

MINUTES  
OF THE  
SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
HARMONY PRIMITIVE  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

PATAULA CHURCH IN QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA.

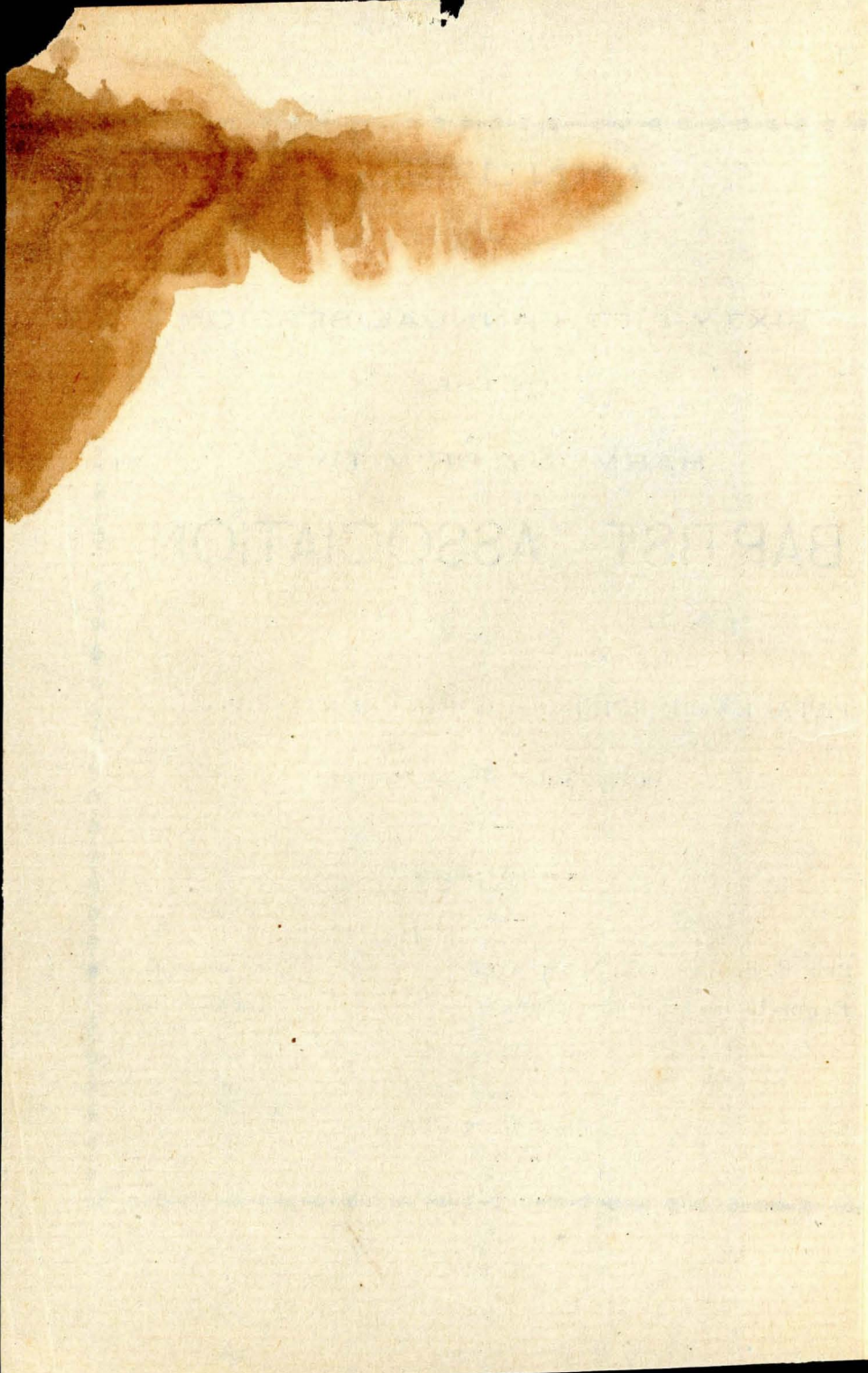
OCTOBER 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH, 1903.

OFFICERS:

BRO. B. F. MARKETT, MODERATOR.....SUMTER, GA.  
ELDER R. H. JENNINGS, CLERK.....DAWSON, GA.

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## MINUTES.

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The Sixty-Fifth Annual Session of the Harmony Primitive Baptist Association convened with Pataula church, in Quitman county, October 9th, and 10th and 11th, 1903.

The Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder D. F. Woodall of Upatoie Association, text St. John, 14th chapter, 8th verse, "Phillip saith unto him, Lord shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us."

After an intermission of an hour the messengers assembled in the school house, and the association was called to order by our moderator, Brother B. F. Markett. Song, and prayer by Elder A. A. Garrett of the Echeconnee Association.

Received and heard read letters from 15 churches and minuted their state, then went into the choice of moderator and clerk, which resulted in the election of Brother B. F. Markett as moderator and Elder R. H. Jennings as clerk.

Called for petitionary letters.

Invited visiting members to seats with us.

Appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—T. C. Patrick, W. A. Webb, B. D. Jones, R. Y. Stokes, R. E. Brooks.

On Business—R. K. Webb, J. W. F. Murray, E. Nowell.

To Examine Correspondence—Elder W. T. Everett, J. M. Cook, W. A. Davenport, T. J. Daniel.

To Write Correspondence Letter—Elder W. T. Everett, J. T. Aycock, J. L. Braswell.

On Finance.—W. S. Armour, M. English, D. W. Bryant.

Called the roll and read the decorum.

Called for correspondence and received the following:

From Upatoie—Elders H. H. Phillips and D. F. Woodall with minutes.

From Chocktawhatchee—Elders E. S. Ward and A. L. Ray, Brethren W. J. Parish, H. B. Flowers, T. P. Roney, J. D. Belcher, with minutes.

From Pulaski—No tidings.



• From Echeconnee—Elder A. A. Garrett with minutes.

From Flint River—Elder Lee Hanks with minutes.

Appointed union meetings as follows: 1st Dist. (1st. choice) at Harmony church, Richland, Ga., beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1904. 2nd. Dist. (2nd. choice) at Liberty church, Sumter, Ga., beginning on Friday before fifth Sunday in July, 1904. 3rd. Dist. (third choice] at Mars Hill church, Calhoun county, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1904.

On motion Elders W. T. Everette, R. H. Jennings, Brethren B. D. Jones, Jr., T. C. Patrick, J. M. Cook was appointed a committee to revise associational decorum and report tomorrow morning.

On motion association adjourned until Saturday morning at nine o'clock, after prayer by Elder E. S. Ward of Chocktawhatchee.

### SATURDAY MORNING.

Met according to adjournment, with song, and prayer by Elder H. H. Phillips of Upatoie Association.

Heard report of business committee which recommended that former minutes be used as a guide. Report adopted.

Renewed call for correspondence.

On motion received Elder H. Bussey of the Primitive Baptist Church of Columbus as a visitor by moderator extending hand.

Called for report of committee appointed to examine correspondence and reported nothing claiming attention of the association.

Returned correspondence to sister associations as follows: To Uptaoie, to meet with Mt. Nebo church in Taylor county on Tuesday after first Sunday in September, 1904, T. C. Patrick, W. W. Childers, J. T. Aycock, J. M. Cook and Elder R. H. Jennings. To Chocktawhatchee, to convene with New Prospect Church in Henry county, Alabama, 10 miles from Columbia, beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1904, Elder W. T. Everrett, B. D. Jones, J. W. Harrison. To Echeconnee, to convene with Bethlehem church, Macon, Ga., beginning on Friday before second Sunday in September, 1904, Elders W. T. Everrett, R. H. Jennings, Brethren

W. A. Webb, R. K. Webb, B. F. Markett,

To Flint River, to convene with church at Hartsfield, 9 miles from Doerun, beginning on Friday before first Sunday in November next, Elder W. T. Everett, Brethren B. D. Jones and D. W. Bryant.

To Pulaski—Inasmuch as they have suspended all formal correspondence, we herewith erase the association's name for the present.

Called for contributions and distributed corresponding minutes. Received for minutes \$20.50, and for correspondence \$61.35. Agreed to have 800 minutes printed, 675 for the churches and 125 for associational purposes.

Called for correspondence letter which was read and adopted. Called for report of committee appointed to revise decorum, which was heard and received as printed elsewhere in these minutes.

A vote of thanks was extended to Pataula church and the good people of the surrounding community for the kindness shown us during our meeting.

Appointed the next session of our meeting to be with Antioch church, 2 miles from Louvale on Seaboard Air Line Railroad, between Richland and Montgomery, Ala., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1904, at 10:30 a. m.

Read minutes, and after the adoption of the same adjourned to the house. Final adjournment on Sunday. Prayer by Elder W. T. Everett of our association.

B. F. MARKETT, Moderator,  
R. H. JENNINGS, Clerk.

#### ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday, a. m.—Elder D. F. Woodall of Upatoie.

Friday, p. m. Elder Lee Hanks of Flint River.

Friday, p. m.—Elder A. A. Garrett of Echeconnee.

Saturday, a. m.—Elder E. S. Ward of Chocktawhatchee.

Saturday, a. m.—Elder H. H. Phillips of Upatoie.

Saturday, p. m.—Elder H. Bussey of Primitive Baptist Church of Columbus, Ga.

Saturday, p. m.—Elder A. L. Ray of Chocktawhatchee.

Sunday, a. m.—Elder Lee Hanks of Flint River.



Sunday, a. m.—Elder D. F. Woodall of Upatoie.

Sunday, p. m.—Elder W. T. Everett of our Association.

Closed by A. A. Garrett of Echeconnee

The preaching was harmonious and that which honors God, for Christ was preached with power and Christian sweetness to the strengthening of His children, and building up of His cause.

CLERK.

### MINISTERS OF HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Elder J. L. Blackshear, Cuthbert, Ga.

Elder W. T. Everett, Dawson, Ga.

Elder R. H. Jennings, Dawson, Ga.

Elder B. Page, Dawson, Ga.

Elder D. Chambless, Chamblesston, Ga.

Elder J. M. Spurlock, Colomokee, Ga.

### CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Harmony Primitive Baptist Association, now in Session with Pataula Church, Quitman County, Georgia, to Her Sister Associations With Whom She Corresponds, Greeting:

DEAR HIGHLY ESTEEMED BROTHERN, in the bonds of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the only begotten of the Father: This will inform you that we are now in session with our sister church, Pataula, in love, peace and union, for which we wish to thank and praise God. All our churches are represented except one, and they bring tidings of peace, love and fellowship, which fills our poor hearts with joy and thanksgiving to God for his loving kindness and tenderness and forbearance toward us. Dear brethren we have nothing cheering to write you at this time more than that we pray to God for his guidance for us all that we may continue steadfast in apostolic doctrine, to the praise and glory of God, the Father, and Son.

Your correspondence has come to us in the full assurance of Faith, and in the power and demonstration of the truth of the Gospel of Christ, for which we would praise God. The next session of our body will meet with the church at Antioch, in Stewart county, on the second Sunday and Friday and Saturday before, in October, where and when we hope to meet you again in brotherly correspondence and in love and fellowship. Till then farewell. May the Lord God of Israel bless you all is the prayer of your sister in hope.

### ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

Article 1st. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Article 2d. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

Article 3d. We believe in the Doctrine of Particular and Eternal Election.

Article 4th. We believe in the Doctrine of Original Sin.

Article 5th. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

Article 6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the Imputed Righteousness of Christ.

Article 7th. We believe that God's Elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

Article 8th. We believe the Saints shall persevere in Grace, and never finally fall away.

Article 9th. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saint's Feet are Ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these Ordinances, and we believe that the true mode of Baptism is by Immersion.

Article 10th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

Article 11th. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

Article 12th. We believe that no Minister has the right to the administration of the Ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

### CHURCH DECORUM.

ART. 1st. The members who are regularly chosen by the Church in session shall compose the Association. Any member who is in good standing, in absence of the above qualification, by voice of the Association can become a part of the same.

Article 2d. The members so chosen may produce letters from their respective Churches certifying to their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, restored, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

Article 3d. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Harmony Baptist Association.

Article 4th. This Association shall have no power to lord over God's heritage, nor whereby she can infringe upon any of the internal rights of the Churches.

Article 5th. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen annually by the members present, and hold their office till the next election.

Article 6th. This Association is in favor of preaching the Gospel, the circulation of the Scriptures, and the advantages of education, and she rec-



ommends morality in general, but to her members in particular. Notwithstanding she is opposed to all the modern institutions of men, such as Missionary, Bible, Tract, and Sunday School Union Societies, together with Baptist State Conventions and Theological Schools, and such like, because their connection with the Church of God is unauthorized by Scripture.

Article 7th. If new churches desire to be admitted in Union they shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Article 8th. No church in Union shall have a right to more than two delegates until she shall exceed one hundred members, and then she shall have an additional delegate for every fifty after the first hundred.

Article 9th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association unless withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article 10th. No matter shall be debated in the Association only such as shall come before the body by a regular move and second; and whenever a question shall be decided, either by the chair, vote or withdrawal, there shall be no more debating thereon.

Article 11th. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject.

Article 12th. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

Article 13th. There shall be no talking nor whispering in time of public speaking, nor reflections cast upon the speaker.

Article 14th. No member shall exempt himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

Article 15th. If any member shall break the rules of this Decorum he shall be immediately reprovod by the Moderator.

Article 16th. It is the business of this Association: 1st. To provide for the general Union of the Churches. 2nd. To keep up a correspondence with those Associations of the same faith and order, that a chain of communication may be preserved among churches. 3rd. To invite brethren, who are of our faith and order, to seats in the Association. 4th. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association, read (and corrected if need be) and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association rises, and have them printed if they think proper. 5th. To amend this form of government at any time when a majority of the Union shall deem it necessary. 6th. It is agreed that when any church fails to be represented in the Association by letter or member for two years in succession the clerk can erase the name of such church from the Statistical Table. 7th. To adjourn to any time or place she may think most proper.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

YEAR 1903.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	P. O.	CLERK.	MESSENGERS.	PASTOR, 1903.	Baptized.	Restored Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Total in Membership.	Sunday of Meeting.	Money for Minutes.	Money for Correspondence.	Yearly Meeting.	Number of Minutes
FIRST DISTRICT.															
Mount Olive .....	Chattahoochee	Cusseta .....		Not Represented .....	H. Bussey .....										
Antioch .....	Stewart .....	Louvale .....	M. D. Tatum .....	W. A. Davenport .....	R. H. Barwick .....			2		27	2	\$ 1 00	\$ 4 00	July	32
Slaughter Creek .....	" .....	Brooklyn .....	W. S. Armour .....	W. S. Armour .....	W. T. Everrette .....					21	1	1 00	3 00	Aug	32
Harmony .....	" .....	Richland .....	T. L. Morton .....	T. C. Patrick .....	R. H. Jennings .....	4	3			44	4	1 50	6 25	July	48
Poplar Springs .....	Webster .....	Preston .....		E. Nowell .....	H. H. Phillips .....	1	2	1	2	10	2	1 00	2 00	Aug	32
Turkey Creek .....	" .....	Rush .....	T. Troutman .....	By Letter .....	W. T. Everrette .....	1	2	1	2	120	4	1 50	2 75	July	48
SECOND DISTRICT.															
Beulah .....	Terrell .....	Worner .....	T. J. Daniel .....	W. M. Hasty and T. J. Daniel .....	W. T. Everrette .....	1		1		36	3	1 50	3 00	July	48
Chickasawhatchee .....	" .....	Dawson .....	M. Blackshear .....	Elders W. T. Everrette, R. H. Jennings .....	" .....		1			41	1	2 00	5 00	July	64
Macedonia .....	" .....	" .....	A. L. McLendon .....	J. M. Cook and H. A. McLendon .....	R. H. Barwick .....	1		1		159	2	1 50	4 25	June	48
Liberty .....	Sumter .....	Sumter .....	T. G. Webb .....	W. A. Webb and R. K. Webb .....	R. H. Jennings .....	4	1			239	3	1 50	3 50	July	48
Providenece .....	" .....	" .....	B. F. Markett .....	B. F. Markett and J. W. E. Murray .....	H. Bussey .....					117	2	1 00	4 00	July	32
Hebron .....	" .....	Anderson .....	J. B. Murray .....	J. T. Aycock .....	J. M. Murray .....	1				227	4	1 00	4 00	July	32
Bluff Springs .....	Macon .....	Englishville .....	M. English .....	M. English and W. W. Childers .....	W. T. Everrette .....			1		123	2	1 50	3 50	July	48
THIRD DISTRICT.															
Antioch .....	Early .....	Colomokee .....	F. J. Brown .....	J. L. Brasswell .....	M. E. Petty .....	1	1	1	2	119	2	1 00	3 00	July	32
Mars Hill .....	Calhoun .....	Jeff .....	E. Fain .....	B. D. Jones, Jr., and J. W. Harrison .....	Lee Hanks .....	7	1		3	172	3	2 00	10 10	July	64
Pataula .....	Quitman .....	Georgetown .....	J. G. Belcher .....	R. Y. Stokes and R. E. Brooks .....	R. H. Jennings .....					18	2	1 00	1 00	July	32
Union .....	Terrell .....	Dawson .....		Daniel W. Bryant .....	B. Page .....		1	1		8	4	50	1 50	July	16





