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G. Chandler.

Rockey Grove—T. Z. Evans, T. J. Baxter, G. B. Baxter,
Howard's Grove—J. F. Capps, Wesley Toler, A. P. Lin-
go, Geo. Smith, S. J. Frith.

New Harmony—J. J. Granger, J. C. McClendon, Jack
Guy, V. T. Granger, S. J. Singletary, Oates-Guy.

New Pilgrim—R. R. McGriff.

Magnolia—L. S. Smith, J. W. Phoman.

New Life—J. G. Granger, James Cole, J. J. Hart, W. J.
Rogers.

New Hope—C. R. G. Kirkland.

Long Branch—A. P. Powell, Elton Aycok, Drew Chesher

Shiloh—By Letter.

Pleasant Ridge—J. W. Day, J. T. Hall.

By motion the letters were received and adopted and
delegates seated.

Called for Petitionary Letters.

One received from Pleasant Ridge church.

The delegation was given the right hand of fellowship.

The Moderator appointed a committee on Divine Services
as follows: J. E. Jordan, E. Rabon, D. J. Johnson.

The body then elected Moderator and Clerk.

Rev. J. M. Murdock was elected Moderator and J. W. D.
Stephens re-elected Clerk.

Bro. Murdock expressed his appreciation of the honor
bestowed upon him and asked for the brethren to pray for
him.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Eldridge.

On motion adjourned until 8:30 o'clock Friday morning.

Prayer by Rev. G. T. Wiley.

FRIDAY MORNING

The Moderator called the body to order and read the 1st
Psalm. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Eldridge. The Clerk being
absent when the body was called to order, Bro. J. T. Eu-
banks was made clerk protem.

Called for correspondents from sister Associations. Two
responded. From Midway, Rev. G. T. Wiley. From Salem,
Rev. J. C. Eldridge. On motion of Bro. J. T. Eubanks they
were received and given the right hand of fellowship.

Rev. J. C. Ingram was elected assistant Moderator.

Called roll.

The following committees were appointed:

Character of Ministers—Wesley Toler, A. Holland and

Elton Aycock.

Documents—L. E. Powell, J. D. Marlow and J. T. Hatcher.
Education—R. L. Hunter, J. I. Hatcher and G. W. Cherry.

Home Missions—J. W. Conner, J. F. Patterson and G. T. Wiley.

Nominations—J. F. Capps, E. Rabon and W. J. Rodgers.

Suggestions—J. I. Hatcher, J. C. Eldridge and J. C. Ingram.

Sunday Schools—Drew Cheshire, A. L. Jordan, T. Z. Evans and D. V. Olive.

Temperance—G. W. Cherry, Joseph Whitaker, J. S. Conner and J. T. Eubanks.

Finance—A. P. Powell, Henry Pelt and J. J. Granger.

Bro. J. J. Hatcher was added to the Hickory Grove delegation to fill a vacancy.

On motion the Committee on Obituaries was discontinued, with the amendment that each church send in the names of its deceased members to be published in the minutes.

Called roll and read Decorum.

Appointed correspondents to sister Associations:

To Salem—J. T. Eubanks, C. F. Brown, Henry Pelt S. J. Singletary, R. L. Hunter, G. W. Cherry and J. C. Ingram. Meets with Gapp Pond church, five miles south of Warsaw, Washington county, Florida, Thursday night before the 1st Sunday in October, 1914.

To Choctohatchee—J. C. Ingram and D. L. Chandler.

To Liberty—G. M. Hardy, J. F. Capps, J. T. Eubanks and J. C. Ingram.

To Marten—J. I. Hatcher, G. W. Cherry, R. L. Hunter, Joseph Whitaker and J. C. Ingram.

To Midway—G. W. Cherry, R. R. McGriff, J. E. Jordan, R. L. Hunter and Joseph Whitaker.

To Chattahoochee—C. F. Brown, J. D. Marlow, J. I. Hatcher, G. M. Hardy, J. H. Burtshaw and J. C. Ingram, who are to act as a committee if the Association is out of order.

To Southeastern—G. W. Cherry, G. M. Hardy, J. A. Givens, J. W. Conner and D. W. Howell.

Adjourned for 11 o'clock services, to meet again at 1:30 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The body called to order by the Moderator.

By motion rescinded the act of receiving Shady Grove as an organized church and appointed a Presbytery to help constitute a church at Shady Grove. An executive committee to receive them into the Association at Magnolia church after they are constituted.

Call for report on character of ministers. Report read and adopted.

Report on documents read and adopted.

Report on suggestions read and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools read and adopted.

Report on nominations read and adopted.

Report on home missions read and adopted.

On motion of Bro. A. Holland adjourned till 8:30 o'clock Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The choir sang "What a Friend we Have in Jesus."

The Moderator read Matt. 25:24-25 and commented thereon.

By motion Bro. G. M. Hardy was excused.

Bro. W. S. Cook talked on Sunday Schools.

Report on education read and adopted. Discussed by Rev. G. W. Cherry and Rev. Joseph Whitaker.

On motion Bro. A. L. Jordan was excused.

Report on temperance read and adopted. Discussed by several brethren.

On motion Bro. A. P. Powell was excused.

Treasurers report read and adopted. The treasurer had furnished funds when the treasury was exhausted.

By motion that his money be refunded.

By motion of G. W. Cherry help Bro. Calvin Dykes an afflicted minister. A collection of \$10.30 was made for him.

Brethren W. J. Rodgers, R. R. McGriff and L. E. Powell were excused.

Adjourned for preaching.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The body was called to order by the Moderator.

The report on finance was read and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On motion to elect Executive committee. R. G. Hatcher, Wesley Toler, W. H. Jenkins, Z. B. Hagins, and J. D. Oliver

were elected.

On motion to elect Home Mission board, R. L. Hunter, J. M. Murdock, A. L. Granger, A. Holland and G. W. Cherry were elected.

Rev. R. L. Hunter was re-elected Treasurer.

On motion of Rev. W. S. Cook to hear Rev. J. M. Murdock's report of his year's work in the ministry, which was read by the clerk.

On motion of Bro. A. Holland the heartfelt thanks of the Association was tendered Spring Hill church and community for their kind hospitality during our session.

On motion pay clerk \$10.00 for his services.

A collection of \$2.10 was made for Bro. G. T. Wiley.

On motion of G. W. Cherry that clerk write Free Will Baptist about printing our minutes.

Time and place of next union meeting is to appear in minute.

On motion adjourned to meet with Union Springs church on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, A. D. 1914.

Song; "When He Comes in His Glory." Prayer by Joseph Whitaker. Benediction by Rev. J. D. Hatcher.

J. W. D. STEPHENS,
Clerk.

REV. J. M. MURDOCK,
Moderator.

The next Union Meeting convenes with New Pilgrim church five and one half miles south of Columbia, Ala., on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in July, 1914.

CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

We your committee on Character of Ministers beg leave to make the following report:

We know of none of our preachers but what are in good standing, though we think that some of them might do more work in the Master's vineyard for indeed the harvest is great and there is labor for all.

WESLEY TOBER, Clerk.

DIVINE SERVICES.

We your committee report as follows:

Thursday at night, Rev. J. C. Eldridge preach at J. E. Jordan's.

Friday at 11 a. m. Rev. G. W. Cherry preach.

Friday at 3 p. m. Rev. C. F. Brown preach and Rev. G. M. Hardy close.

Friday at night, Rev. Joseph Whitaker preach.

Saturday at 9: 30 Rev. R. L. Hunter preach. (This service was not held.)

Saturday at 11 o'clock Rev. J. C. Eldridge to preach.

Respectfully,

J. E. JORDAN, Chairman.

DOCUMENTS.

We your committee on Documents urge that our Freewill brethren use all of our Freewill literature in our Sunday Schools. (2) And use our Freewill paper. (3) We have learned that the Freewill Press at Ayden, N. C., has been destroyed by fire and we urge that this Association take some steps to get us another press.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. POWELL, Chairman.

SUGGESTIONS.

We your committee on Suggestions make the following report:

We suggest that our church Decorum be amended.

We suggest that no church shall license and ordain a man to preach the gospel that the church won't support.

We suggest that the churches of our Association commune and wash feet quarterly.

We suggest that the churches of our Association appoint a treasurer and the members mutually agree to pay in to the treasurer an amount that they agree upon.

J. I. HATCHER, Chairman.

EDUCATION.

We your committee on Education submit following:

We are very glad indeed to report and note the interest taken along educational lines. Our people all over the country are becoming very much interested in educating their children. We are also waking up to the fact that an educated ministry is the best. We are very glad to note this. Brethren, let's push this cause, for education is one of the chief concerns of all the fundamental principles underlying the human life and effort. Education is a three-fold principle, practical, spiritual and personal. Education, instead, practically opens the field of energising spiritual powers of the human effort.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. HUNTER, Chairman.

HOME MISSIONS.

We your committee on Home Missions beg leave to make the following report:

That each church of this Association pay \$3.00 for Home Missions, and that each pastor of the different churches collect it quarterly.

J. W. CONNER, Chairman.

NOMINATIONS.

We your committee on nominations beg leave to submit the following report:

We nominate Union Springs for the next Association. We nominate Rev. G. W. Cherry to preach the next introductory sermon and Rev. R. L. Hunter to close.

J. F. CAPPS, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report:

We find seven schools in the bounds of our Association. We deplore this great neglect on the part of our churches:

1st. The churches must have teachers.

2nd. Helps.

3rd. Instructors under and through the medium of Sunday School teaching, the church is posted and cultivated.

By those means the gospel of salvation will flourish. Where failure or neglect of these Christian duties have been, Religion has drifted into the greatest coldness of silence.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. CHESHIRE, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

We your committee on Temperance submit the following:

We believe whiskey to be one of the greatest evils in destroying the good morals, as we have seen its effects with sorrow, and we insist that our preachers do all in their power to drive out this evil from our churches; and if any of our members so forget themselves as to drink or to indulge in the sale of it, or to use it for the purpose of making money, they shall on conviction be excluded from the church in which they belong.

G. W. CHERRY, Chairman.

FINANCE.

We your committee of Finance submit the following report:

We find for Minutes ----- \$22.75

We find for Associational ----- 17.00

We find for Home Missions ----- 17.75

Total ----- \$57.50

Respectfully submitted, A. P. POWELL, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1912.

Received for Minutes	\$17 17
Received for Associational Purposes	18 75
Total Received	\$35 92
Paid for Printing Minutes	\$25 50
Paid for Postage	2 48
Paid for Express	1 10
Paid Clerk	10 00
Total paid out	\$39 08

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. HUNTER, Treasurer.

We find a balance on hand 1911, with pledges, \$9.37.
By balance on hand, \$5.04.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAD.

NAMES	CHURCHES
Sister Lena Harper	Howard's Grove
Willie Messer	Freewill's Rest
Brother Zinamon Grice	New Life
R. L. Worthington	New Life
Sister Eula Love	New Life
Sister Phanie Shehane	New Hope
Sister Mollie Kirkland	New Hope
Sister Tolitha Hatcher	Hickory Grove
Brother Ogg Ford	Hickory Grove

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organize.
2. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
3. Call for letters from the different churches.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Elect officers.
6. Call for correspondents from sister associations.
7. Appoint committees.
8. Call roll and read decorum.
9. Appoint correspondents to sister associations.
10. Call for report of committees.
11. Call for Treasurer's report.
12. Call for miscellaneous business.
13. Adjournment.

ORDAINED MINISTERS			
<i>Bostie B. W.</i>	<i>Long Branch</i>	<i>Geneva</i>	<i>Ala</i>
Braun C. F.	Pittman Creek,	Black,	Ala.
Burdeshaw J. H.	Spring Hill Prospect	Arditta, Cowart	Ala.
Chandler D. L.	Springfield,	Ashford,	Ala.
Cherry G. W.	Prospect,	Dothan,	Ala.
Cook W. S.	Union Springs,	Pansey,	Ala.
Dykes, Calvin	Howard Grove,	Ashford,	Ala.
Givens J. A.	Springfield,	Webb,	Ala.
Granger A. L.	New Life,	Crosby,	Ala.
Hardy G. M.	New Hope,	Ozark,	Ala.
Hatcher J. I.	Hickory Grove,	Bascom,	Fla.
Hunter R. L.	New Pilgrim,	Columbia,	Ala.
Ingram J. C.	Pleasant Home,	Ashford,	Ala.
Murdock J. M.	Howard Grove,	Ashford,	Ala.
Pearce J. D.	New Harmony,	Cottonwood,	Ala.
Ray C. G.	New Harmony,	Ashford,	Ala.
Sowell J. D.	Pittman Creek,	Black,	Ala.
Stephens J. D.	Hickory Grove,	Marianna,	Fla.
Swails F. M.	Pleasant Home,	Hartford,	Ala.
Thompson J. E.	Shiloh,	Columbia,	Ala.
Tremontana W. W.	Pittman Creek,	Black,	Ala.
Whiddon J. W.	Union Springs,	Pansey, Cord	Ala.
Whitaker, Joseph	Howards Grove,	Ashford,	Ala.
Whittle C. M.	New Hope,	<i>Ozark</i> Sellersville,	Ala.
Widner J. A.	Springfield,	Webb,	Ala.

LICENTIATES			
<i>Calloway J. D.</i>	<i>New Harmony</i>	<i>Greenwood</i>	<i>Fla</i>
Bostie B. W.	Long Branch,	Geneva,	Ala.
Carter W. T.	Springfield,	Ashford,	Ala.
Cobb A. C.	Howards Grove,	Dothan, Ashfor	Ala.
Dunn G. J.	Long Branch,	Samson,	Ala.
Kirkland A. M.	New Hope,	<i>Ozark</i> Malone,	Fla. <i>Ala</i>
Newton T. C.	New Pilgrim,	Columbia,	Ala.
Radney A. B.	Prospect,	Webb,	Ala.
Sellers, Otis A.	New Harmony,	Cottonwood,	Ala.

CONSTITUTION OF STATE LINE ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of delegates sent annually from the churches upon which it is based.

Article 2. Each church shall be entitled to two delegates for every twenty-five members and one delegate for the fractional part of twenty-five. Providing any church having less than twenty-five members it shall be entitled to two delegates.

Article 3. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their election, to which shall be subjoined a table stating the number baptized, received by confession of faith, by letter, by restoration, dismissed by letter, excluded or died within the last associational year, amount of all contributions, the time of the monthly meeting, the membership, ordained and licentiated ministers with their post office, and signed by the pastor and clerk of the church with their post office.

Article 4. Newly constituted, or other churches, desiring admission into this union shall petition by delegation and letter, and if upon examination found to be orthodox and orderly, they shall be received into the association, and such reception shall be manifested by giving the right hand of fellowship.

Article 5. It is expected that the churches composing this body will send delegates and contributions every session and that no church withdraw from the Association without assigning a reason for the intended withdrawal.

Article 6. The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, clerk, treasurer, executive committee and home mission board. The executive committee and home mission board shall be composed of five members each.

Article 7. The Association shall meet annually, according to adjournment, and shall have power to transact all business pertaining to the general good of the body.

Article 8. This constitution may be altered or amended by a majority of the delegates present during any session.

DECORUM OF THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION

ART. 1. The moderator, clerk, treasurer, executive committee and home mission board shall be elected by ballot annually.

ART. 2. The moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the association when in session, preserve order and submit motions and other matters. He shall have the same right to vote as any other member, and, provided the chair is occupied, the same right of speech.

ART. 3. Every motion receiving a second shall be submitted to the body unless withdrawn.

ART. 4. Only one person shall be allowed to speak at the same time and such speaker shall address the moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking except by the moderator and then only when he departs from the subject under debate. Provided, however, any brother may address the moderator to a point of order.

ART. 5. The clerk shall record the proceedings of the body when in session and superintend the publication of the same, and do all other writing pertaining to the business of the association. He shall also preserve a file of the minutes of the association which he shall deliver to his successor in office.

ART. 6. The treasurer shall keep a correct account of all funds received and disbursed by him showing balance, if any, on hand. He shall only pay out money on the order of the Association or the executive committee.

ART. 7. The executive committee shall have power to execute the laws and regulations of the association, when the association is not in session. And to make rules for their own government, provided such rules are not repugnant to the constitution of decorum of the association.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the home mission board to work for church extension and church preservation, for which purpose they shall draw on the executive committee and various churches for the necessary funds when the association is not in session. The board may make rules and regulations for their own government that are not conflictive with the constitution or decorum of the association.

ART. 9. The association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. 10. The name of the delegates shall be enrolled and called as often as the association may deem proper.

ART. 11. No church nor minister shall be received into this association that refuses to comply with this decorum or the ordinances which are given us in the Gospel.

ART. 12. This decorum may be altered or amended by a majority of the delegates present during any session.

CHURCH DECORUM.

1. The church may choose a pastor annually at the last regular conference in associational year; or, if they prefer, it may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time to continue from year to year, so long as they may deem it proper to keep up the connection.

2. When it becomes necessary, a pastor may be chosen at any other time; but if the choice be made at a special conference, the time must be appointed at a monthly meeting of the church.

3. The pastor shall be moderator of the church, but, when he is absent or does not sit as moderator, being present, some suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

4. The pastor of each church shall have power to form a presbytery and ordain deacons for the church; also examine preachers who may apply for such; also to examine ordained ministers who make application to our order, and if found sound shall be set apart in rank, but not reordained.

5. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and disbursement of the contributions made by the church for the pastor, etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

6. The deacons shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause, that the same may be laid before the church in conference if necessary.

7. Some suitable member shall be appointed clerk and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and other writing pertaining to the business of the church, and to preserve a file of the minutes of the association.

8. When a new clerk is appointed all the books, etc., belonging to the clerk shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor.

9. When a church deems it necessary, a committee of not less than three male members well acquainted with business, shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to give advice to brethren who apply to them relative to cases of dealing, etc., with the church.

10. The church shall hold a two days meeting monthly, embracing Saturday and the Lord's Day following the first of which shall be the regular time of conference.

11. It shall be the duty of every member, male and female, to attend each conference meeting if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in a spiritual manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline and the rule of holy living.

12. Any church member who shall fail to attend three successive conferences, and any member whatever who may be generally remiss in attending the meetings of the church according to the covenant (Article 10), shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for his neglect, but the church may exempt members from this rule if necessary.

13. Conference, after prayer or divine services, shall be opened and conducted as follows: 1. Inviting visiting brethren to seats. 2. Opening the door of the church for the reception of members. 3. Calling for the reading of the minutes of the last conference. 4. Calling for absentees. 5.

For acknowledgments. 6. For references or deferred business. 7. For new matters of dealing which are to come before the body. 8. For miscellaneous business.

14. Visiting brethren, as helps called in from sister churches, shall be allowed to speak and make motions or seconds, but not allowed to vote.

15. Any orderly member of the Baptist church may be received into the church without a letter, when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable, and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other members must join by letter or baptism.

16. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent of the members present, but unreasonable objections shall not be valid, and unless withdrawn the member who makes them shall be liable to be taken under dealing by the church.

17. When the moderator calls for absentees, the clerk shall inform the church what members have been absent from three successive conferences, and the moderator shall appoint some brother or brethren to cite each of them to the next conference.

18. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing to attend his trial; provided his residence be known to the church.

19. When a witness, not a member of the church, is introduced, he shall not be examined till the question has been put to the church: Will you hear the testimony of this witness?

20. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgment shall be minuted in the church book.

21. Members dismissed from the church by letter who become disorderly, or continue to hold their letters without a good reason, shall be cited to the conference to answer for their conduct.

22. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil conduct.

23. A vote shall not be taken upon any question without a move and a second, and in all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising to the feet.

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

25. It shall be considered disorderly for any member to absent himself from conference when an important question

is to be decided; but a member upon his request, may be exempted from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

26. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause, nor, engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to be called to order by the moderator.

27. All discussions in conference must be conducted with calmness and good feeling; those who speak must rise to their feet and address the moderator, and keep to the point in the debate.

28. No one shall speak more than three times on the same motion without permission from the moderator, nor, shall the remarks of any one be unreasonably long.

29. When the moderator speaks in debate he must nominate some brother moderator in his stead.

30. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is necessary to call him to order.

31. It shall be the rule of the church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper at least four times a year, and the expenses are to be paid by the church.

32. Members not in good standing shall not commune, but the administration shall not be deferred on account of any ordinary matter of dealing.

33. Feet washing shall be attended to as the church sees proper.

34. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

35. The decorum may be amended or altered by the vote of two thirds of the members present at any two successive monthly conferences.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. 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.—Tim. 1:7; Isaiah 45:22; St. John 17:2.

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES—We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are binding on all as our infallible rule of faith and practice.—II. Tim. 3:16; Romans 16:4; and 4:23-44; Peter 1:21.

3. OF CHRIST—We believe He is God manifest in the flesh; being in His divine nature the true God, in human nature the true man, united in person the Messiah and the mediator for the redemption of the world.—Luke 2:4-12 in-

clusive; Matt. 1:18-21.

4. OF THE HOLY SPIRIT—We believe that he is the third person in the Holy Trinity and possesses all personal divine attributes, being the Reprover, Comforter and Sanctifier.—St. John 14:25; 15:26 and 16:7-15 inclusive.

5. 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 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. 1:16; Phil. 2:12; Heb. 2:3.

6. 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 inherited this falling nature and all who 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.—Gen. 3:6, 1:26, 5:1 and 9:6; Rom. 3:28; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:43.

7. THE ATONEMENT—We believe that Christ in His great compassion offered Himself as a sacrifice in our stead, therefore God desires the salvation of all, and the Gospel invites all, and whosoever will may come and partake of the water of life.—1. Cor. 1:7; Eph. 5:2; Heb. 2:9-26; Rom. 5:5; Rev. 22:17.

8. OF ELECTION—We believe that God has not fixed the future state of man by any unconstitutional decree delivered from the beginning, except to save all who comply with the terms of salvation.—John 8:31; Luke 11:28; Acts 10:35; Deut. 11:26-28.

9. OF PERSEVERENCE—We believe that none will be finally saved but those who through grace persevere in holiness to the end.—John 8:31; Tim. 1:19; Peter 2:21-22.

10. GOSPEL ORDINANCES—We believe that baptism or the burial of believers in water and the Lord's supper and washing of the saint's feet are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel of universal salvation, and to be observed by all true believers. Reference for baptism, John 3:5; Rom. 6:4. Reference for the Lord's Supper, Matt. 26:26-28. Reference for washing the saint's feet, John 13:5-17 inclusive.

11. THE LORD'S SUPPER—We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Savior 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,

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regardless of name, denomination or distinction.—Gal. 6:4, Matt. 7:10, Rom. 4:3-4.

12. OF THE RESURRECTION—We believe in the resurrection of the dead and 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 the wicked will be driven into everlasting darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.—John 5:29, Acts 14:16, Isa. 17, Heb. 9:27.

STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association was organized at Howard's Grove church, November 20th, 1886.

YEAR	MODERATOR	CLERK	CHURCH	NO. MEM
1886	D. L. Chandler	Calvin Dykes	Howard Grove	449
1887	D. L. Chandler	Calvin Dykes	Beulah	577
1888	R. M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Macedonia	403
1889	R. M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Friendship	516
1890	R. M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Lovewood	443
1891	R. M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Prospect	339
1892	R. M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Silver Run	444
1893	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	Hickory Grove	450
1894	R. M. Gray	J. D. Stephens	Spring Hill	422
1895	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	Pittman Creek	503
1896	Calvin Dykes	J. D. Stephens	Howard Grove	568
1897	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	New Hope	653
1898	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	Rocky Grove	633
1899	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	Prospect	671
1900	G. W. Cherry	J. D. Stephens	Freewills Rest	803
1901	Calvin Dykes	J. W. D. Stephens	Antioch	916
1902	Calvin Dykes	J. W. D. Stephens	Union Springs	947
1903	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	Hickory Grove	827
1904	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	Howard Grove	786
1905	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	New Pilgrim	745
1906	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	Springfield	958
1907	R. L. Hunter	J. W. D. Stephens	Rocky Grove	1099
1908	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	Pleasant Home	1199
1909	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	Freewills Rest	1315
1910	D. L. Chandler	J. W. D. Stephens	Silver Run	1365
1911	D. L. Chandler	J. W. D. Stephens	New Life	1442
1912	D. L. Chandler	J. W. D. Stephens	Pittman Creek	1477
1913	J. M. Murdock	J. W. D. Stephens	Spring Hill	1462

1914 G. W. Cherry J. W. D. Stephens Union Springs 1553

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STATISTICAL TABLE 1913

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS and POST OFFICES	Membership Last Report	Increased by Baptism	Confession	Restoration Letter	De- creased Exclusion	Deaths	Membership in 1913.	Meeting Days	Minutes	Associational	Home Missions	Paid Pastors	Value of Church Bld'g	Value of other Property	S.S. Enrollment	Sunday School Superintendnts		
Freewill's Rest	No pastor	L. E. Powell, Bascom, Fla	46					1	38	4	\$1.50	\$1.50			\$250	\$100				
Harican		Not Represented	22																	
Hickory Grove	J. C. Eldridge	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla	133	18	2	2	1	4	3	2	148	4	2.00	1.50	\$4.15	110.00	500	150	24	R. G. Hatcher.
Howard's Grove	G. M. Hardy																			
	J. M. Murdock	G. H. Jordan, Cottonwood, Ala	210	7			1	2	6	1	200	3	2.00	1.50	5.00		300	100		
Long Branch	J. M. Murdock	Dock Bostic, Geneva, Ala	35	3	1	2		1			38	1	1.00	.50		34.40	300	50	30	M. M. Peppens.
Magnolia	J. C. Ingram	W. E. Smith, Dothan, Ala	14	5	1	2	1				18	2	.50	1.00		9.10			25	J. M. Newton.
New Harmony	J. M. Murdock	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala	97	1	4	2					108	2	1.00	1.50		31.00	300	60	43	O. A. Sellars.
New Hope	J. C. Ingram	C. R. G. Kirkland, Ozark, Ala.	62					6	2	2	52	3	1.00	1.00	.20	25.00				
New Life	J. F. Knight	A. L. Granger, Crosby, Ala.	106	16	5			7	3	3	128	3	1.50	.50						
New Pilgrim	G. T. Wiley	M. P. Varnum, Columbia, Ala.	35	1	2	4		2	1		33	3	1.00	.50		30.15	75	10		
Pittman Creek		Represented by proxy	71										1.00	.50						
Pleasant Home	C. M. Whittle	J. W. Jacobs, Black, Ala.	148	10	2	1		2	1		153	3	2.00	1.00			300	75	35	Z. B. Hagins.
Prospect	J. C. Eldridge	J. S. Conner, Dothan, Ala.	171	2	1	1		4	1		171	3	1.50	1.50	1.20	44.75	1200	500		
Rocky Grove	J. I. Hatcher	W. C. Robinson, Bascom, Fla.	80	1		1		3			74	3	.75	.75	1.00	10.00	100	50		
Shiloh	J. Houston	J. F. Jones, Columbia, Ala.	31			1			1	1	27		.75	.75		50.00				
Silver Run		Not Represented	20																	
Springfield	R. L. Hunter	J. D. Oliver, Ashford, Ala.	69						1		67	3	1.75		5.00		350	50	52	W. W. Galord.
Spring Hill	R. L. Hunter	H. D. Robinson, Gordon, Ala.	49		2						40	1	1.00	1.00			350	75		
Union Springs	J. C. Eldridge	O. Z. Henderson, Ashford, Ala.	129	15	3	4	2		7		147	2	1.25	1.25	2.20	100.00	1200	150	200	W. S. Cook.
Pleasant Ridge	J. F. Knight	Walter Moss		4	7	9					20		.50	.50						
Totals			1522	83	30	29	5	30	27	10	1462		\$22.00	\$16.75	\$18.75			411		