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MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE



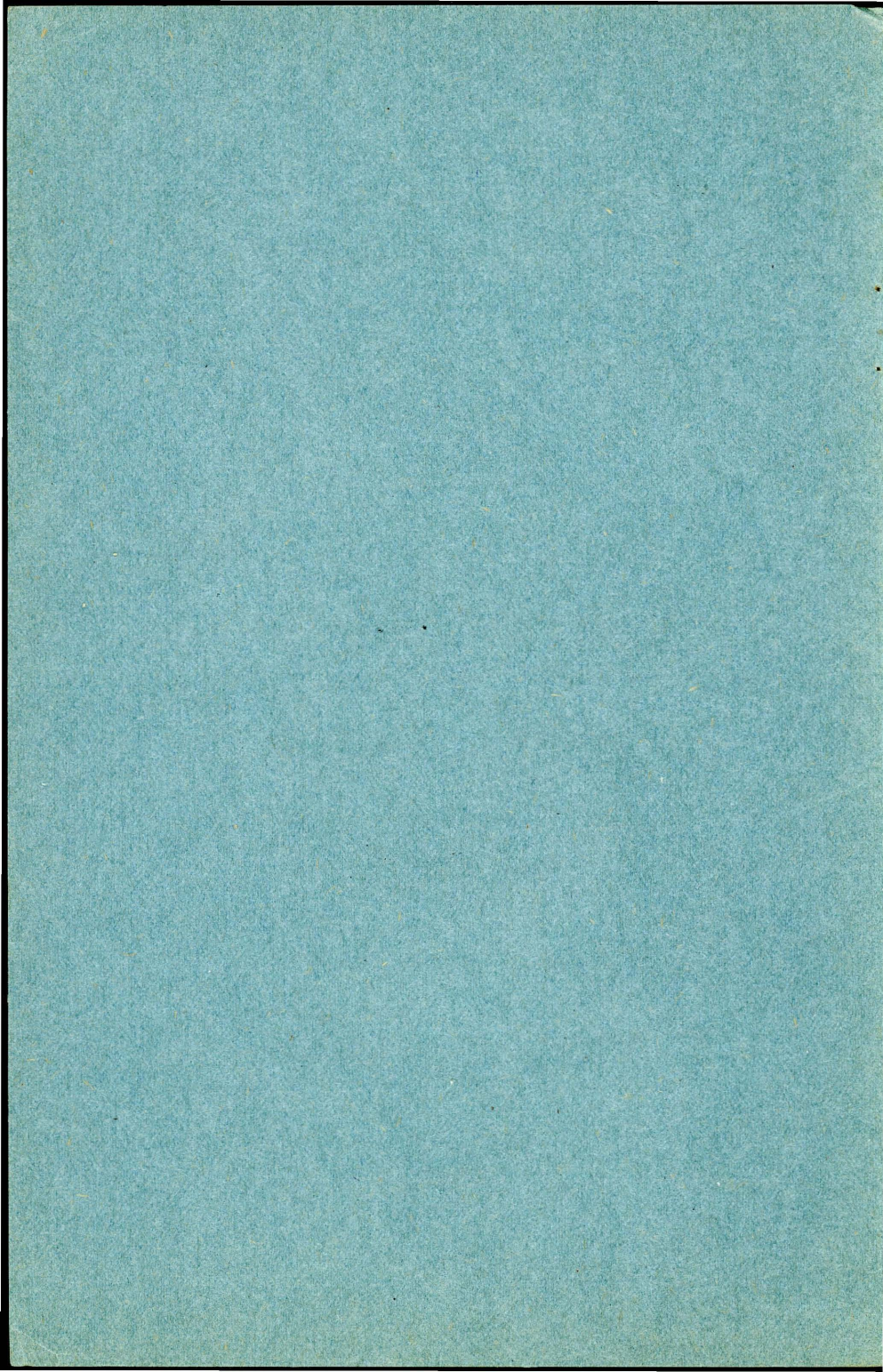
Echeconnee Association
OF
Primitive Baptists



Held With the Church at
Mt. Carmel, Crawford County, Georgia
September 23, 24, 25, 1913

Elder S. T. Bentley, Moderator
Culloden, Ga.

F. M. Greene, Clerk
Perry, Ga.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Echeconnee Association

*The Eighty-fifth Annual Session of the Echeconnee Association
Was Held With the Church at Mt. Carmel, Crawford County,
Georgia, September 23, 24, 25, 1913.*

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY

1. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder M. L. Gilbert, of Mt. Enon Association, of Florida, from 1 Peter iv. 11, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God."

2. After prayer by Elder Sylvester Hassell, the Moderator proceeded to the organization of the Association. The letters from the churches were called for, read, and the names of messengers enrolled.

3. The organization was perfected by the election of Elder S. T. Bentley moderator, and F. M. Greene clerk.

4. The usual committees were appointed as follows:

On Preaching—Felix Hammock, C. A. Kersey, J. S. McGhee, J. H. Mullins and A. W. Childs.

To write Corresponding Letter—Elder W. J. Heard.

On Finance and distribution of corresponding minutes—F. Danielley, E. P. Childs and T. M. Nash.

5. Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.

6. Called for correspondence from sister associations, and received as follows:

Upatoi—J. W. Harp and minutes.

Marietta—Minutes.

Harmony—Minutes.

Primitive Ebenezer—I. C. Stubbs.

Ocmulgee—Elder W. J. Greene, J. T. Cannon, G. W. Webb, J. W. Newton, J. H. Williamson and B. M. Moore.

Mt. Olive—Elder A. P. Tucker and D. A. Brown.

Original Upper Canoochee—Elders Lee Hanks and Henry Swain.

Kehukee, of North Carolina—Elder Sylvester Hassell.

Primitive Western—Renewed correspondence; Elder Rees Prather was warmly received.

7. Called for petitionary correspondence from sister associations.

8. Suspended regular order of business to receive visiting brethren; and the following were received: Elder M. L. Gilbert, of the Mt. Enon Association, of Florida; Elder Samuel McMillon, of Abbotts Creek Association, of North Carolina; Elders John F. Allman and D. M. Matthews, of Yellow River Association.

9. Adjourned with prayer by Elder W. J. Greene, to 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was led in prayer by Elder Sylvester Hassell.

1. Returned correspondence to sister associations as follows:
Upatoi—Elders W. J. Heard and J. A. Monsees, and Brethren M. H. McElmurray, C. L. Pender and J. M. Frederick.

Marietta Old School—Return minutes.

Harmony—Return minutes.

Primitive Ebenezer—Elder J. T. Young.

Ocmulgee—M. H. McElmurray, J. M. Frederick, Elder W. J. Heard, R. E. Wright and W. T. White.

Original Upper Canoochee—Elders J. A. Monsees and S. T. Bentley.

Kehukee, of North Carolina—Return minutes.

Mt. Olive—Return minutes.

Primitive Western—Elder W. J. Heard, J. H. B. Butts, T. V. Mann, Elders I. Grant and B. C. Caldwell.

2. Received contributions from all sources \$88.00; \$27.75 for minutes, and \$60.25 for other purposes.

3. The request of Emmaus Church, of Coweta County, to be dismissed from this Association, was granted.

4. Appointed union meetings as follows:

First—To convene with Elizabeth Church, Bibb County, in Macon, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1914.

Second—To convene with Pleasant Hill Church, Houston County, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1914.

5. Appointed the next meeting of this body to convene with

Mt. Paron Church, Crawford County, commencing on Tuesday after the third Sunday in September, 1914, and continue three days.

6. The clerk was ordered to have 1250 copies of these minutes printed and to distribute them in the usual manner.

7. Called for, read, and adopted the corresponding letter.

8. The minutes were adopted; and after prayer by Elder John F. Allman, the Association adjourned.

The Association desires to thank the brethren and friends of Mt. Carmel Church for their kindness to our body while in their midst. May God's richest blessings rest and abide with you all evermore.

ELDER S. T. BENTLEY, MODERATOR.

F. M. GREENE, CLERK.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Tuesday Morning—Introductory sermon by Elder M. L. Gilbert.

Tuesday Afternoon—Elder S. McMillon, followed by Elder A. P. Tucker.

Wednesday Morning—Elder Sylvester Hassell, followed by Elder Rees Prather.

Wednesday Afternoon—Elder John F. Allman, followed by Elder Henry Swain.

Thursday Morning—Elder M. L. Gilbert, followed by Elder S. McMillon.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Echeconnee Association to her sister associations with whom she corresponds, greeting:

Dearly Beloved Brethren and Children in the Lord—We trust that we feel thankful to God who has spared us to meet again. Let us not forget to pray to God to keep us humble, and to keep us from false ways of the world; but let us continue to sing the dear old songs of Zion, and to preach the grand old gospel of Christ and Him crucified, nothing new, but the sweet old story of Jesus, the sinner's friend. Let us be satisfied with the church Christ built; for our blessed Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." This proves that he built but one church, and that it still stands. And we would admonish the brethren to awake to duty, and let us stand shoulder to shoulder in defense of the grand old principles of doctrine and practice held sacred by this blessed old Association for nearly a century. And as many of us are growing old and will soon lay our armor by, let us strive to maintain these dear old principles and hand them down untarnished to the ones who shall live and fill our places when we are gone. Let us also strive to show our devotion to those simple old forms of worship that were so dear to our predecessors, that old children and children's children may be glad to step into our tracks and with pride say, as one of old, "This is the way; walk ye in it."

The next session of this body will meet, the Lord willing, with the church at Mt. Paron, Crawford County, three miles west of Lizella, on the M. & B. Railroad, commencing on Tuesday after the third Sunday in September, 1914, and continue three days. May it be the Lord's will that we may meet in peace and fellowship one with another, earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints.

Elder S. T. Bentley, Moderator.

F. M. Greene, Clerk.

MINISTERS OF THE ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION

Elder S. T. Bentley, Culloden, Ga.
Elder W. J. Heard, R. 3, Macon, Ga.
Elder J. A. Monsees, Macon, Ga.
Elder J. T. Reynolds, Byron, Ga.
Elder B. F. Williamson, Lizella, Ga.
Elder I. Grant, Roberta, Ga.
Elder B. C. Caldwell, Fayetteville, Ga.
Elder F. L. Fuller, Gay, Ga.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder Sylvester Hassell, Williamston, N. C.
Elder W. J. Greene, Clinton, Ga.
Elder A. P. Tucker, Moultrie, Ga.
Elder Samuel McMillion, High Point, N. C.
Elder Lee Hanks, Vidalia, Ga.
Elder Rees Prather, West Point, Ga.
Elder John F. Allman, Atlanta, Ga.
Elder Henry Swain, Graymont, Ga.

DECORUM

1. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, producing letters from their churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

2. In the letters from the churches shall be expressed their members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, on confession of faith, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Echeconnee Association, providing for themselves a moderator and clerk, who shall serve them during the session; using the pastor of the church where they assemble or choosing one from the body, as they please.

4. As one of the cardinal tenets of faith of the Primitive Baptists is that the Old and New Testaments are our only rule of faith and practice, and as the Bible recognizes no other religious disciplinary power but the church, where God, in His wisdom, mercy, and in honor to His Son, placed it.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this union, they may petition by letter and delegates, and if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the association and manifested by the moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. The names of the members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over as often as the association may require.

7. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a true record of the proceedings of the association.

8. The minutes of the association shall be read and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association adjourns.

9. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

10. To correspond with sister associations of the same faith and order.

11. The association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

12. It is also agreed that nothing shall be so construed in the above as to interfere with the fellowship and communion of the churches or brethren of this union, or with those with whom we may correspond, directly or indirectly; and nothing shall be presented to this body, as a query, or question bearing on the same, but shall be considered by the churches, as we believe is directed by the Holy Scriptures.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
8. We believe that saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.
9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances. We believe that immersion is baptism.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgement.
11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous will be everlasting.
12. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

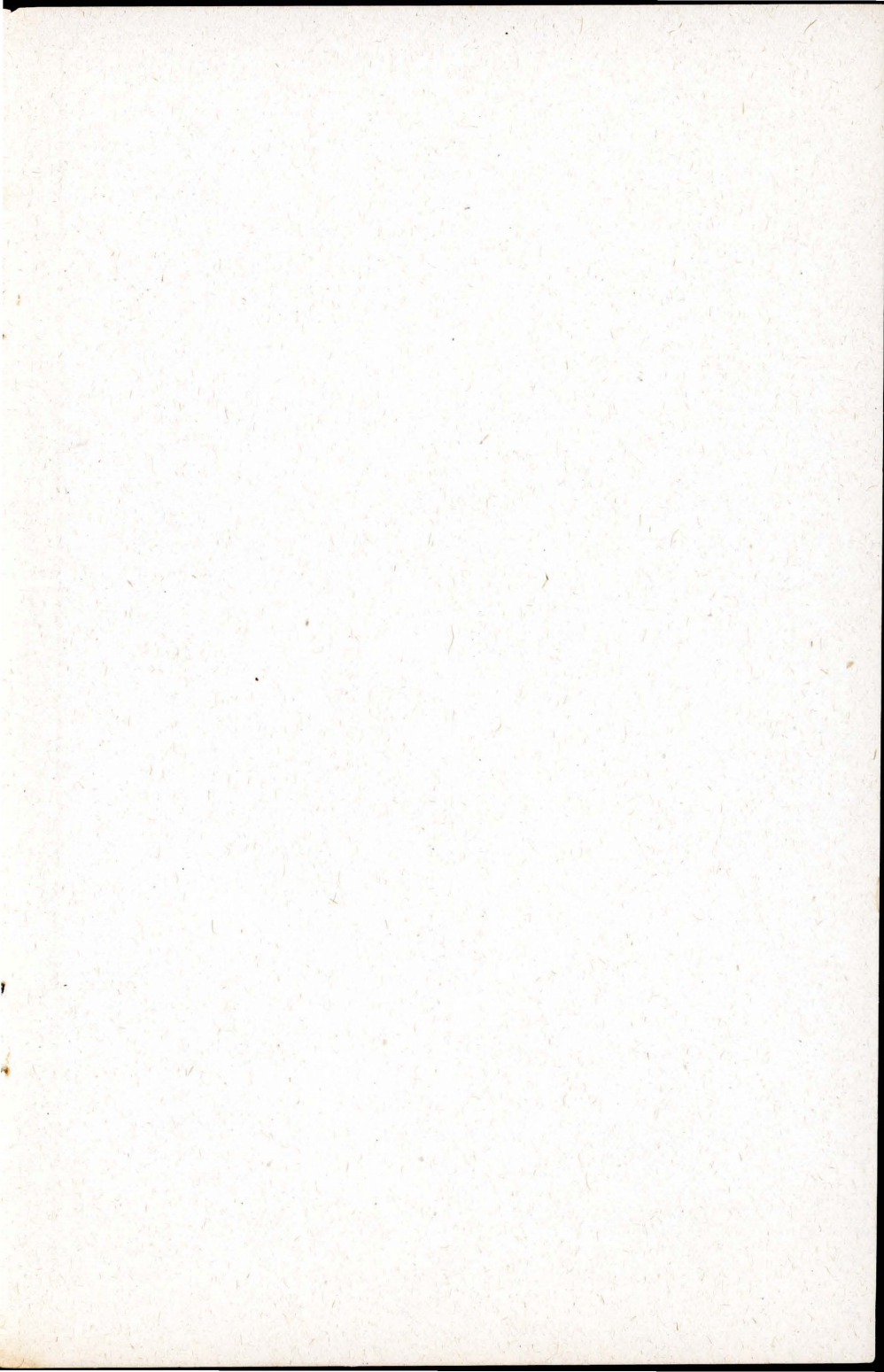
1. The introductory sermon will be delivered.
2. Call for and read letters from the churches and enroll the names of messengers.
3. Choose a moderator and clerk.
4. Appoint committees as follows:
 On Preaching.
 To write Corresponding Letter.
 On Contributions and to distribute Minutes.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
6. Call for Correspondence from sister associations.
7. Call for petitionary churches.

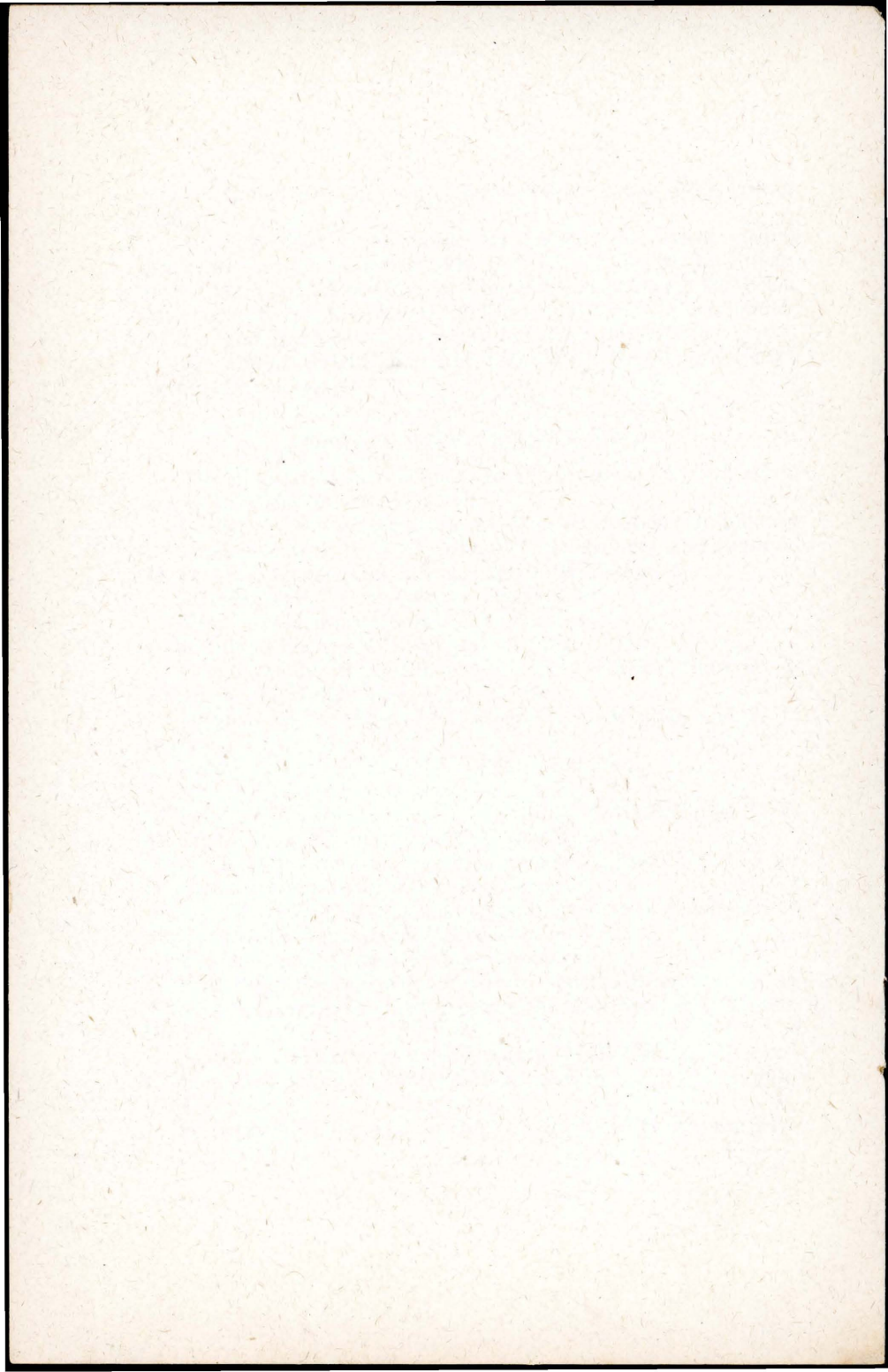
SECOND DAY

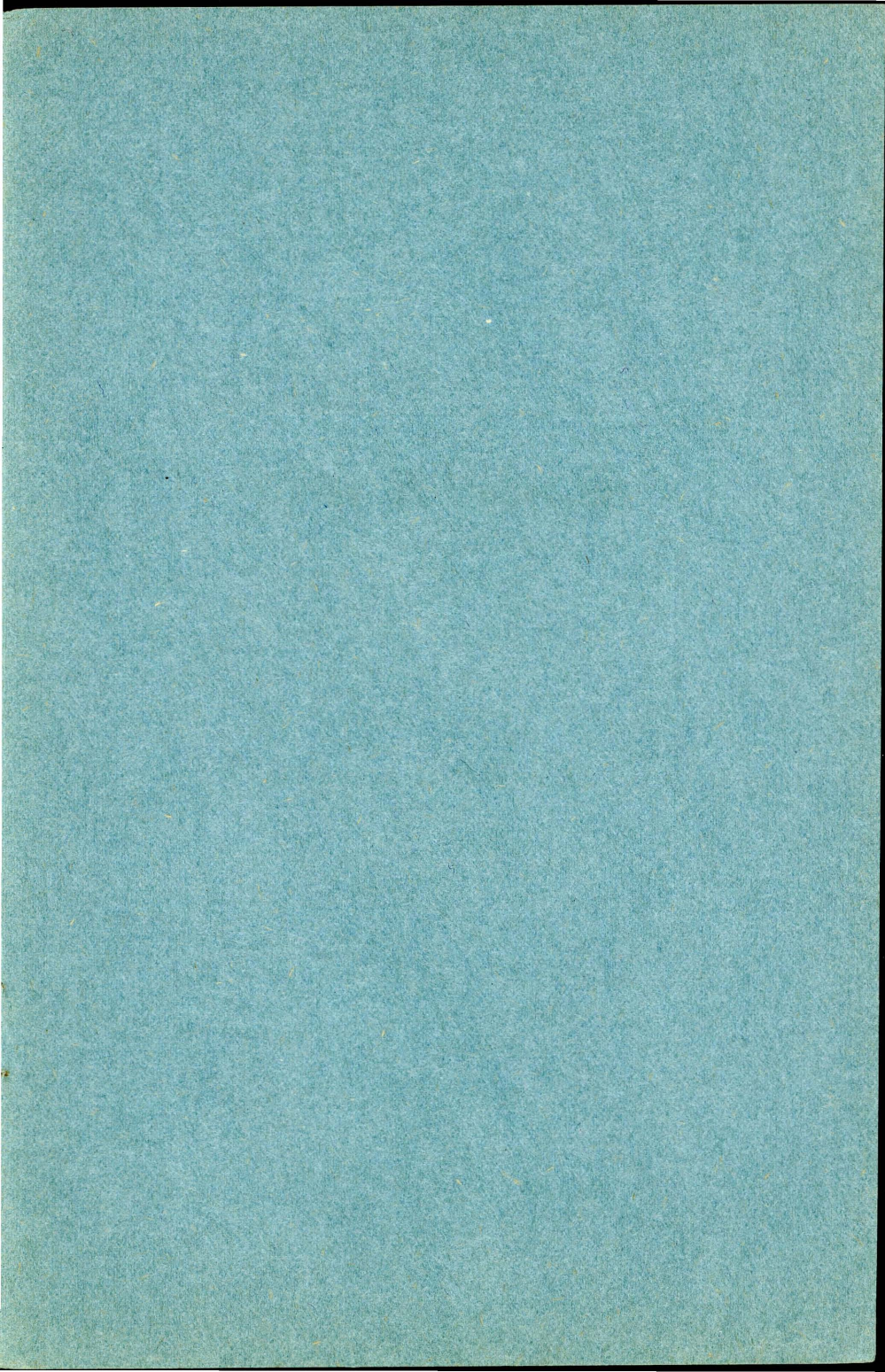
1. Call the roll and read Decorum.
2. Call for further correspondence from sister associations.
3. Renew the invitation to visiting brethren to seats with us.
4. Return correspondence to sister associations.
5. Receive contributions and distribute corresponding minutes.
6. Appoint union meetings.
7. Appoint the next session of this body.
8. Agree on the number of minutes to be printed.
9. Call for corresponding letter.
10. Read minutes and adjourn.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	PASTORS	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Exp. and Bap.	Confession of Faith....	Received by Letter....	Dismissed by Letter....	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting.....	Contributions	
												For Minutes.....	For Ministers.....
Good Hope ...													
Mt. Carmel ...	W A White, Musella.....	S T Bentley...	S T Bentley, F W Hammock, A W Childs						2 74 3	\$ 2.00	\$ 4.00		
Salem	J D McGhee, Knoxville.....	I Grant	I Grant, J R Sandefer, J. D. McGhee	1			1		2 66 2	1.00	2.00		
Providence ...	F Danielly, Roberta	S T Bentley ..	J S McGhee, F Danielley, B A Childs				2		63 4	1.00	4.00		
Fellowship ...	F M Green, Perry, Ga.....	W J Heard	J H M Cliett, Frank Bryant, C A Kersey, C L Pender....	3			3		2 44 2	2.50	2.50		
Bethlehem ...	A F Jones, Macon, Ga.....	J H Gresham ..	C M Meeks, J W Grant.....	1	3				1 114 1	2.00	4.00		
Friendship ...	L Butts, Pickard	S T Bentley ..	C E Boye, J B Reeves, J H B Butts						2 37 1	1.50	5.00		
Pleasant Hill .	J D Cherry, Byron, Ga.....	W J Greene	W L Lewis, J M Frederick....	2					42 2	2.50	2.50		
Sardis	T M Nash, R 3, Macon, Ga...	W J Heard ...	W J Heard, J W Fielder, T. M. Nash	6			2		5 67 3	3.00	5.00		
Mt. Paron ...	W J Marshall, Lizella, Ga...	J T Young ...	W J Marshall, M H McElmurray, R E Wright				1 1		1 47 1	2.00	3.00		
Beaver Creek .	J W Davidson, Bon Afire....	J T Reynolds ..	W O Boone, W S Farr.....				1		20 1	1.00	1.00		
Shiloh	C T McColum, R L, Macon....	J T Young	J T Young, J W Bartlett....	3	1				28 2	1.00	3.00		
Harmony	J R Bludworth, Meansville, Ga	J A Monsees ..	C W Sullivan, J W Kersey....				1 3		27 3	.75	4.75		
High Shoals ..	T M Mullins, Goggansville, Ga.	B F Williamson	J H Mullins		1		2		33 2	.50	3.00		
Mt. Calvary ...	J H Boggarley, Smarrs.....	J T Reynolds ..	J H Boggarley, W W Harris, R H Bazemore.....						15 3	1.00	2.00		
Concord		No Pastor											
Griffin	C T Elliott, Griffin, Ga.....	B C Caldwell..	Victor Mann, D P Autry....	1	1	1	5		49 3	2.00	3.00		
Emmaus	M L Hancock, Crest, Ga.....	W J Heard	R L Smith, F B Hancock, G W. Hall			1	1		52 4	1.50	5.00		
Barnesville ...	E P Childs, Barnesville, Ga...	B F Williamson	E P Childs, D L Caldwell....	1	1		3		2 18 4	1.00	2.00		
Emmaus	A M Keith, Newnan, Ga.....	B C Caldwell ..	B C Caldwell, A M Keith, J. W Parks			2			19 1	.50	2.50		
Elizabeth	L F Hanks, Macon, Ga.....	J A Monsees ..	F B Wilder	2	2	1	1		17 2-4	1.00	2.00		
Totals				20	1 12	2 17	7 23	832	..	\$27.75	\$60.25		







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