1894. Bro. J. B. Mills to preach the introductory sermon, and Bro G. W. Cherry, alternate. On motion of Bro G. W. Cherry, we send corresponding delegates to sister Associations. G.W.Cheery and J.W.Conner volunteered to visit the Southeastern Ass. On motion of Brother Cherry, Brother Chandler was paid one dollar and sixteen cents for his traveling expensef to and from the Chatahooch ee and Martin Associations. Dismissed until half past one, repaired to arbor and were ably addressed by Bro Hammett from the 22nd ch., and 42nd verse of Matthew. After which we engaged with the people of the community in refreshments in abundance.

EVENING SESSION.

According to annoucement, we assembled in the Church, and joined the Moderator in singing hymn "As on the Cross the Saviour hung," following, prayer by the Moderator. Bro. Bracken offered a resolution, as follows:—Resolved that the funds paid in for minutes and Association purposes be placed in the hands of the treasure, till the minutes are printed; then the clerk draw on the treasure for money enough to pay the expenses of minutes and his salary and postage. Respectfully submitted. On motion received and adopted On motion of Bro. Brackin pay clerk for his services ten dollars. On motion of Bro. Brackin we send a commit-

tee to J. T. Khight and his association so that he can make reconciliation to the State Line Association: on motion of J. J. Baxter, the moderator appoint the committee, which are Calvin Dykes, G. L. Love, J. B. Mills, G. W. Cherry and J. R. Robinson, on motion D. L. Chandler was added; Bro J. M. Chance volunteered to correspond with the Martin Association, and Brother D. L. Chandler volunteered to correspond with the Chatahoochee Association. On motion we pay our corresponding delegate at our next session.

Rev. Dykes offered the following resolution: Resolved that the State Line Association tender its thanks to Hionory Grove, and the community for their kind hospitality shown us during our stay with them, may the Lord bless them in their efforts for good. On motion of Bro. Brackin we adjourned and will meet Spring Hill Church, Henry county, Ala., on Thursday at 11 o'clock before the second Sunday in October, A. D. 1894.

Then all took the parting hand, after which Bro. Hammett offered. prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

D. L. CHANDLER. Moderator.

JEFFERSON D. STEPHENS, Secretary,

The stand was filled in the following manner: Thursday evening at 3 o'clock, by G. W. Cherry, followed by G. L. Love.

Friday morning at nine o'clock aro. Wiggins, followed by Bro Whit-

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Friday morning at eleven o'lock, D. L. Chandler, followed by G. W. Cherry. Friday evening at three o'clock J. r. Mills, followed by Robert Hatcher.

Saturday morning at nine o'clock, Calvin Dykes, followed by John Robinson. Saturday morning at eleven o'clock, Bro. Hammett. followed by Bro. Whittle. Saturday evening at three o'clock, G. L. Love, followed by G. W. Cherry.

PRACTICAL RELIGION.

Dear erethren:—Having been assigned the duty of writing a circular letter I have chosen the subject of practical religion upon which to write. taught in the Word of God, as well as by reason and experience, that practical is the mearns through which the spiritual health and strength is imparted to the soul of the Christian. Our Blessed Saviour said if any man will do his will "he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God or not."-John' 7:15-16. are told in 2nd John in the 9th verse that 'whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God; futhermore our Saviour says, John 15.1-2 verses, that he is "the vine" and his disciples are the branches every branch in him that beareth not fruit his father taketh away, and every branch that bear eth fruit he purgeth it that it bring forth more fruit; thus we see that they, who would bask in the suplight of God's love and would grow in grace and the knowledge of the truth; those who would rejoice in spirit and have their consciences purged from dead works, those who would be built up in faith, hope and love and would have their prospects grow brighter and brighter as they progress onward in the journey of life must be actively and zealously engaged in the work of the Lord. They must walk from day to day under the shadow of the cross, they must adorn the profession, which they have made by a godly walk and a pious conversation, they must let their light so shine that others seeing their good works may be constrained to glorify our father which is in heaven.

Experience teaches us that the well spring of joy in the heart of the Christian is fed through the channel of practical religion. Ask the old veteran soldier of the cross from whence comes his spiritual support, and he will tell you that it is from his heavenly father, testifying by the Holy Spirit his approbation, and filling his heart with joy unspeakable and full of glory, as a reward of final obedience to his divine precept. It is a fact so patent in the mind- of every conscientious Christian, that it requires no testimony to establish it, that who would

prosper in the Christian life, must work. It is in the performance of the work of our Master that we experience a good conscience it is in the performance of good deeds that we are permitted to enjoy a foretaste of Heaven. As the poet says:

"He that hath soothed the widows woe, Or wiped the orphan tear doth know There's something here of Heaven."

Reason teached us that we as professes Christians, should live as Christians. Our Saviour spent his time upon earth in going about doing good; then those, who are his followers should do the same to the utmost of their ability. Then, dear bretheren, let us put on the whole armor of God, and fight the good fight of faith. Let us lay aside every weight and every excuse, and let us run with patience the race which is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Your brother in Christ,

ISAAC J. ETHERIDGE

Proceedings of the Sunday School Convention.

July 14th 1893:—In pursuance to adjournment the Union Meeting and Sabbath School Convention assembled with the Spring Hill Church, Henry Co., Alabama.

After preliminarying and discussing which of the twain should be primitively engaged, and undecidedly affecting the discussion, disengaged for refreshments. And after accuperating with those generous people, and endulging in the blessings of their reception, we again united in the house.

EVENING SESSION.

Resumed order; and proceeded to organize, which was effected in the following routine: Engaged in singing one verse of time. Blessed Home," after which mayer was rendered by Brother D. L. Chandler; again singing, and on motion of Bro. D. L. Chandler, Brother Cook was elected chairman protein, and Jefferson D. Stephens was elected secretary protein. On motion of Brother D. L. Chandler, Brother Cook was permanently elected moderator of the Sabbath School convention. On motion Brother Jefferson D. Stephens permanently elected secretary for the Sabbath School convention. Then on motion of amendment the convention proceeded to business.

Called for letters from the different Sabbath Schools; Silver run represented by letter and delegation. The names are as follows:—C. W. Smallwood and J. F. Welch. Hickory Grove approximated by lefferson D. Stephens. Union Grove by W. S. Cook and J. T. Eubanks; all of them approved. Sing one verse of tune, "Heaven's my home," after which, we were the recipients of an essay "Little Christians," by Miss Coinelia Balkcam. Sing two verses of same "une, sing one verse of tune 37. Then a rendering on the "Bible," by Master Willie Mercer. Then on suggestion of Bro, Gook Bro D. L. Chandier delivered a very interesting talk on the foregoing. Sing one verse of the tune "Oh why not

to-night.

Called back to the item of receiving letters, Brother Thigpen approximated for Rocky Grove, stating that they had not any school at present. On motion it was received. Sing one verse of tune "Unclouded day." Then an essay "The Duties of the Sunday School Teacher," by Miss Perlia Nichols. Sing one verse of 'I Want to be a Worker." Sing one verse "Beyond the Golden Sunset Sky." Then a rendering by Miss Nancy Mercer. Sing second verse of same tune, after which we were the recipients of an encouraging inculcation from the Moderator. On motion it was carried to meet annually. Two applications for the next Convention were presented. It was infered to convene with Union Springs, on Saturday before the second Sunday in July 1894, at eleven o'clock. Amended to meet at 9 o'clock. Engaged in singing one verse, tune "God be with you," after which Bro. Calvin Dykes rendered prayer. On motion of Bro. D. L. Chandler to appoint one to address at next meeting. An jounced preaching to night.

The business of the Convention being disposed of, the announcement to meet at 8 o'clock a.m. on the 15th was proclaimed. Convention closed, subject to the Assocciation.

W. S. Cook, Mederator,

JEFFERSON. D. STEPHENS, Secretary.

OBITUARIES.

Sacred to the memory of our beloved sister, Minnie Butler, who departed this life March 11 A.D.1863. She joined the Church under the administration of Brother Cherry, July 1892, and is gone to reap the reward of the final faithful. May she rest in peace.

We are pained to chronicle the death of our beloved sister. Sarah E Mills, who departed this life July 14th, 1893. She had been a member of Pleasant Plains Church for about five years, a true sister and is gone to rest with the final faih-

ful. age 39 years.

Brother Henry Cherry departed this life on the 9th of June 1893. Age 68 years five months, and fourteen days. He lived a consecrated member of the Free Will Baptist Church for many years, and we believe he has gone to reap his reward in glory. He was living with his fourth wife, leaves her and nineteen children living, and six dead children, and grandchildren eighty-four. May their loss be his eternal gain.

Sacred to the memory of our beloved sister, Mrs. Standland. She was a member with us at Hickory Grove Church. She has been a member of the Church for a number of years, and lived and let her light shine, that others might be constrained to glorify our father, who art in heaven. Peace to her sleeping remains. Born Jan., 9th A. D. 1834. Departed this life 1 eb., 3d, 1893. Age 59

years and 24 days.

Brother John W. Cherry departed this life on the 22nd day of July 1893. He had only been a member about a year, but had lived up to the full discharge of his Christian duties. During the year he belonged to Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, Age 21 years, 9 months and 10 days. We believe he has gone to reap his reward in glory. He leaves several brothers and sisters and friends to mourn his loss. May they strive to meet him in heaven. Baptized by G. W. Cherry.

Sacred to the memory of our beloved sister. Charity Fowler. She was a member of Macedonia Church she had been a member of the church for a number of years, and lived and let her ligt shine that others might be constrained to glorify our Father, who art in Heaven. Peace to her sleeping remains.

Age 47 died July 1st. 1893

Statistics of the Association.

She State Line Free Will Baptist Association was organized at Howard Grove Church, November 20, 1886.

Grove Church.	November 20, 1886.	•	, in the second second	
SESSION YEAR.	• -	CLERK.	CHURCH.	No.
1886	D. L. CHANDLER,	CALVIN DYKES,	Howard Grove,	447.
1897	D. L. CHANDLER,		Beulah,	479.
1888	R. M. CRAY,	CALYIN DYKES,	Macedonia,	503.
1889	R. M. GRAY,		Faiendship,	516.
1890	R. M. GRAY,	CALVIN DYKES,	Lovewood,	443.
1891	R. M. GRAY,	CALVIN DYKES,	Prospect,	334.
1892	R. M, GRAY,			444.
1893.	D. L. CHANDLER,	JEFF. D. STEPHENS	s, Hickory Crove,	459.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Organize.

2. Call for letters from the different churches.

3. Elect Moderator and Clerk.

4. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.

5 Call for petitionary letters.

6. Appoint committees.

7. Call the roll and read the decorum.

- 8. Call for correspondents from sister Associatio is.
- 9. Appoint correspondents to sister Associations.

10. Call for report of committees.

- 11. Call for circular letter.
- 12: Call for Treaurer's report.
- 13. Call for miscellaneous business.

14. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution of this Association is as follows:

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be composed of delegates annually sent from

the churches based in it.

ART II. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter signed by the Clerk of the church, certifying the appointment, to which shall be subjoined a table stating the members baptized, received by letter restored, dismissed, excluded, dead within the past Associtional year, the total membership, and of ordained and licensed ministers, the name of the church and pastor, and the time of their monthly meeting, and the name of their nearest post office.

ART. III. Any church wishing to become a member of this body must bring a letter of disminission from some other orderly Association. or, if it be a newly constituted body, it must send, by delegation, a letter, stating the names of the ministers by whom it was constituted, and, if it is found to be sound, it shall be

received.

ART. IV. Each church shall be entitled to two delegates for the first twenty-

five memlers, and then one delegate for the fractional part of twenty-five.

ART. V. It is expected that the churches composing this body will send delegates and contributions for Minutes every session, and that no church will withdraw from the Association without assigning a reason for the intended withdrawal.

ART. VI. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk. The Moderator shall preside over body and enforce the rules of the Constitution and the Decorum, but shall not be allowed a vote, except in case of a tie, on any matter.

ART. VII. It'shall be the duty of the Clerk to minute the proceedings of the body in session, and to superintend the publication of the same, and to do such other writing pertaining to the business of the body.

ART. VIII. The Clerk shall also preserve a file of the Minutes of the Association which he shall deliver to his successor when he goes out of office

ART. IX. This Association shall meet annually, according to adjournment, and shall have power to transact all business pertaining to the general good of

this body.

ART. X. The Constitution and also the Docorum of the Association may be altered or amended during any session of the body by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present.

DECORUM OF THE ASSOCIATION:

ARTICLE I. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the deliberations of the body in session, preserve order, subjut motions, or other matters. He may have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair be occupied, but is not allowed a vote except the body be equally divided, in which case he shall cast the deciding vote.

ART, II. The Treasurer shall keep a correct account of all the money coming into his hands, as the manner in which it is disbursed. He shall only pay out money upon the order of the Association of all funds received and disbursed

by him, showing the balance, if any on hand.

ART. III. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the notice of the body unless withdrawn.

ART. IV. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. V. The Moderator and Clerk shall be elected by ballot, annually.

ART, VI. Only one person shall be allowed to speak at the same time, and said speaker shall first address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking except by the Moderator

ART. VIII. The names of delegates shall be enrolled and called as often as

the body may deem proper.

ART. IX. The Moderator shall not interrupt the speaker while speaking, unless he departs from the subject in debate.

ART. X. All officers shall be elected by ballot, except the Executive Com-

mittee. It shall be appointed.

ART. XI. If newly constituted churches, or others desire to be admitted into this union, they petition by letters and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by this Association, and such reception shall be manifested by giving the right hand of fellowship.

ART. XII. The pastors of each shall have power to form a Presbytery and ordain deacons for the churches; also to examine preachers who may apply for such; also, to examine ordained ministers who may make application to our order, and it found sound, shall be set apart in our ranks, but not to be re-ordained.

ART. XIII. We, therefore, resolve that no church nor misisters shall be received into this Association that refuses to comply with the ordinances that is given us in the gospel. This Decorum my be altered or amended as the body may see proper.

CHURCH DECORUM.

The following was adopted for Church Decorum.

1 The church may choose a pastor whenever they think proper, but the time must be at a regular monthly meeting of the church.

2 The pastor shall be a Moderator, of the church when present, but if he is

not present, some suitable member shall be appointed by the church.

3 There shall be two or more deacons in the church, whose duty it shall be to superintend all contributions made by the church for the pastor and to see that he has a support, and to distribute the bread and wine in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

4 Some suitable member shall be elected Clerk; and it shall be his duty to do all the writing pertaining to the church, and preserve a file of the Minutes of the Association, and when a new Clerk is elected, all the minutes should be turned

over to his successor.

5 The church shall hold a two days' meeting, monthly, Saturdy and Sunday following the first, which shall be the regular time of Conference.

6. Any male member who tails to attend three succesive conferences, shall be

cited to the church to answer for his neglect, but the church may exempt any

person from this rule, if necessary:

7. Conferences shall be opened and conducted as follows: 1st, prayer, unless divine service has just been concluded;2nd, Invite visiting bretheren to have seats with us; 3nd. Open door for the reception of members; 4th, Call for absentees: 5th, For acknowledgment; 6th, For references or deferred business; 7th, For new matters of dealing which is order to come before the body; 8th, For miscellaneous visiting bretheren called in from sister churches, shall be allowed to speak and make motions or second but not allowed to vote.

8. No member shall be rec ived without the unanimous consent of the members present, but unreasonable objections shall not be valid and unles withdrawn the member making them shall be liable to be taken into dealing by the church.

9. No member shall be expelled noless he has been cited to attend his trial,

provided his residence is known to the church.

10. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgments shall be

minuted in the church book.

11. All letsers granted by this church shall be limited, not over twelve months, and any member becoming disorderly, that is holding a letter shall be cited to the conference to answer for his conduct.

12. A vote shall not be taken on any question without a move and second, and

no motion shall be made while a move and second is before the conference.

feelings. Those who speak shall rise to their feet and address the Moderator, and no one shall speak more than three times on one subject without permission from the Moderator.

14. No one shall be interrupted while speaking, unless it is necessary to call

him to order,

15. We believe it the duty of the churches to commune and wash the feet at least one time a year, and if possible in the month of June and the expense paid by the church.

16. Any member of this church that speaks against the commandments of God or the ordinances He has given us in the Cospel, shall be taken under dealing of

the church and expelled unless he make acknowledgments.

17. This decorum shall not be altered or amended without a two third vote of the members present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st, OF God:—We believe that there is one and only one living and true God, infinite in all His attributes, the Creator, Preserver and Governor of the Universe; revealed to us in the Scriptures as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. 1st ch 1 mm. 17th v; Isaih 45th ch. 22 v; St John 17th ch. 3rd v; St John 1st ch. 1st, 2nd and 3rd vs.

2nd. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES—We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiraton of God and are binding on all as our inf. In ble rule of faith and practice. 2nd lim. 3rd ch, 16 v, Romans 15 ch. 4th v, 4th

ch. 23-24 vrs. 2nd Peter 1st ch. 21 stv.

3rd. OF CHRIST:—Webelieve he is God manifest in the flesh, being in his divine nature true God in human nature; true man uniting the person of the Messiah and Mediator for the redemption of the world. Luke 2nd ch 4th to 12 ys clusive, Matt. 1st ch. 18,19,20 ana24st vs.

4th. OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:—We believe that He is the third person in the Holy Trinity and posesses all personal divine attributes: being the Reprover, Comforter and Sanctifier. St John 14 ch 25th v. 15 ch 26 v. 16 ch 7th to 15h yeases

inclusive.

5th. Of Salvation:—That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel, that it is the immediate duty of all to receive it by a cordial and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of any so long as the Spirit continues to strive with them, but their own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 1st ch 16 v, Phil. 2nd ch 12th verse, Heb 2nd ch 3rd v.

6th. THE FALL OF MAN-We believe that man was created sinless, but -by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation, all his posterity unher ted this falten nature, and all that come to years of accountability will sin and come short of the glory of God, except that they receive salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. Cen. 3rd ch. 6th. v 1st ch 26th verse, 5th ch. 1st v; 9th ch. 6th. v; Coo, 11 ch 7th v. Romans 3rd ch; 28th y, Mark 16 ch 16 v; Acts 10 ch. 43rd BSLOY

7th. THE ATONEMENT—We believe that Christ in his great compassion offered himself as sacrifice in our stead, therefore God desires the salvation of all and the Gospel invites allf and whosoever will may come and partake of the Word of Life freely. 1st Cor. 1st ch. 7th v; Eph 5th ch. 2nd v; Heb 2 ch. 9th v, 26th v;

Rom. 5th ch. 15th v; Rev 22nd ch 17 vt

8th. Of Election—We believe that God hat not fixed the future state of man by any unconstitunal degree, delivered from the beginning to save all who would comply with the terms of salvation. John 8th ch. 31st v; Luke II ch. 28th v. Acts 10 ch. 35th v; Deutt 11 ch. 26, 27 rnd 28th vs.

0th. On Perseverence:—We believe that none will be finally saved, but those who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end. John 8th ch 31 v; Tim, 1st

ch. 19th v: 2nd Pet. 2nd ch. 21-22 vs; Matt 24th ch. 31st v.

10th. Gospel Ordinances:—We believe that baptism or the burial of believers in water and the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances to be pernetuated under the gospel of universal salvation, and to be observed by all true believers. Reference for baptism: John 3rd ch. 5th v; Rom. 6th ch. 4th v.. Reference for the Lord's Supper, Matt. 26 ch. 26, 27 and 28th vs. Reference for washing saints feet: John 13 ch 5th to 17th vs.

11th. The Lord's Supper:—We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Sayiour 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 performing the sacred service, regardless of name, denomination or distinction. Gal. 6th ch. 4th v; Matt. 7th ch. 10 v. Rom. 14 ch. 3nd and 4th

verses.

Of The Resurrection:—We believe in the ressurrection of the dead and 12th. a general judgment, and when the resurrection takes place the soul and body will reunite and form an immortal being; that the righteous will be received into everlasting happiness, and thewicked will be driven to everlasting darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. John 5th ch. 28th 29th vs; Acts 24th ch. ch 15th v; Isaiah 28th ch 17 v; Heb. 9th ch. 27thth v;

List of Ordained Ministers.

NAMES.

POST OFFICES.

R. M. GRAY,	Geneva, Geneva County, Ala.
CALVIN DYKES,	Neal's Landing, Fla.
D. L. CHANDLER,	
JAMES HATCHER	
ROBERT HATCHER,	Zoe, Henry County, Ala.
G.L. Love,	Posey, Henry County, Ala.
B. B. Hollis,	Highfall, Henry County. Ala.
J. D. Sowell,	Newton, Dale county, Ala.
JAMES CORNELL,	Marianna Florida.
J. B. Mills.	Jackson County, Florida.
G. W. CHERRY,	Dothan, Henry County, Ala.
1. J. ETHERIDHE,	
C. M. WHITTLE,	,
J. A. Robinson, ,	
W. S. Cook,	Pansey, Henry County, Ala-

Licentiates.

F. M. Swalls.
All the post-offices were not given,

JASPER C. THOMAS,

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STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1893.

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New Hope, Dale Co., Ala Macedonia, Henry Co., Ala Locky Grove, Jackson Co. Fla. Howards Grove, Henry co. Ala. Hickory Grove, Jack'n co. Fla. Union Spring. Henry Co. Ala. Mount Pleasant, Jack'n co Fla. Spring Hill, Henry Co. Ala Silver Run, Henry Co. Ala Friendship, Geneva, co. Ala Prospect, Henry co. Ala	C. R. Cobb, H. Hobbs	G. L. Love. J. I. Hatcher. H. Wiggins. Robt. Hatcher. D. L. Chandler. I. B. Mills. Calvin Dykes. G. W. Cherry. John Sowel. H. G. Wiggins. C. L. Love.	C. R. Cobb, Not known W. C. Thignen, Greenwood W. H. Jordan, Pansey, Ala J. D. Stephens, Bascom Fla J. T. Eubanks, Pansey Ala A Redishter, Craceville, Fla A Z Culbreth, Crosby, Ala. W. T. Riley, Pansey, Ala. John Hat her, Highfall, Ala A. J. Cherry, Dothan, Ala. Clerks P. O. Ashford, Ala	- 1 5 4 16 1 9 1 8 1 7 1 7 1 2 6	1 3 1 2 7 1 3 4 2 2 1 5 1	1	2 4 1 2 2 1 1 3 2 2 3	27 36 28 37 40 48 32 24 47 42 33 56 9	1 05 75 1 00 1 00 1 25 1 15 50 75 1 00 75 50	1 70 75 1 25 1 00 1 00 2 00 50 90 1 05 1 25 80	\$ 1 05
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