

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Fifty-Ninth Annual Session

—OF THE—

HARMONY ASSOCIATION

OF REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS,

—HELD WITH THE—

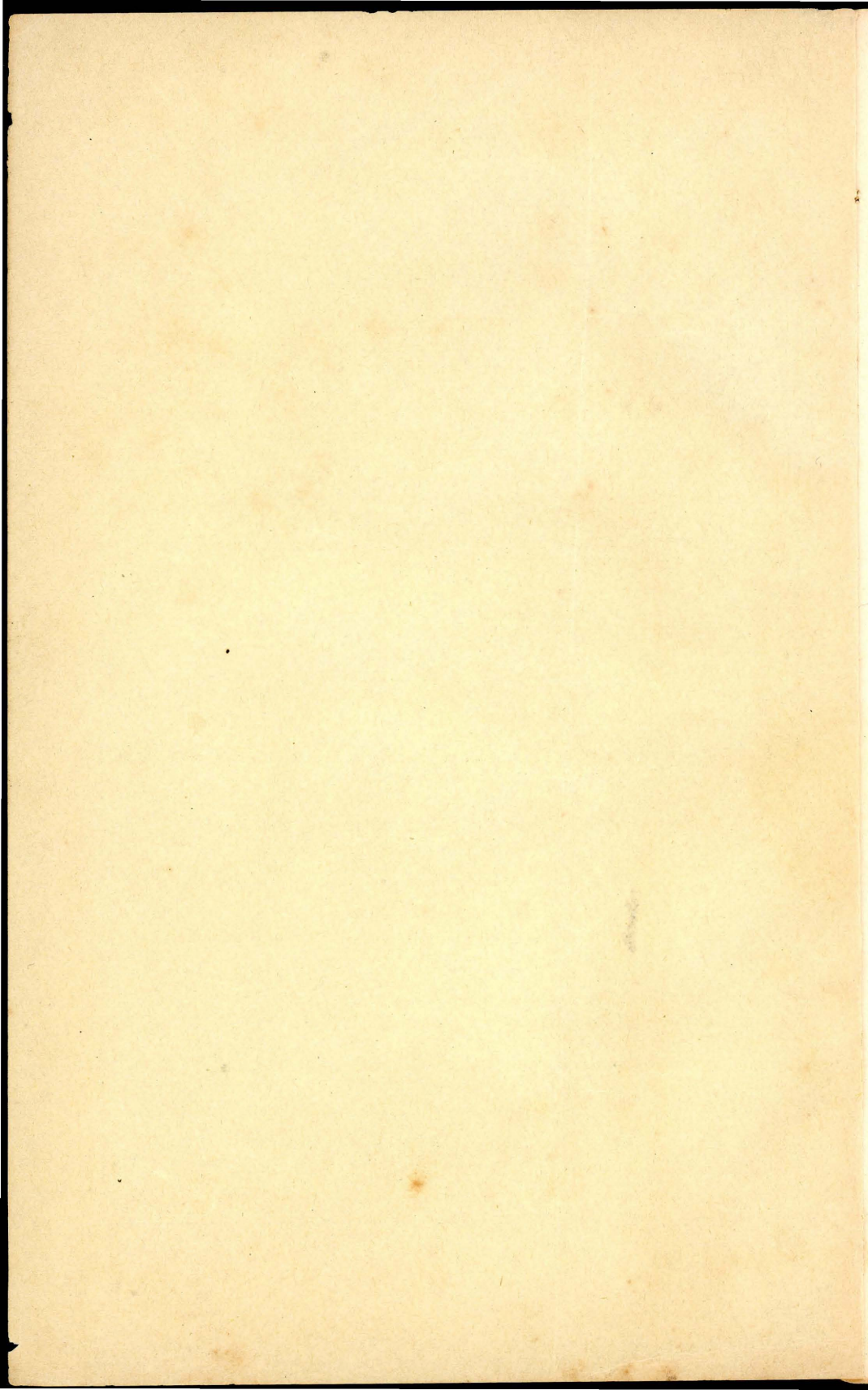
Church at Mars Hill, Calhoun County, Georgia.

OCTOBER 8th, 9th and 10th, 1897.

OFFICERS:

DEACON J. R. BATTLE, Andersonville, Ga.,	- - - -	Moderator.
ELDER R. H. JENNINGS, Dawson, Ga.	- - - - -	Clerk.

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The Fifty-Ninth Annual Session of the Harmony Baptist Association was held with Mars Hill Church, Calhoun county, Ga., Oct. 8th, 9th and 10th, 1897.

1. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. P. L. Thomas, of the Choctawhatchee Church. Text, 1st Cor., 3rd Chapter: "For other foundations can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ."

2. After an intermission of seventy-five minutes the messengers assembled at the house and was called to order by our Moderator, J. R. Battle. Prayer by Deacon W. P. Russell, of the Upatoie Association.

3. Called for and heard letters read from 17 churches and minuted their state. Then went into choice of a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the election of Deacon J. R. Battle for Moderator and R. H. Jennings for Clerk.

4. On motion agreed to adopt our former minutes as a guide for the afternoon session.

5. Called for petitionary letters.

6. Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats with us.

7. Appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—R. F. Ivey, B. F. Markett and T. G. Webb, with the delegates of Mars Hill Church, B. D. Jones and E. Fain.

To Examine Correspondence—H. H. Bell, M. D. Tatum, Eld. J. J. Blackshear, Eld. B. Page.

To Write Corresponding Letter—Eld. W. T. Everrett, C. M. Leverrett, J. R. Williams.

To Arrange Business to Come Before the Body—I. S. Mills, W. C. Williams, Eld. H. Bland.

On Finance—R. F. Ivey, J. T. Kitchens, B. P. Brooks.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—None dead, therefore no committee for that.

8. Called the roll and read the decorum.

9. Called for Correspondence and received—

From the Upatoie—W. P. Russell with minutes.

From the Union—Eld. J. A. Osteen.

From the Choctawhatchee, Ala.—Eld. P. L. Thomas, Licentiate A. L. Ray, Bro. W. J. Parrish.

From the Flint River—Elds. W. H. Godwin, S. E. Davis, Bros. J. Phillips and J. H. Adams.

From the Pulaski—Eld. I. P. Porter.

From the Olive—Minutes.

From the Echeconnee—Elds. B. H. Pearson, A. A. Garrett, with minutes.

10. Received visiting ministers by the Moderator. Extended hand in token of love and fellowship. Received Eld. E. D. Ivey, from Western Primitive Association of Ala., and Licentrate J. A. Adams, from the Ocmulgee Association.

11. Appointed Union Meetings as follows:

First District—(First choice), at Poplar Springs, Webster county, Ga., beginning on Friday before the 5th Sunday in July, 1898.

Second District—(Second choice), at Macedonia church, Terrell county, Ga., beginning on Friday before the 5th Sunday in May, 1898.

Third District—Mars Hill church, beginning on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1898.

12. On motion, adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer by Eld. W. H. Godwin, of Flint River.

13. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Licentrate A. L. Ray, of the Choctawhatchee.

14. Heard report of the Committee and recommended last year's minutes which was received.

15. Extended further invitation for Correspondence.

16. Called for Report of Committee to examine Correspondence. Report found nothing claiming attention from the body. Report received.

17. Return Correspondence to sister Associations: Upatoi to convene with the church at Mt. Pisgar, 12 miles north of Buena Vista, to convene on Tuesday after 1st Sunday in September, 1898. Messengers: Eld. R. H. Jennings, Eld. W. T. Everett, Bros. J. R. Battle, J. R. Williams, H. H. Bell.

To Union. To convene at Pleasant Church. Send minutes.

To Choctawhatchee, to convene with the church at Mt. Olive, 5 miles from Charlton, on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1898, Eld. W. T. Everett, Bros. B. F. Markett, B. P. Brooks, B. D. Jones, Eld. J. M. Spurlock.

To the Echeconnee, to convene with the church at Friendship, near Crest, on M. & B. R. R., meets on Friday before 3rd Sunday in September, 1898, Eld. J. M. Spurlock, Bros. J. R. Battle, S. J. Pate.

To Olive of Alabama. Send minutes.

To Primitive Pulaski, to convene with church near Lenox, on G. S. R. R. Eld. B. Page, Bro. H. H. Bell.

To Flint River, to convene with the church at Bethel, in Early county, on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1897. Eld. B. Page, Eld. W. T. Everett, Bros. B. D. Jones, M. N. Fain, I. S. Mill, E. Fain, H. H. Bell, G. Pritchett.

On motion, it was agreed to ask for Correspondence with our sister Association, the Ochlochnee. Sent a letter and minutes by the hand of Bros. R. F. Ivey and J. T. Kitchens.

18. Called for contributions and received for minutes, \$23.00; and for correspondence, \$65.10.

19. Agreed to have 1,000 minutes printed, to be divided as follows: 750 for church and the remainder to be retained for correspondence. And after the printing and mailing the minutes the Clerk is to have remainder for his services.

20. Called for Correspondence Letter, and it was read and adopted.

21. Appointed the next session of the body to be held with Mt. Olive Church at Cusseta, Ga., on G. & A. R. R., Columbus and Albany division. To meet on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m.

22. Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the brethren and sisters and friends around Mars Hill Church for the kindness and hospitality shown this body.

23. Read the minutes and adjourned to the stand, and at noon the following day, Sunday, the Association adjourned. Prayer by Licentiate J. A. Adams, of the Ocmulgee Association.

J. R. BATTLE, Moderator.

R. H. JENNINGS, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday A. M., Eld. P. L. Thomas, of Choctawhatchee Association. Text, 1st Cor. 36 verse.

Friday P. M., Eld. E. D. Ivey, of Western Primitive of Ala., Text, Rev. 12th Chap, 1st and 2nd verses, followed by Licentiate J. A. Adams, of Ocmulgee Association. Text, Prov. 9th Chap. 1st and 2nd verses.

Saturday A. M., Eld. W. H. Godwin, of Flint River. Text, 2nd Timothy, 2nd Chap., 21st verse, followed by Eld. I. P. Porter, of Pulaski. Text, St. John 14th Chap., 1st verse.

Saturday P. M., Eld. S. E. Davis, of Flint River. Text, St. John, 3rd Chap., 16th verse, followed by Licentiate A. L. Ray, of the Choctawhatchee, of Ala. Text, 2nd Tim., 1st Chap., 12th verse.

Sunday A. M., Eld. J. A. Osteen, of Union Association. Text, St. John, 6th Chap., 65th verse, followed by Eld. B. H. Pearson, of Echeconnee Association. Romans, 5th Chap., 19th verse. Closed by A. A. Garrett, of Echeconnee, in a short exhortation.

The congregations were good and orderly, and all the preaching was done in humility and love. We could not have asked for better. CLERK.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Harmony Primitive Baptist Association, now in session with the Church at Mars Hill, to her sister Associations with whom we correspond, sendeth greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN: We have been permitted through the kindness and love of God to meet and hold another session of our body in love and fellowship. Our churches are all represented. They send tidings of peace and love with some in gathering in the most of them for which we desire to praise God. Your correspondence have come to us in love and have preached the Gospel of Christ, making our hearts to rejoice and burn with love. Dear brethren, we desire a continuance of your brotherly correspondence.

The next session of our body will meet with the church at Mt. Olive, Chattahoochee county, at our usual time, when we hope to meet you again in love and fellowship. Mt. Olive is situated at Cusseta, Ga., on the G. & A. R. R., Columbus and Albany Division.

DEACON J. R. BATTLE, Moderator.

R. H. JENNINGS, Clerk.

PREACHERS OF THE HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Eld. J. L. Blackshear, Cuthbert, Ga.

Eld. J. M. Spurlolock, Coleman, Ga.

Eld. H. B. Bland, Eufaula, Ala.

Eld. W. T. Everett, Dawson, Ga.

Eld. B. Page, Warner, Ga.

Eld. D. Chambless, Chamblisston, Ga.

Eld. R. H. Jennings, Dawson, Ga.

NOTICE.—The name of Messenger from Macedonia is J. T. Kitchens
stead of J. T. Pritchett; and the Clerk from Chickasawhatchee is H. J.
Adams.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POSTOFFICE	PASTORS 1897.	CLERK.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Rec'd on Con. Faith.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total in Fellowship.	Money for Minutes.	Money for Correspondence.	Time of Meeting.	Yearly Meetings.	No. of Minutes.
FIRST DISTRICT.																		
Antioch.....	Stewart.....	Louvale.....	R. H. Jennings.....	M. D. Tatum.....	M. D. Tatum.....	7			1			1	22	\$2 00	\$4 00	4	July	64
Harmony.....	Stewart.....	Richland.....	W. T. Everett.....	B. W. Norman.....	H. H. Bell, Thomas C. Patrick.....	4						2	22	2 00	3 00	4	Aug.	64
Slaughter Creek.....	Stewart.....	Brooklyn.....	R. H. Jennings.....	T. Troutman.....	W. O. Williams.....	8							24	1 00	4 00	2	Aug.	32
Poplar Springs.....	Webster.....	Preston.....	B. Page.....	J. F. Jenkins.....	J. T. Jenkins, A. H. Stevens.....								8	1 00	1 50	2	Aug.	32
Turkey Creek.....	Webster.....	Chamblisston.....	D. Chambliss.....	G. W. Slocum.....	C. M. Leverett.....				5			1	28	2 00	2 75	4	July	64
Mt. Olive.....	Chattahoochee	Cusseta.....	H. Bussey.....	S. J. Pate.....	S. J. Pate.....								25	1 00	1 10	1	Aug.	32
SECOND DISTRICT.																		
Beulah.....	Terrell.....	Warner.....	R. H. Jennings.....	J. T. Daniel.....	Eld. B. Page, J. T. Davis.....	5			2			1	33	\$1 50	\$2 50	1	July	48
Chickasawhatchee.....	Terrell.....	Dawson.....	W. T. Everett.....	N. G. L. Adams.....	Elds. W. T. Everett, R. H. Jennings.....	2	1		1			1	39	2 00	6 00	1	Aug.	64
Macedonia.....	Terrell.....	Sasser.....	R. H. Burwick.....	H. H. Davis.....	Eld. J. L. Blackshear, J. T. Priichett.....	12	2	1	2			2	48	1 50	5 00	2	June	48
Liberty.....	Sumter.....	Sumter.....	R. H. Jennings.....	G. T. Webb.....	T. G. Webb, R. K. Webb.....	4		1					19	1 00	4 00	3	July	32
Providence.....	Sumter.....	Sumter.....	W. T. Everett.....	B. F. Markett.....	B. F. Markett.....	1							16	1 00	4 00	2	July	32
Hebron.....	Sumter.....	Andersonville	W. Lively.....	G. W. Gaines.....	J. R. Battle, G. R. Williams.....	5							33	1 50	3 50	1	Aug.	48
THIRD DISTRICT.																		
Antioch.....	Early.....	Colomokee.....	S. E. Davis.....	I. S. Mills.....	I. S. Mills, M. N. Fain.....	2			3				14	\$1 00	\$2 50			32
Mars Hill.....	Calhoun.....	Jeff.....	W. T. Everett.....	E. Fain.....	B. D. Jones, E. Fain.....	4		1	1				62	2 50	14 25	3	July	80
Hepzibah.....	Randolph.....	Cuthbert.....	J. M. Spurlock.....	J. R. Fincher.....	R. F. Ivey, J. R. Fincher.....				1			1	13	50	2 00	2	July	16
Paula.....	Quitman.....	Georgetown.....	H. B. Bland.....	J. G. Belcher.....	Eld. H. B. Bland, B. P. Brooks.....	4			4			1	27	1 00	2 00	1	Aug.	32
Union.....	Terrell.....	Dawson.....	J. M. Spurlock.....		By Letter.....							3		50	2 00	3	July	16

