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MINUTES

OF THE

UNITED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held at Pensacola, Fla., Friday, Sept. 1.

September 8th, 10th and 11th, 1849.

The Introductory Session was opened by J. C. P. 12th chapter and 1st ver. 2. "We have seen a great cloud of witnesses, & therefore we press on."

1. Read letters from the churches, and did the following:
 2. Chose T. B. Cooper, M. D., and W. H. C. as trustees.
 3. Called for petitionary letters.
 4. Invited visiting brethren to speak—W. H. C. was moderator during the session.
 5. Called for correspondence. Received reports from the various churches, and the following were chosen United Baptist Association by name:—Baptist Church, Duncan, S. Fulford and T. S. C. Ross.
 6. Appointed the following committee to receive money from the body, and W. Waller and W. H. C. to receive Leach and Dolson; on every instance, R. Myrick, J. P. and J. W. Ellis.
 7. Adjourned till 9¹/₂ o'clock, Monday morning—Tuesday, Wednesday.

On Sabbath, the brethren, Jas. Ross and D. J. A., presented to the Association a copy of the life of Jesus, with their names, to a large and attentive congregation. The sermon was well received, and many were made glad in his love. Dr. H. G. —— gave a paper on the Foreign Missions.

MONDAY MORNING, SEPT. 10, 1849.

1. Received the report of the committee on the same.
2. Read the Decorum.
3. Adopted a form for writing credentials (See W. H. C. ——'s Report, 1848.) Appendix, A.
4. Investigated T. B. C. ——'s report concerning the same, and did not adopt it. (*Matters of Interest*)
5. Adopted Daniel, L. ——'s resolution, that the Association do not subscribe to the article of the Chattochatche Union, and do not support the same.

Adjourned till 12¹/₂ o'clock, Tuesday afternoon.

TUESDAY Morning, 91 o'clock—Prayer by br. Jas. Rees.

1. We recommend to our Ministers, to report at our next Association, the number of hours they shall have read through the New Testament, during the present Association year.

2. Authorized br. Cooper to act as agent for us in subscribing for a periodical publishing our views on Theology.

3. Appointed Daniel, Cooper and Dodson a committee to write on the death of church members, and to prepare at this time an article on the death of br. Joseph Wilson of our H. B. Church. (*Appendix B.*)

4. Called for and read the circular; but declined publishing it.

5. Received the report of the Executive Committee. (*Appendix C.*)

6. Received the report of the Committee on Correspondence. Appointed correspondence agents of the Association: To the Chattanooga United Baptist Association, to be held at Hopewell Church, 8 miles south of Columbus, Muscogee county, to meet on Friday night before the Third Sunday in October, 1850. J. Cumbie, T. B. Cooper, John Davis, J. C. R. Lockhart, W. D. Grace and R. H. Daniel volunteered as messengers. Appointed John Davis to write a Corresponding Letter. (*Appendix D.*)

Pr. Cooper, to correspond with the Concord and Mt. Zion Associations, in Tennessee. Also to enter correspondence to other Associations of a kindred spirit, (should it be found). To bear corresponding credentials from us.

7. Received the report of the Financial Committee. (*Appendix E.*)

8. Agreed to publish our Abstract of Principles. (*Appendix F.*)

9. Agreed to set forth in our minutes, the cause of our first difference with the East River and Ohio River Associations. (*Appendix G.*)

PROMISCUOUS.

1. Appointed our next session at Mount Pleasant, Newton county, 9 miles S. E. of Crossville, on Sunday before the second Sunday in September, 1850.

2. W. H. C. D. to make the introductory—R. H. Daniel, alternate—J. C. R. Lockhart to write a circular.

3. Appointed Union, Monroe—1st Dist., at Fairview, Pike county, on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1850—2d Dist., at Armington, Pike, on Friday before the second Sunday in June, 1850—3d Dist., at Mount Zion, Talbot, on Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1850.

4. What is, in the opinion of this body, to be done with a Minister of the United Baptist Association who sells Intoxicating Liquors? Answer—We as an Association have no right to interfere in such a case; we have no fellowship at all.

5. Appointed W. H. C. D. to present to our next Association, a regular Form for concluding churches.

6. Our general Agent to speak to the citizens of this vicinity, for the hospital cases, during our stay with them.

7. Order the Christian Library, of their albums, painted and distributed.

8. Appointed Property Committee.

W. H. C. D. *Cooper, C. A.* THOMAS B. COOPER, *Moderator.*

APPENDIX.

(A.)—FORM OF CREDENTIALS.

STATE OF _____ County of _____

A Presbytery, publicly called and assembled, at the church of _____, in the County and State, having this day called and set before the undersigned Presbytery, and after a faithful and prayerful examination of our beloved brother, _____ in the Word and of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, do find him sound in the faith of them. And, discarding all human productions, as guides to church or people's spiritual salvation, and that he will faithfully and faithfully teach them, to all with whom he is concerned, to all lands wherever his lot may be cast, and persevere in the cause of an ordained Minister, in all the concerns of the offices of the church of God, life and death—warning and exhorting in love, that all men may be furnished to every good work, holding the doctrine as a constituent member of the United Baptist Association, agreed to by them as a denomination. Whereunto, the Presbytery witnesseth that we have sufficient credentials by subscribing our names as ordained Ministers of the church of Jesus Christ. Amen.

G. T.
F. K.

N. S. }
Presbytery.

(B.)—DEATH OF BR. JOSEPH WILSON.

We, your committee, record with deep sorrow, the death of br. Joseph Wilson. Yet we sorrow not as those who have no hope. In the death of br. Wilson, the church has lost a faithful Deacon, our beloved sister Wilson an affectionate husband, the community a good citizen—with these we would mingle our tears!

Respectfully submitted, T. B. COOPER, Chairman.

(C.)—REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee report:

Paid T. B. Cooper, for services in destitute settlements since our last Association, 17 sermons, 14 exhortations,	\$10.00
Received of H. Garrard,	\$ 2.00
Received of G. B. Hill,	5.00
" on subscription,	45.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. GRACE, Sec'y. JOHN DAVIS, Chairman.

Names of the committee, H. Garrard, W. D. Grace, G. B. Hill, John Davis, A. Woodham, W. K. Myrick, W. T. Lawson. The committee to hold their first meet. ing at Liberty Church, Pike co., on Friday before the third Sunday in February, 1859.

(D.)—CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The United Baptist Association, to the Chautauque United Baptist Association, with whom she corresponds:

DEAR BRETHREN.—Through the mercy of GOD, we have been permitted to meet, and have had a pleasant meeting. We were glad to see your members with you in letters and letter to us. We believe the brethren James Rees, D. J. Yeresson, M. Duncan, S. Folford and Thomas C. Rees, have proved a blessing to us during our meeting, and hope the brethren gathered in our Union may prove the same to you; and that by our mutual efforts to each other, we may be strengthened in every good work. But, pray for us! Yours in Christ Jesus—Farewell!

(E.)—REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

For Associational purposes.	\$22.35
On subscription to each N. Y. Pleasant church to sustain their pastor,	22.00
On subscription to establish the new Corinthian library, a sum of two U. S. \$18.00	

Respectfully submitted, B. MAYNARD, Chairman.

(F.)—ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Creator and Preserver of all things, and only Law-Giver, and that there are three persons in the God Head, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

4. We believe in man's ability to recover himself from the fallen state which he is by nature by his own strength.

5. We believe in the covenant between the Father and Son, in which all Grace is treasured up; and in the period of election, according to the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth according to 1st Peter, 1st chapter, 21st verse; and 2nd Thessalonians 2d chapter, 13th verse: "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." But that election should not be so construed as to make God the author of sin either directly or indirectly. Nor on the other hand do we believe the creature can do any thing meritorious in his salvation.

6. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification; that they are the evidences of faith, and absolutely necessary to justification before men.

7. We believe in a general Judgment, when all shall be judged according to their works; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

8. We believe that Saints will persevere in Grace to the end of their lives.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are standing ordinances of the Church of Christ, and that no person only is Baptized, and believers the only subjects.

10. We believe that no Minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Lord's house except such as are called of God, approved by the Churches, and regularly ordained.

11. We believe that men by nature are so morally depraved that they will not come to God of their own accord, but for the influences of the Holy Spirit none would ever come to him.

12. We believe it is the command of God to his people, to publish His Word, and proclaim the Gospel of Christ to all nations, making known to the human family the plan of salvation in the name of Christ; and we believe it is the duty of every Christian to do his Master's bidding, and carry the Gospel message of reconciliation is wisdom, to every creature, pointing them towards God and man in our Lord Jesus Christ.

(G.)—LETTER FROM B. C. COOPER, CHAUMAN OF CHRISTIAN M. D. MURKIN, SHARON, * SARDIS, AND SPRUCEWOOD, TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE PLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

We have the information of Mr. C. H. H. that in consequence of the conduct of Mr. A. C. C. in the Platte River Association, we deemed it expedient to call a meeting of the Platte River Association, to forgive and annullish the action of Mr. C. H. H. in the Platte River Association in order that the same may be restored to its former standing, and enabled them to exercise their functions in the usual way.

Mr. C. H. H. has written to Mr. P. B. A. to withdraw his name—but her reception into the Platte River Association was due to her adherence to the faith and principles of the United Baptists. The Association did not receive her into the church, but she was received into the church at Slab City, and was a member of the church, and church. The Platte River Association is now in full session, and a Moderator

and Clerk, went into the house—were all invited by the Moderator of the church, R. H. Wilson, to seats specially provided for them in front of the pulpit. — and to accommodate them all, as they all complied with, except their Moderator, R. McGinty, who, regardless of the majority, and without saying a word to the church or her moderator—walked round the table—ⁱⁿ down his back, and seated himself by the side of the Moderator of the church—and getting out his spectacles—proposed to be about to assume the right to open the meeting, without any previous understanding in that matter between the committee and the church. This procedure, so expected to the Moderator of the church, induced him to rise and state to the committee, that as the church had taken together since the Association, he had not had an opportunity of informing them what the Association had done; but that, although the committee had not even requested it of him, he had sent word to as many of the members as he could, and he believed they were nearly all present—and further stated to the committee, that he wished them distinctly to understand that the church was her own Moderator, and would not give him up for another, unless there should be a charge preferred against him; and if that should be the case, he would give up his seat and the church might appoint whosoever she pleased to fill it. The Moderator of the church then proceeded to open the meeting, and the committee were requested to prefer the charge or charges, they might have in writing, to which J. S. Calleway and R. McGinty, replied they had no charge against the church, or any individual of the church; (but Caloway observed in a lower tone of voice, as he sat down, he did not know what they might have before they were done,) hereupon consideration and alteration took place between the committee and the church, relative to the propriety and impropriety of the Moderator of the church retaining his seat; during which the church proposed that her confession of faith, contained in her church book should be read, observing that if any other members refused to own or subscribe to said form, the church would deal with them; and if they remained incorrigible, would exclude them; this however did not appear to meet the views of the committee, who seemed to be determined to do nothing so long as the church continued her Moderator on his seat. William Mosely, one of the committee, urged that it was not a meeting of the church, but of the Association; and therefore the church had no right to say a word, or do any thing in the case—and observed that their not yielding the point was a manifestation of their guilt. Finally George Denial, a Minister in the Yellow River Association, is given leave to say a few things to the church, and particularly, to the Moderator—and after some instigating expression, observed to the Moderator, "My Dear Brother, have you not power to give up your seat, and the keys of the church a little while, for the Brethren to do what they want to do, and then take them up again?" This suggestion drew from the Moderator the observations he made, concerning being burned at a stake, rather than give up his seat and the keys of the church to any person or persons, except to the church herself. Moshach Lowrey, one of the committee, asked the church, what harm an individual examination would do them?—adding that he would let any Brother that wanted, come to his church and examine him, and all his members, if they wished to do it at any time. To this measure, however, the church did not think proper to accede. The committee gave the church to understand that if they would not submit to an examination in the way they thought right; they would have nothing more to do with the matter, but would withdraw and report *ad hoc* to the Association; stating at the same time, that such members as wished, or were willing, to be examined, should follow them; and moreover, alologing, if but five came in, submitted to an examination by them, on being found guilty, they should be considered of the true church; and withdrawn accordingly to the wise. At this time R. Stacey, and left the committee and retired from the meeting. In a short time William —^s very returned, and stated that he was authorized by the committee to inform the church that as *there were many more* that wished to make an examination, and would follow him, they would be attended to. Thus impiously interfering with the *decrees* of conscience, and *privileges* and *privileges* of the church—not only without her request, but for the violation of the express^d will of the *committee*. Nine of the members, to wit four males and five females, did withdraw contrary to the *objection*

tions of the Moderator, and having answered satisfactorily, such questions as the committee thought proper to ask them, were by said committee pronounced, or declared to be the *true* Sharon church; consequently the *true* Sharon church, (consisting of about one hundred and fifty members all in good standing) must be, if a church at all, a *true* church; although not one of her members has ever been tried for unsoundness in faith or practice, nor even a single charge of heresy preferred against any of them. The church then loaded with those nine members that withdrew in disorder, and (they remaining incorrigible) excluded them.

And whereas the said Association did, at their last session receive into their body, the said excommunicated persons, as a regularly constituted Baptist church, by passing the following very extraordinary resolutions:

Resolved, That the committee be sustained in their acts: and that the majority of Sharon church be received as a member into that body with the minority, upon the faith of the Yellow River Association, and practice accordingly; thus putting to issue at one vote, two propositions, the one directly contradictory to the other, namely: that in sustaining the acts of the committee, the majority of Sharon church must of course be rejected; yet, in the same vote they were to be received as a member into that body with the minority, on the faith of the Yellow River Association; thus declaring at one vote, both a non-fellowship and a fellowship with the majority of Sharon church; and a sustaining, and not sustaining the acts of the committee; and to give the resolution *some* appearance of *fairness*, requiring as a condition on which the majority were to be received, that they should acknowledge the faith of the Yellow River Association, although they had been distinctly told by the delegates from the Sharon church, that if they sustained the acts of the committee, they, the Sharon church, were no longer petitioners for membership, and although, in fact, the only subject then properly before the Association, was simply a matter of discipline, and not a matter in which faith was at all concerned, to wit—the soundness, or unsoundness of the course the committee pursued with the Sharon church.

And whereas, a majority of the Tewyan church, who had been excluded from said church for improper conduct, presented a letter, by their delegates, and were received by a majority of the Association; thus restoring to membership persons that had been duly excommunicated, and receiving them disengaged as they were, both in fact, and also in the case of the Slaton minority, as regularly constituted churches over the heads, and against the remonstrances of several churches, who, by their delegates, unhesitatingly expressed their decided disapprobation to the reception of said minorities as component parts of the Association: thereby virtually excluding a number of churches in order to receive two disengaged parcels of persons who were in reality no churches.

Now we humbly, yet conscientiously believe that the aforesaid acts, both of the committee and Association are unprecedented, overbearing and unsound; inasmuch as the churches of Christ, as constituted in the New Testament are independent bodies, and one cannot rule the others, nor all the others rule one; for they are voluntary Associations, and therefore accountable to no human authority, but that which they enact, or for wise purposes yield themselves to by mutual compact; and as no body of men can compel any people to be a church, so of course, none can appoint officers for a church, that privilege belonging to the church itself. The committee in the course they adopted at Slaton, as *agreed* to give officers to the meeting, and thus to meet the church unorganized and disengaged! If they had thought of the case rightly, they would have seen, that having chosen for themselves officers, they should have gone in and met the church organized with her own officers, and thus treated with her as a church, and *as a churchman*. This doctrine is taught to all Baptists—the independence of the church is a distinguishing trait in the denomination; and if this can be violated in one case it may in all.

Therefore, seeing the Elkin River Association, as well as their committee, have, as we believe, assumed an usurped and destructive power, and wholly departed from the pure, sound discipline of the church of Christ, as contained in the New Testament, and practiced by the early Christians; for centuries past, we, the churches above

named, deem it both our privilege and duty to withdraw ourselves from the said Association, for the reasons above stated, and upon account of our conviction that the said Association in matters of faith, as has been endeavored to be done, is not being now, as heretofore, that which is contained in the articles of faith which were originally constituted. And we trust that the foregoing statement, so far as it shall be correctly understood, will clearly weigh with the eyes of all well disposed and enlightened friends.

*Note.—The churches marked with an asterisk in some of those that follow their names in convention at Sharon, on the 17th instant, 1831, adopted the Confession of Faith, published by said convention, although the same, in its theology, amounts to the same as that on which we were constituted. A few fore-going reasons are substantially the same as those set forth by said churches, more full and explicit; we cordially agree in adopting and publishing them, and, to, and in connection with, those already published.

+Note.—There are five other churches, with Sharon, Zion, Union, Amicalola Creek, and Teman, that have withdrawn from the F. R. Association, and by their delegates, in the convention at we named, and to whom, or to most of those persons appointed to represent them in said convention, the foregoing statement has been submitted for their instruction—indeed, so far as we have been able to learn, meets with their unanimous and entire approbation; and is their wish that it should be published, with the explanatory note thereto annexed.

Read, approved, and signed, by order of the Church at McDonough, February 5, 1831.

WILLIAM A. CALLAWAY, M. D., *President*.

HENRY VARNER, C. Clerk.

Read, approved, and signed, by order of the Church at Shiloh, February 10, 1831.

BENJ. H. WILSON, M. D., *President*.

JESSE TRAVIS, C. Clerk, *pro tem.*

Read, approved, and signed, by order of the Church at Sulli, February 20, 1831.

BENJ. H. WILSON, M. D., *President*.

HENRY JACKSON, C. Clerk.

Read, approved, and signed, by order of the Church at Smyrna, March 12, 1831.

JOHN REAVES, M. D., *President*.

WILLIAM W. HUNST, C. Clerk.

I have examined the above statement, and have no hesitation in saying it is correct.

MARCH 18, 1831.

I have read the above summary of reasons for withdrawing from the Flint River Association, and highly approve of them.

ANDREWS BATTIE.

MARCH 18, 1831.

III.—REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

We, the Committee appointed to set forth the principal causes of the differences between the United Baptist and the Flint River Association, which occurred in the year 1830, beg leave to report as follows:

1st. The Flint River Association made complaint against two Churches in H. county, viz: Teman and Sharon, on an unfounded report, that they had, without examination into said report, recently distanced themselves from full fellowship, not recognizing the majority. This also they did in the head of part of the body, twelve delegates representing six Churches, who were in the Association. There being no accusation we deferred the said bodies.

In justification of this course pursued by the twelve delegates, and committee of the Association, we here present the *original documents* of the two Associations, found in the Minutes of the Flint River Association, of 1828.

THE GEORGIA EXHIBITION.

The undersigned delegation from the Georgia Association, being requested by the

Flint River Association to present the complaints of their Association in a condensed and simple form, as possible, with the specifications on which each is founded, and said delegation being willing to adopt any measures that may afford any hope of an amicable adjustment of the difficulties between the two Associations, do, in compliance with said request present the complaints of their Association in the following form:

1st. We complain of a breach of orderly discipline in your justifying a minority of a Church, composing a part of your body, over the majority of said Church, before the case is examined into before the Church, or before suitable labor is used to reconcile the parties. The dealing of the Association with Teman Church, we present as a specification of this error, and appeal to your own Minutes.

2d. Our second complaint is against the association for encouraging disorder and division in a church not of their body. Our specification of this complaint is the justifying the acts of the Sharon Committee, who encouraged a minority of Sharon Church to set themselves up in opposition to the majority, and represent themselves in the Association.

3d. Our third complaint is your offering to receive into your body churches in disunion, and so pronouncing a principle of disregard to fellowship between the churches. Our specification of this complaint is the tendering of admission to the minority and majority of Sharon Church.

4th. Our fourth complaint is, your receiving members into the Association by majority only, over the head of the minority. This manifests disregard to fellowship. Our specification of this complaint is the receiving the minority of Sharon Church over the head of a part of your body.

5th. Our fifth complaint is, of a departure from an acknowledged principle of good order in all deliberative bodies; that an original body cannot explain the acts of its committees. Our specification is the act of your body in attempting to explain the proceedings of your Sharon Committee.

In conclusion, we beg leave to assure this Association that there was no design or intent, on the part of our Association, to hurt any brother's feelings by any harsh expressions in our last year's letter, but only to state our grievances in plain terms. We assure the Association of the warmest desire on the part of the Georgia Association, to remove as far as we can every hindrance to an amicable adjustment of our differences, and in this presentation of our complaints, have carefully endeavored to avoid every thing harsh or offensive, and shall rejoice to find the same conciliatory spirit on the part of your body. We can assure you that the Georgia Association has no complaint whatever against the Articles of Faith of the Flint River Association, in those we most heartily agree with you; nor have we any connection of any sort whatever, with any of the Churches that have separated from you.

JESSE MERCER,

B. M. SANDERS,

JACK LUMPKIN,

ENOCH CALLAWAY,

JONATHAN DAVIS,

MALCOMB JOHNSON,

V. R. THORNTON,

THOMAS STOCKS.

P. S. We, the messengers of the Sarepta Association, accord with the views of the Georgia brethren, so far as respects Sharon and Teman Churches, believing it to be the view of our Association.

FRANCIS CALLAWAY,
JEREMIAH REEVES

OCT. 22^d, 1832.

ADJUSTMENT OF THE DIFFERENCES OF THE GEORGIA AND FLINT RIVER ASSOCIATIONS.

The joint Committees from the Georgia Delegation and the Flint River Association, to whom was referred the differences between the said bodies, Report; That the cases of the Teman and Sharon churches have been under their serious and they hope prayerful consideration. The Flint River Association, by their Committee have made many explanations in justification of the course she has pursued in relation to

her unhappy difficulties, and yet believes she has a right to do what she does. The Flint River Association, however, do not believe so, and think that the Flint River Association ought to take up her cause, but nevertheless are willing to admit, that under the circumstances, she is at liberty to do what she can.

The Flint River Association confesses that she contrives to offend principles of discipline, and do too much mischief. They have a complaint to offer against the Georgia Association. That Association sent to the last year's meeting a document containing a record of acts of her sister from the time of her Minutes, and also a record of accusations of complaint in her last year's Minutes, which were all denied, and then in more frank and conciliatory terms.

B. M. SANDERS,

J. W. MOSLEY,

JACK LUMPKIN,

JOSHUA S. CUMMING,

ELIAS BELL,

THOMAS STODDARD,

By a strict perusal of the above Document, we find it is difficult to conceive how any one can fail to see that those people who do not like the course of the Flint River Association, have parted from the spirit of their Constitution; and that they have given her to alter her unjust and tyrannical course, by giving her a full hearing, and a full opportunity of defense, and protection, and persecution or whatever. Of this course, we were compelled to take. And for the information of all concerned, we send to the people of Georgia, we publish the following letters, and in our next session, we will call a Committee to consider them, and to ascertain the grounds they then occupied, and which we shall then.

LETTER.

The convention of the Church of Christ in the State of Georgia, to the

Ridge Association, dated, April 1, 1841.

DEAR BRETHREN.—Being yet Baptists, and laboring in the common cause of Christ which every Christian should be; we beseech you, that you had taken such an interest in our cause as to remain in the Convention of these Associations for their rich conduct towards us; and when we came to your hearing, too, that the Flint River Association, I say, did not do us justice. Your next session, we deem it expedient to send a delegation, consisting of R. H. Wilson, B. Strickland, J. Reeves, C. White, J. Travis and J. W. Moore, to be furnished with all the testimony to give you a full view of our case. We will never will hear them on our behalf, and we pray God that you may be possessed of truth, claiming us from error, if indeed we have err'd. But if they are possessed of truth in them, may they through you be reclaimed, and a heavy burden amongst us Baptists effected is our prayer for the Reconciler's sake.

We have appointed an annual meeting for Missionary purposes, to which we cordially invite all your ministers and brethren generally, who are friendly to the mission cause, that you may be with us and satisfy yourselves that we are true laborers of the cause of Christ, and that we love our brethren, and preach the doctrine purely taught by your own ministers. Brethren pray for us. Farewell.

ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES.

We, the Ministers and Delegates comprising the Convention, desire to call the several Churches whom we represent, a strict conference, and to have discussions calculated to promote the Reconciler's kind and benevolent aim. Such discussions both Foreign and Domestic, the education of his young men, who are ever likely to be called to the Ministry, Home Societies, and Foreign Societies. Let us also unite our utmost endeavors to put down fanaticism, and spirit, who has no friend is still making such inroads in the ranks of the human family. We hope most sincerely that every member of our body will laboring the cause of total concord.

Father, brethren, let us be earnestly engaged in every good word and work, for so is not the assembling ourselves together, but meet often, and pray with and for one another. Let us live together in the strongest ties of Christian friendship, working as it is called to-day, knowing that the night of death cometh, when no man can work.

W. V. WHITE, Clerk.

JAMES WILSON, Moderator.

Conclusion we readily admit a disagreement existing, and which has ever existed between us and other Baptists, relative to the 4th article of what is termed the Confession of Faith, to wit: (We believe in the Eternal Election of a number of the human race, to grace and glory, and that there was a covenant of redemption made between the Father and the Son before the world began, by which their salvation is secure, and that they in particular are redeemed.) But as we do not this doctrine is not in accordance with the Word of God, and inconsistent with Christian and missionary operations. Finally, we say to the world in accordance with the Doctrine and Principles set forth in these Minutes, we do desire a union and co-operation with all Baptists.

JOHN REEVES, Chairman Select Committee.

POST OFFICES OF THOMASVILLE.

T. B. COOPER, Thomaston, Upson County, Georgia.
R. H. DANIEL. " " "
J. C. R. LOCKHART, Daviston, Talbot Co., "
L. LEACH, Erin, Meriwether County, "
W. EWING, Fairburn, Fayette County, "
H. WALKER, Red Oak, Fayette County, "
JAMES CUMBIE, Zebulon, Pike County, "
P. C. POSEY, Carrollton, Carroll County, "

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STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Ordained Ministers' names in small capitals; Licentiates in Italics; All sentences italicized thus,

Clerks' Post Office,

Clerks' Names,

Sabbath of Meeting,

Contributions,

Total,

Deas,

Excommunicated,

Dismissed by Letter,

Restored,

Received by Letter,

Voucher on Confir'm of Faith

Experience,

concerns,

delegates,

concerns,

Armageddon	Pike	Wm. K. Myrick, R. Myrick, T. B. Goode, W. J. Davis, A. Thompson, J. Cline, W. H. C. Powers, (B. Maynard, W. N. Binder, L. Leach, Collin Brown, Arria Woodland, J.	3 1 2	1 0 15	\$3 60 1 1/4	B. Harris, Zelation, Coffin, Finn,
Labority	"	J. Davis, A. Thompson, J. Cline, W. H. C. Powers, (B. Maynard, W. N. Binder, L. Leach, Collin Brown, Arria Woodland, J.	3 1 2	0 0 13	3 60 1 1/4	John Davis, Zelation, Coffin, Finn,
Fairview	"	"	0 0 0	1 2	1 16	2 25 2 1/2
Pleasant Hill	Upson	"	0 0 0	0 2	0 0 0	Thomas ton,
Garrison	"	"	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	W. Yates,
Providence	Talbot	Wm. Cameron, R. H. Bassett, Benken Moore, Etham Moore, T. Lawson, Jas. Ellis, J. C. R. Loewenaw, L. A. Abberrook, J. Powers, H. Garend, John Hulfe, W. M. Ewoks, H. Warren, (S. H. Ellis, Jr., H. H. Hulfe, Eayette	3 1 2	0 0 0	0 0 0	Thomaston,
Friendship	"	"	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	Thomaston,
Mt. Zion	"	"	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	Davidson,
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	"	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	Johnson,
New Hope	"	"	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	F. Johnson,
Crown Hill	"	"	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	Stratton,

[†] The reader of this Church not being called out in the Act of Assembly, we were compelled to copy from the Minutes of 1814.

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