

MINUTES
 OF THE
THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
 OF THE
State Line Free Will
Baptist Association
 CONVENED WITH
Hickory Grove Church
 Jackson County, Fla., Oct. 8 and 9, 1915

OFFICERS

REV. JEFFERSON D. STEPHENS, Moderator.....Marianna, Fla.
 J. W. D. STEPHENS, Clerk.....Bascom, Fla.
 H. G. GREEN, Treasurer.....Bascom, Fla.

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R. G. HATCHER.....Bascom, Fla., R. 1
 WESLEY TOLER.....Ashford, Ala.
 W. H. JENKINS.....Ashford, Ala., R. 3
 JOHN METCALF.....
 J. D. OLIVER.....Ashtord, Ala.

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J. G. CHANDLER.....Malone Fla.
 J. M. MURDOCK.....Ashford, Ala., R. 1
 A. L. GRANGER.....Crosby, Ala., R. 1
 A. HOLLAND,.....Bascom, Fla., R. 1
 G. W. CHERRY.....Dothan, Ala.

The next session meets with Rocky Grove Church, two miles south of Malone, Fla., on Thursday before the Second Sunday in October, 1916. Those coming by rail will change cars at Ardilla for Malone. They will be met at Malone Thursday.

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 Association.
10. Call for Report of Committees.
11. Call for Treasurer's Report.
12. Call for Miscellaneous Business.
13. Adjournment.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Braun, C F,	Pittman Creek,	Black,	Ala.
Burdeshaw, J H,	Prospect,	Cowarts,	Ala.
Chandler, D L,	Springfield,	Ashford,	Ala.
Cherry, G W,	Prospect,	Dothan,	Ala.
Cook, W S,	Union Springs,	Pansey,	Ala.
Givens, J A,	Springfield,	Webb,	Ala.
Granger, A L,	New Life,	Crosby,	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.
Oliff, G W,	Howard Grove,	Unknown	
Pearce, J D,	New Harmony,	Cottonwood,	Ala.
Ray, C G,	New Harmony,	Bascom,	Fla.
Rhodes, J H,	New Pilgrim,	Ashford,	Ala.
Sowell, J D,	Pittman Creek,	Black,	Ala.
Stephens, J D,	Hickory Grove,	Marianna,	Fla.
Swails, F M,	Pleasant Home,	Hartford,	Ala.
Tremontana, W W,	Pittman Creek,	Black,	Ala.
Whitaker, Joseph,	Howard Grove,	Ashford,	Ala.
Whittle, C M,	New Hope,	Ozark,	Ala.
Widner, J A,	Springfield,	Webb,	Ala.

LICENTIATES.

Adams, O O,	Magnolia,	Midland City,	Ala.
Calloway, J D,	Pleasant Ridge,	Greenwood,	Fla.
Carter, W T,	Springfield,	Ashford,	Ala.
Dunn, G J,	Long Branch,	Samson,	Ala.
Kirkland, A M,	New Hope,	Ozark,	Ala.
Radney, A B,	Prospect,	Webb,	Ala.
Sellers, Otis A,	New Harmony,	Cottonwood,	Ala.

MINUTES

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association convened in its Thirtieth Annual Session with Hickory Grove Church, Jackson County, Fla., Friday, Oct. 8, 1915.

The Association did not meet on Thursday, the regular convening time, because it was such a rainy day.

The body was called to order Friday morning by the Moderator.

After reading the 12th chapter of Romans the Moderator led in prayer.

The Moderator announced the body ready for business.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for letters from the different Churches.

The Moderator appointed Jefferson D. Stephens and A. J. Granger to read the letters.

Names of Churches and Delegates as follows:

Hickory Grove—J. W. D. Stephens, R. B. Robinson, H. G. Green, H. Holland, C. B. Green, Henry Pelt, T. J. Simes, J. J. Hatcher, T. J. Miller, J. W. Rodgers, M. B. Buie, J. T. Hatcher, W. A. Rathel.

New Harmony—A. J. Granger, J. J. Granger, Jackson Guy.

Union Springs—F. J. Whitaker, W. H. Jenkins.

Rockey Grove—T. Y. Evans, Cary Baxter, John Elmore.

Long Branch—G. L. Thurston, R. E. Evans.

Springfield—W. H. Hays, E. Rabon, J. G. Chandler.

Freewill's Rest—M. J. Mercer, B. S. Braswell, J. T. Braswell, Tommie Brazzell, H. C. Harrison, Lee Daniels, B. D. Braswell.

New Pilgrim—R P McGriff.

Prospect—Harvey Cherry, Joe Davis, J. F. Patterson.

Pleasant Home—J. T. Eubanks, L. C. Mixon, John Metcalf, O. N. Windom.

New Life—Nathan Grice, T. E. Evans.

Pleasant Ridge—T. J. Whitehead, J. W. Day, H. C. Smith.

Magnolia—A. O. Dunlap, T. E. Hammack, J. W. Foman.

Spring Hill—G. W. Jefcoat, R. Brunson.

Howard's Grove—J. T. Hodge, D. H. Sowell, Wesley Toler, J. F. Capps, Jas. Adams, John Branford.

Shiloh—W. G. Odom.

New Hope—By proxy.

Shady Grove—L. S. Wiggins, H. B. Spooner.

The letters were received and adopted as read with exception of the clause in Howard's Grove letter requesting the Association to grant Rev. G. W. Oliff new credentials as an ordained minister. That duty was left for the Church to perform.

Call for Petitionary Letters—One received from Shady Grove. While singing the body extended right hand of fellowship to her delegates.

The body then adjourned for the Introductory Sermon.

Rev. D. L. Chandler preached the Introductory Sermon with Rev. J. C. Ingram concluding the service.

Dismissed till 1 o'clock p. m. for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The body reassembled and was called to order by the Moderator.

The Moderator read the 122nd Psalm.

Prayer by Rev. G. T. Wiley.

The body was permanently organized by electing Moderator and Clerk. Bro. Jefferson D. Stephens was elected Moderator, and J. W. D. Stephens was re-elected Clerk.

Call for Correspondents from Sister Associations—Revs. S. Ely and G. T. Wiley responded from the Midway. They were received and given right hand of fellowship.

The following Committees were appointed:

Divine Services—H. G. Green, J. J. Hatcher, E. Rabon, J. T. Eubanks, John Metcalf, J. F. Patterson.

State of Churches and Character of Ministers—M. J. Mercer, C. B. Green, Henry Pelt, B. D. Braswell.

Documents—J. C. Ingram, W. G. Odom, D. L. Chandler, S. Ely.

Education—R. L. Hunter, Joe Davis, Henry Cherry, D. L. Chandler, O. N. Windom, S. Ely, G. T. Wiley, Joseph Whitaker.

Home Missions—J. I. Hatcher, L. C. Mixon, John Metcalf, T. J. Whitehead, L. C. Smith, T. Y. Evans, W. H. Jenkins, T. E. Hammack.

Nominations—J. W. Rodgers, W. H. Hays, J. W. Day, E. Rabon, J. D. Chandler, G. L. Thurston, F. J. Whitaker, Lee Daniels, Nathan Grice.

Suggestions—D. L. Chandler, J. J. Hatcher, W. S. Cook, R. B. Robinson, B. H. Sowell, J. F. Capps, L. S.

Wiggins, J C Ingram, B S Braswell, G W Oliff, Joseph Whitaker.

Sunday Schools—W S Cook, W G Odom, H B Spooner, A O Dunlap, J W Foman, R Brunson, G W Jefcoat, James Adams, G W Oliff.

Temperance—G W Cherry, C G Ray, J T Braswell, Tommie Brazzell, J T Eubanks, T E Evans, J T Hodge, R E Evans, H C Harrison, John Branford.

Finance—A Holland, H G Green, Wesley Toler, A J Granger, R P McGriff, Jackson Guy, J J Hatcher, B D Braswell.

Obituaries—J J Granger, M B Buie, T J Simes, J T Hatcher, W A Rathel, T J Miller.

Appointed Correspondents to Sister Associations:

To Midway—R L Hunter, G W Oliff.

To Salem—G W Oliff, Henry Pelt.

To Southeastern—G W Cherry, D L Chandler, Geo Dunlap.

To Liberty—J D Calloway, J T. Eubanks.

To Marten—M J Mercer, B D Braswell, A Holland, J I Hatcher.

To Chattahoochee—W S Cook, G W Oliff.

To Choctawhatchee—C G Ray, R E Evans.

By motion of A Holland adjourned till 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer by Rev G W Oliff.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The body was called to order and the Moderator read the 91st Psalm.

Prayer by Rev S Ely.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Report on Sunday Schools read and adopted; but was later amended by motion of W S Cook to state that three, instead of two, Evergreen schools were found in our Association. The report was very interestingly discussed by several brethren.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

Report on Divine Services read and adopted.

Report on Suggestions read and adopted.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

Report on Education read and adopted.

Report on Home Missions read and adopted.

By motion adjourned for 11 o'clock services.

Prayer by Rev G W Cherry. Rev S Ely preached the 11 o'clock sermon.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The body was called to order and the Moderator read 2nd chapter Peter.

Prayer by Rev W S Cook.

The report on Temperance was read and adopted.

Report Documents read and adopted.

Report on State of Churches and Character of Ministers read and adopted.

By motion of G W Cherry referred the case of Bro J D Calloway to his Church.

Report of Obituaries read and adopted.

The Treasurer made his report which was received and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from R. G. Hatcher, the last Treasurer	-	-	\$28.00
Paid for printing Minutes	-	-	\$23.00
Paid for postage on Minutes	-	-	1.10
Paid Clerk for which the Treasury was due him on Minutes of last year	-	-	.90
To Executive Committee to have report on Discipline typewritten	-	-	3.00
Total paid out	-	-	\$28.00—\$28.00

MISCELLANEOUS.

By motion of W S Cook that we reinstate Pittman Creek Church in this body if they so desire, and as they have no delegation present, we notify them by committee and they notify the Clerk. The following committee was appointed to notify them of the re-instatement: John Metcalf, O N Windom and L C Mixon.

By motion of G W Cherry appoint a delegation to proposed State Alabama Convention. The following delegation was appointed: Revs G W Cherry, D L Chandler, R L Hunter.

By motion erase Ministers names from our list that are no longer members of our body. The following Ministers' names were erased: B W Bostick, G M Hardy, J E Thompson, J W Whidon, A C Cobb, T C Newton.

The Executive Committee reported that the Committee on Discipline requested that their report be typewritten and the Executive Committee ordered it done, costing \$3.00. Also that they would not take the responsibility of accepting or adopting the report and informed the committee to submit their report to the Association. On motion report received and adopted.

The Home Mission Board reported nothing done. The report was adopted.

By motion suspended regular order of election and elected the following officers by acclamation.

By motion to elect Executive Committee: R G Hatcher, Wesley Toler, W H Jenkins, John Metcalf, J D Oliver were elected.

On motion to elect Home Mission Board: J G Chandler, J M Murdock, A L Granger, A Holland, G W Cherry were elected.

By motion H G Green was re-elected Treasurer.

On motion of J T Eubanks pay Clerk \$10.00 for his services.

By motion of J T Eubanks the heartfelt thanks of the Association was tendered Hickory Grove Church and community for their kind hospitality during our session.

On motion hear report of Committee on Discipline.

By motion of Joseph Whitaker amend motion by releasing the committee and hold report till next session for hearing.

By motion of J P Metcalf adjourn.

The body took the parting hand adjourning to meet with Rocky Grove Church on Thursday before Second Sunday in October, 1916.

Prayer by Rev R L Hunter.

Rev. Jefferson D. Stephens,

Moderator.

J. W. D. Stephens, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows:

Received for Minutes.....	\$18.25
Received for Associational purposes.....	9.20
Total.....	\$37.45

A. Holland, Chairman.

DIVINE SERVICES.

We, your Committee on Divine Services, report as follows: Rev S Ely to preach Saturday at 11 o'clock;

Rev G T Wiley to preach and Rev R L Hunter to close at 3 o'clock in the school house (this service was not held).
H. G. Green, Chairman.

NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to submit the following report, to-wit: We nominate Rocky Grove for the next session of this Association. We nominate Bro J I Hatcher to preach the Introductory Sermon and Bro R L Hunter close. Also that the Union Meeting meet with Magnolia Church.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Rodgers, Chairman.

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS.

We, your Committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers, beg leave to make the following report: We find the spiritual condition of our Churches very good so far as we can ascertain, and our Ministers appear to be in good standing with their respective Churches with the exception of Bro J D Calloway.

M. J. Mercer, Chairman.

DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, urge that this Association require the delegates of this Association to insist upon the members of their respective Churches to use the Free Will Baptist Literature in their Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Ingram, Chairman.

EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, submit to your body the following report: Our Ministry is not what it should be because of its illiteracy. If we will educate our Ministry, we believe that our Church, the Free Will Baptist, would rank among other Orthodox Churches of this and all other countries. We have the doctrine, and if we will educate our Ministry, our Church will come to the front. But our people do so little for education, and because of the indifference along this line, our doctrine is not being taught properly and our cause is not being furthered as it should be. Brethren, let's do something for education. Let's educate our young preachers, because of illiteracy in our Churches. Our cause is not fur-

thered and advancing as it should. We should build a Church in every city and town in the United States, but have we a preacher who would not feel embarrassed to preach in the cities? Brethren, let's think over this matter and do something.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Hunter, Chairman.

HOME MISSIONS.

We, the Committee on Home Missions, make the following report: We find that there has not been any Home Mission work done in the State Line Association this year. We also earnestly insist on the Churches to take this interest more at heart and help to prepare this body to do something in the cause of Missions for we realize that the work is badly needed in this blessed land of ours.

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. Hatcher, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, find only three Evergreen Sunday Schools in the bounds of this Association, as far as we can ascertain. We only find four other short term schools and the Sunday School work of this Association laging. We recommend that the Churches take a more active part in this work and the Pastors urge Sabbath Schools in their respective charges.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. Cook, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to make report, to-wit: We believe that intoxicating spirits is one of the worst evils that there is amongst us. And brethren, let's work and pray and strive to remove it out of existence and if any member becomes so intemperate as to drink or indulge in the sale or interprise of intoxication let the Church deal with such member according to discipline and we ask that each Minister of this Association use all of their influence against intoxicating drinks wherever God in His prudence may cause them to go.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Cherry, Chairman.

OBITUARIES.

We, the Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to make the following report: We find that there has been nine deaths this year: Bro John Robinson, Sister S J Hall, Bro J W Rodgers, Sister Cornelia Granger, Bro J W Whiddon, Sister M J Wooton, Sister Ella Baxter, Bro Louis Turner, Sister Margaret Chandler.

J. J. Granger, Chairman.

SUGGESTIONS.

We, your Committee on Suggestions, make the following report: First, we suggest that the Association instruct each Minister in care of his various Churches to insist on its members to pay into the Treasury of its Church not less than 25c per male member for the support of the Home Mission work in the boundry of the Association, and we futher suggest that this be put into practice or remove the clause of the Home Mission work out of our Associational Letters of various Churches. Second, that the Association require her Ministers to see that the Deacons of each Church organize a Sunday School for the spiritual welfare and the upbuilding of the rising generation. Third, that the Articles of Faith as printed in our Minutes be read and explained to each Church by the Pastor once every quarter, also the Church Covenant and the Church Decorum be read once every quarter. Fourth, that this Association require of the delegates to organize a prayer service in their respective Churches for this Associational Year; also that they hold this service at least twice a month, and report to the next Association the progress made. Fifth, that we wash feet as often as we administer the Lord's Supper.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. D. L. Chandler, Chairman.

CONSTITUTION OF STATE LINE ASSOCIATION.

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

Art. 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

Art. 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 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 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 reason for the intended withdrawal.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

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

DECORUM OF THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. The Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Committee and Home Mission Board shall be elected by ballot annually.

Art. 2. 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 a 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 or 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 or 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 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 re-ordained.

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 (Art. 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 service, shall be opened and conducted as follows: (1) Inviting visiting brethren to seats. (2) Opening door of church for the reception of members. (3) Calling for the reading of the Minutes of the last conference. (4) Calling for absentees. (5) For acknowledgements. (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 from sister churches, shall be allowed to speak and make motions 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 verbal-

ly 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 a 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 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 wish to 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 the inspiration of God, and are binding on all as our infallable rule of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3:16; Rom. 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 inclusive; 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. 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.—I 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 Perseverance—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 and 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 represents 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. 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 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 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
1915	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	Hickory Grove	1721

STATISTICAL TABLE OF STATE LINE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1915

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Increased by				Decreased by			Membership	Meeting Days	Associational	Minutes	Home Missions	Paid Pastors	Value of Church Building	Value of other Property	Sunday School Enrollment	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS
			Baptism	Confession	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Expulsion	Death										
Freewills Rest	J. T. Knight	L. E. Powell, Bascom, Fla.	19	2	6	1	9	3	1	89	4	\$1.50	\$1.50		\$50.00	\$ 250.00	\$100.00		
Hickory Grove	J. C. Eldridge	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	25		2		1	1	1	177	4	1.50	2.50			500.00	100.	58	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascomb,
Howard's Grove	J. C. Eldridge	A. P. Lingo, Cottonwood, Ala.	16	4	4	4	2	3		227	3	1.50	1.50		57.25	500.00	100.		
Long Branch	G. W. Cherry	J. L. Seymour, Coffee Springs, Ala.					5			54	1	.50	1.00		26.60	300.00	100.	42	M. M. Pippin, Coffe Springs,
Magnolia	J. C. Ingram	William Smith, Midland City, Ala.	14	10	2					40	2	1.05	.75			300.00	50.		
New Harmony	J. M. Murdock	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.	15	3	1		1		1	113	2	1.50	1.00			600.00	100.	55	Hilton Sellars, Cottonwood,
New Hope	J. C. Ingram	C. R. G. Kirkland, Rt 6, Ozark, Ala.						11		44	3	1.00	1.00						
New Life	J. T. Knight	A. L. Granger, Crosby, Ala.	8	2	1	1	3	1	2	113	3	.50	.50				150.		
New Pilgrim	G. T. Wiley	Mrs. Delia Varnum, Columbia, Ala.	1	1	2		7	13		30	4	.50	.50			200.00	200.		
Pleasant Home	T. L. Ross	L. C. Mixon, Rt. 2, Geneva, Ala.	19	2	1	7	4			176	3	1.50	1.50			125.00	100.	75	D. W. Owens, Geneva,
Prospect	G. W. Cherry	J. S. Conner, Rt. 4, Dothan, Ala.	9	2	1	1		1	1	184	3	1.00	1.00			1200.00	500.	60	Judge Rollins, Dothan,
Rocky Grove	J. M. Murdock	Celia Windish, Malone, Fla.	6				3		1	90	3	.75	.75		33.50	500.00	100.	33	Willie Eva Malone, Malone,
Shady Grove	D. L. Chandler	H. B. Spooner, Rt 4, Ashford, Ala.	4	4	4					12	1	1.75	.50						
Shiloh	J. L. Parker	W. G. Odom, Rt 2, Columbia, Ala.	21	7		1				51	3	1.00	1.00		18.35	100.00	50.		
Silver Run		No Report																	
Springfield	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Oliver, Ashford, Ala.					7		1	58	2	1.00	1.00			250.00	100.		
Spring Hill	R. L. Hunter	H. D. Robinson, Gordon, Ala.	9	5						51	1	.25	.50		9.80	350.00	100.		
Union Springs	J. Houston	O. Z. Henderson, Pansey, Ala.	22		1	7	1	5	1	174	2	1.40	1.25		40.00	1200.00	150.	150	O. Z. Henderson, Pansey,
Pleasant Ridge	J. M. Murdock	T. J. Whitehead, Rt 2, Crosby, Ala.	13	11	2	1	4	3		38	4	1.00	.50			500.00	100.		
			201	53	27	23	47	41	9	1721		19.20	18.25					473	

Obituaries.

In loving memory of our beloved brother, J W Whiddon, who departed this life April 5, 1915. He joined the Church at Union Springs in August, 1913, and was a Minister of the Gospel, and was a Confederate veteran, having served in the Civil War. His age not known. He was a faithful member, and his seat is vacant and we miss thee everywhere. He left a wife, one son and four daughters and a host of friends to mourn his loss, but we hope to meet him in a better world.

Written by two Brothers.

In loving memory of my dear companion, Mrs Cornelia Granger, who passed from this life August 15, 1915. She had lived a consistent member of the Free Will Baptist Church about 18 years, and passed from this life in full triumph of a living faith, with loving advice to her children to be good children and meet her in Heaven. We have lost a loving companion and affectionate mother, but we have that sweet, consoling evidence, that our loss is Heaven's gain.

A. L. Granger.

Sacred to the memory of our beloved brother, John Robinson, who departed this life in September, 1915. He had been a member with us at Hickory Grove since July, 1907. He was a young man in the prime of life. He leaves a father and mother and several other relatives to mourn his departure.
