

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
HARMONY PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH THE
CHURCH AT ANTIOCH, EARLY COUNTY, GEORGIA.

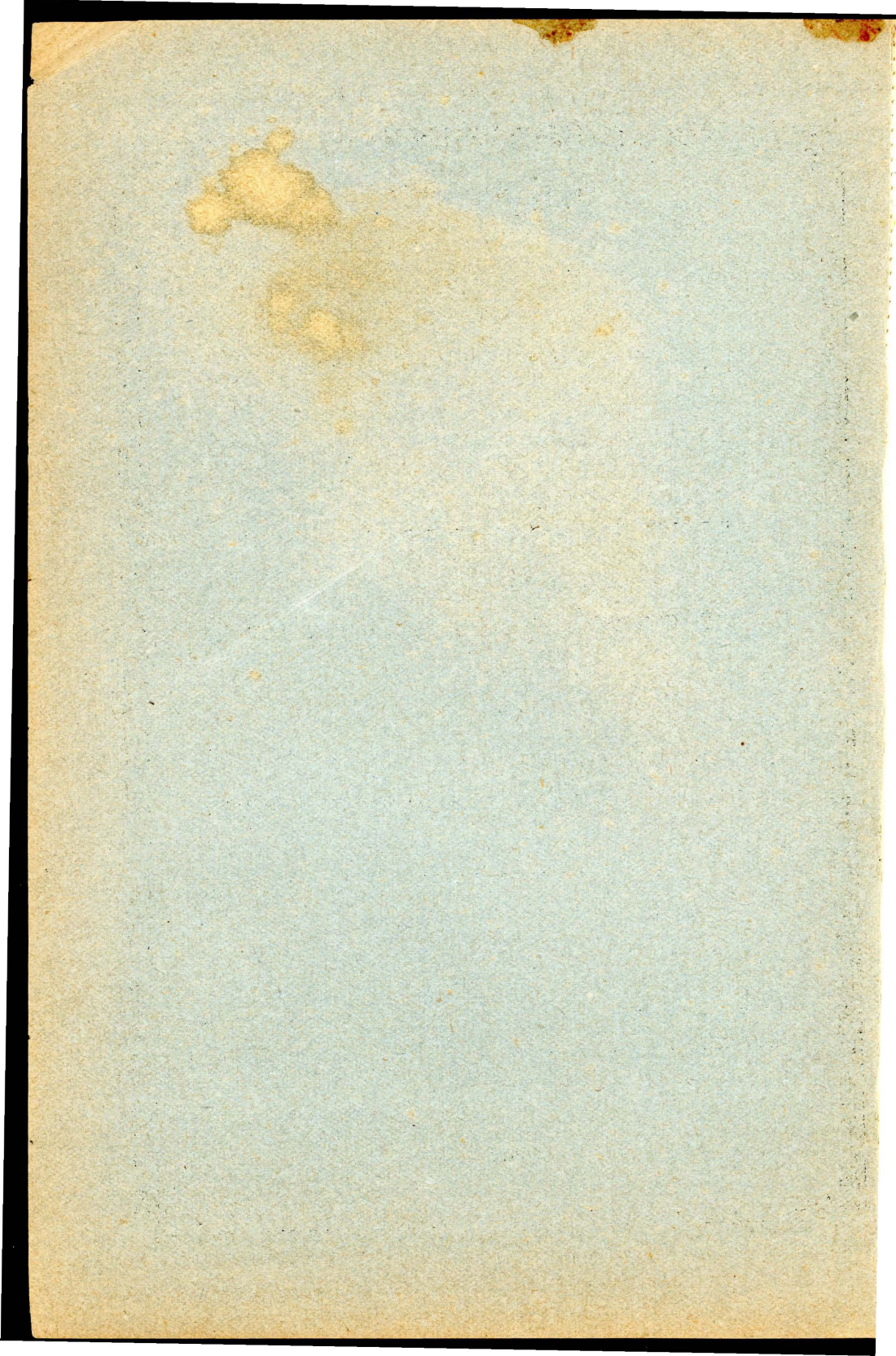
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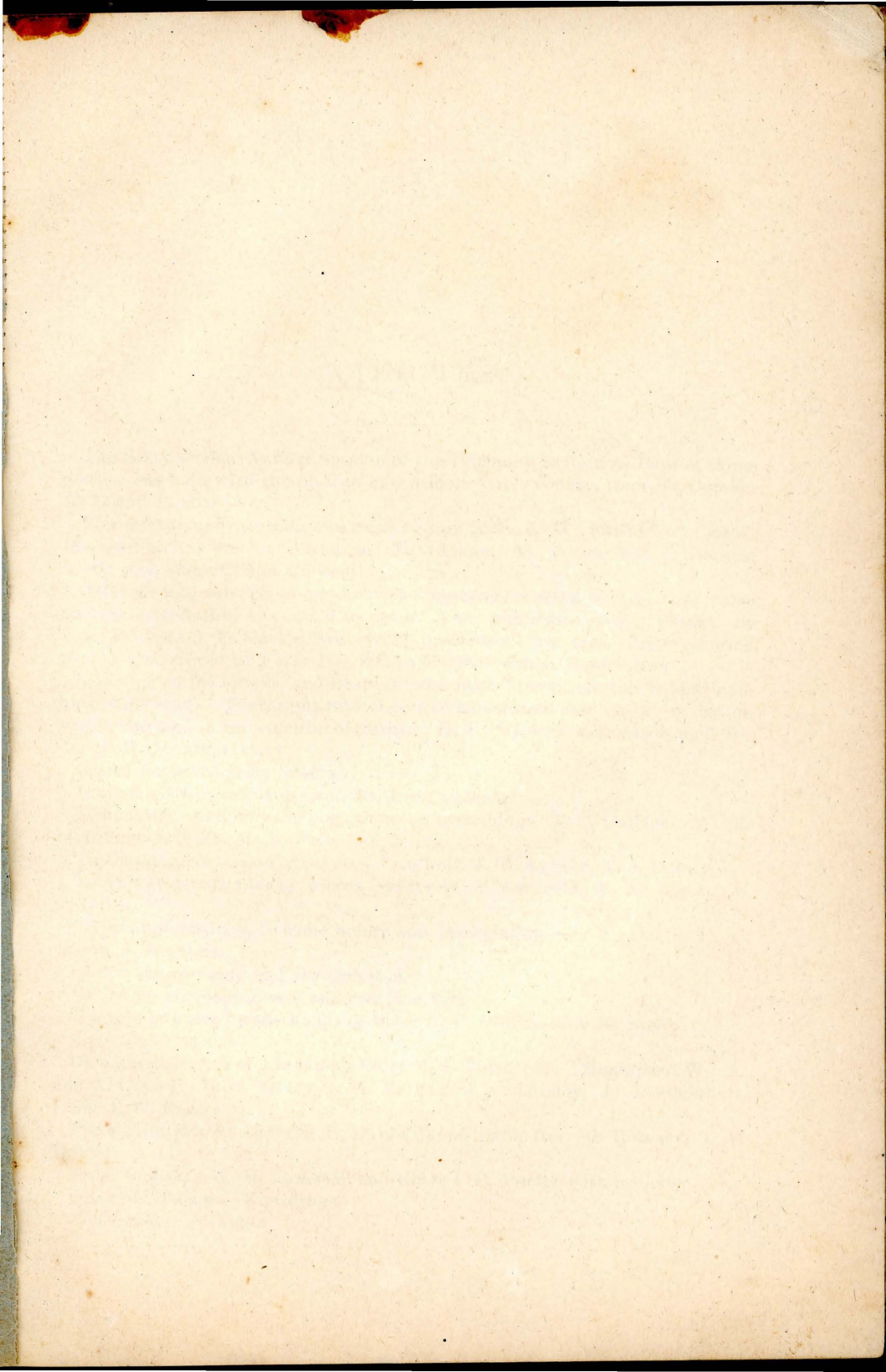
OFFICERS:

BRO. B. F. MARKETT, Moderator, - - - - - Sumter, Ga.

ELDER R. H. JENNINGS, Clerk, - - - - - Dawson, Ga.

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MINUTES.

The Sixty-second Annual Session of the Harmony Primitive Baptist Association was held with the church at Antioch, Early county, Georgia, October 12, 13 and 14, 1900.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Parker of Chocktawhatchee Association, Alabama. Text Pslams 65, verses 4-15. "Blessed is the Man Whom Thou Chooseth.

After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled at the house and the Association was called to order. Our moderator being absent, by vote, Brother B. F. Markett was made moderator pro tem. After singing prayer was offered by Elder Lee Hanks of Ochlocknee Association.

Then called for letters, and heard letters from fifteen churches and minuted their state. Then went into choice of moderator and clerk by ballot, which resulted in the election of Brother B. F. Markett moderator and Elder R. H. Jennings clerk.

Called for petitionary letters.

Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats.

Appointed the following committee on preaching: T. C. Patrick, W. E. Moreland, E. Fain, M. N. Fain, I. S. Mills.

To examine correspondence.—G. Pritchett, J. T. Aycock, T. J. Daniel.

To write correspondence letters.—Elder W. T. Everette, W. A. Webb, J. J. Duke.

To arrange business to come before the Association.—J. T. Davis, E. C. Webb, J. A. Sims.

Called the roll and read the decorum.

Called for correspondence and received from—

Upatoie minutes by the hands of Elder S. F. Phillips and K. Stewart.

Union—No tidings.

Chocktawhatchee of Alabama—Elder E. S. Ward, M. Culpepper, W. A. and A. C. Gray, B. R. Money, J. W. Pelham, J. C. Money, J. J. Buckhalt, Elder J. W. Parker.

From Flint River—Elder S. E. Davis, James Fain, Burrell Roberts, I. S. Daniel.

From Pulaski—W. H. Braswell and Elder I. P. Porter with minutes.

Olive of Alabama—No tidings.

Echeconnee—Minutes.

Appointed union meetings as follows:

First District—(first choice)—Mount Olive church at Cusseta, Ga., beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in June.

Second District—(third choice)—at Bluff Springs church in Macon county, Georgia. Beginning on Friday before 5th Sunday in March.

Third District—(second choice)—at Antioch church, Early county. Beginning on Friday before 2nd Sunday in June.

The association then adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer by Elder W. T. Everette of our association.

Second Day's Session.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Licentiate W. J. Green of Ocmulgee association.

Heard the report of committee on business. Report received.

Called for further correspondence.

Heard report of committee to examine correspondents' minutes. Report found nothing to claim the attention of the association.

Returned correspondence to sister association, Upatoi. To convene with the church at Ramah, Beuna Vista, Ga., on Tuesday after 1st Sunday in September next.

Messengers: W. A. Webb, J. T. Aycock, Elders W. T. Everette, R. H. Jennings.

To Union. Send minutes.

To Chocktawhatchee. At Besheba, near Skiperville. Saturday before 4th Sunday in September next. G. Pritchett, Elders W. T. Everette, E. Fain, B. P. Brooks.

To Echeconnee. Association to meet with Sardis church, Bibb county, two miles from Echeconnee Sta., on Central railroad, beginning on Friday before 3rd Sunday in September, 1901. B. F. Markett, Elder R. H. Jennings.

To Flint River. Association at Olive Grove church, Decatur county, Georgia, beginning on Saturday before 1st Sunday in November next. Elder W. T. Everette, G. Pritchett, M. N. Fain, B. D. Jones, Elder R. H. Jennings.

To Pulaski. To convene with Sharon church, five miles from Cordele, Friday before 1st Sunday in October, 1901. B. F. Markett, W. E. Moreland.

On motion visiting ministers were received by moderator, who extended hand in behalf of association and received Licentiate J. W. Green, J. A. Adams from Ocmulgee association, Elder Lee Hanks from Ocklocknee.

Called for contributions and distributed correspondents' minutes. Received for minutes \$21.80, for correspondence \$60.15.

Agreed to have 900 minutes printed, 750 for churches and 150 for correspondent purposes.

On motion, agreed to have articles of faith and decorum printed in our minutes.

Called for correspondence letter, which was read and adopted.

By vote, we, the Harmony Association, tender to Antioch church and the kind friends of the community our thanks for kindness and hospitality shown to our messengers and visitors.

Appointed the next session of our association to convene with Slaughter Creek church, 8 miles north of Richland, one and a half miles from Brooklyn, on the railroad from Albany to Columbus, at our usual time, Friday before second Sunday in October next at 10 o'clock, a. m. Prayer by Licentrate J. A. Adams of Ocmulgee Association..

B. F. MARKET, Moderator.

R. H. JENNINGS, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday, a. m.—Elder J. W. Parker of Choctawhatchee Association.

Friday, p. m.—Elder I. P. Porter of Pulaski Association.

Friday, p. m.—Licentrate J. A. Adams of Ocmulgee Association.

Saturday, a. m.—Licentrate J. W. Green of Ocmulgee Association.

Saturday, a. m.—Elder E. S. Ward of Choctawhatchee Association.

Saturday, p. m.—S. E. Davis of Flint River Association.

Saturday, p. m.—S. F. Philips, Upatoi Association.

Sunday, a. m.—Elder J. W. Parker of Choctawhatchee Association.

Sunday, a. m.—Elder Lee Hanks, of Ocklochnee Association.

MINISTERS OF HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Elder J. L. Blackshear, Cuthbert, Ga.

“ J. M. Spurlock, Coleman, Ga.

“ W. T. Everette, Dawson, Ga.

“ R. H. Jennings, Dawson, Ga.

“ B. Page, Warner, Ga.

“ D. Chambliss, Parrott, Ga.

CORRESPONDENCE LETTER.

The Harmony Primitive Baptist Association now in session with the church at Antioch, to her sister Associations with whom we correspond—
GREETING:

DEAR BRETHREN: We have been again permitted, through the Providence of God, to hold another session of our body in love. Our business has been transacted in peace. Your correspondence is not as full as we desire, but it has come to us laden with the gospel of peace, for which we desire to thank and praise God.

The next session of our Association will be held with the church at Slaughter Creek, Stewart county, Ga., one and a half miles from Brooklyn on the railroad from Albany to Columbus, Friday before the second Sunday in October next, (1901) when and where we hope to meet your correspondence again in love.

B. F. MARKETT, Moderator.

R. H. JENNINGS, Clerk.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

ART. 1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God Head, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

ART. 2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of particular and eternal election.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

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

ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

ART. 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

ART. 8. We believe that saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.

ART. 9. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saints' Feet are ordinances, and we believe that the true mode of Baptism is by Immersion.

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

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

ART. 12. We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regular and come under the imposition of hand by the Presbytery.

DECORUM.

ART. 1. The members who are regularly chosen by the church in session shall compose the association.

ART. 2. The members thus chosen may produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, restored, excommunicated and dead since the last association.

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

ART. 4. This Association shall have no power to lord over God Heritage, nor whereby it can infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

ART. 5. This Association shall have a moderator and clerk who shall be chosen annually by the members present and hold their office until the next election.

ART. 6. This Association is in favor of preaching the gospel, the circulation of the Scriptures and the advantages of education, and it recommends morality in general, but to its members in particular, notwithstanding, it is

opposed to all the modern institutions of men such as Missionary Bible Tract and Sunday schools, union societies, together with Baptist state conventions, theological schools and such like. because their connection with the church of God is unauthorized by the Scriptures. As such we cannot fellowship them nor hold in our union any church or churches who admit to their church privileges any person or persons who are connected with them in any manner whatever, believing all such to be speculative in their nature and a fruitful source for corrupting the church.

ART. 7. If new churches desire to be admitted into our union they shall petition by letter and messengers, 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.

ART. 8. No church in the union shall have a right to more than two messengers until it shall exceed one hundred members, and it shall have an additional messenger for every fifty members after the first hundred.

ART. 9. Every query sent to the Association by any church in the union shall be read and put to a vote by the moderator whether or not it shall be debated, and if there be a majority for it it shall be taken up and investigated, but if not it shall be laid upon the table unless it is withdrawn, provided always that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

ART. 10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

ART. 11. 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 is decided either by the chair, vote or withdrawal, there shall be no more debating thereon.

ART. 12. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject.

ART. 13. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission of the Association.

ART. 14. There shall be no talking nor whispering in time of public speaking and no reflections cast upon the speaker.

ART. 15. No member shall exempt himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

ART. 16. If any member shall break the rules of this Decorum he shall be immediately reprovod by the Moderator.

ART. 17. It is the object 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 the churches. 3rd. To give the churches the best advice it can in matters of difficulty, and if the communion should be broken between any of the sister churches to inquire into the cause of the breach and use their best endeavors to remove the difficulty, but if the breach cannot be healed to withdraw from any church or churches whom it decides up-

on as being unsound in principle and immoral in practice until reclaimed.
4th. To invite brethren in the ministry who are of our faith and order to seats in the Association. 5th. 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. 6th. To amend this form of government at any time when a majority of the union shall deem it necessary. 7th. To adjourn to any time and place it may think most proper.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE	CLERK.	MESSENGERS.	PASTOR, 1900	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total in Membership.	Sunday of Meeting.	Money for Minutes.	Money for Correspondence.	Yearly Meeting	Number of Minutes.
FIRST DISTRICT.																
Mount Olive.....	Chattahoochee	Cusseta.....			H. Bussey.....	5					1				Aug.	15
Antioch.....	Stewart.....	Louvale.....	M. D. Tatum...	O. O. Lott.....	R. H. Barwick.....	3					25	\$1.80	\$3.00	July.	61	
Slaughter Creek..	"	Brooklyn.....	W. S. Armour..	By Letter.....	R. H. Jennings.....	1		1			21	1.00	4.00	Aug.	34	
Harmony.....	"	Richland.....	B. W. Norman..	T. C. Patrick.....	W. T. Everett.....	3		2			40	1.50	4.40	July.	50	
Popular Springs..	Webster.....	Preston.....	J. F. Jenkins..		S. F. Phillips.....						1			Aug.	15	
Turkey Creek.....	"	Rush.....	J. Troutman...	By Letter.....	R. H. Jennings.....						37	1.50	3.50	July.	50	
SECOND DISTRICT.																
Beulah.....	Terrell.....	Worner.....	T. J. Daniel...	John T. Davis and T. J. Daniel...	B. Page.....	1		2			34	1.50	2.15	July.	50	
Chickasawhatchee	"	Dawson.....	M. Blackshear..	Elders W. T. Everett, R. H. Jennings	W. T. Everett.....	2	4	1			47	2.00	5.25	June.	68	
Macedonia.....	"	Sasser.....	A. L. McLendon	W. E. Moreland and Alma Johnson	R. H. Barwick.....	1	1		1		62	2.00	2.50	June.	68	
Liberty.....	Sumter.....	Sumter.....	J. G. Webb.....	W. A. Webb and E. C. Webb - - -	R. H. Jennings.....						33	1.50	3.50	July.	50	
Providence.....	"	"	B. F. Markett..	B. F. Markett - - - - -	H. Bussey.....			1			15	2.00	4.00	July.	34	
Hebron.....	"	Anderson.....		J. T. Aycock - - - - -	W. Lively.....	1		3			31	1.50	3.50	Aug.	50	
Bluff Springs.....	Macon.....	Englishville..	Eli Nelson.....	J. J. Dukes - - - - -	W. T. Everett.....	1		2	3		23	2	1.50	5.00	July.	50
THIRD DISTRICT.																
Antioch.....	Early.....	Colomokee.....	J. S. Mill.....	M. N. Fain and I. S. Mills - - -	S. E. Davis.....		2				15	2	1.00	2.50	"	34
Mars Hill.....	Calhoun.....		E. Fain.....	G. Pritchett and E. Fain - - -	W. T. Everett.....	4					2	2	2.50	11.85	"	85
Hepzibah.....	Randolph.....	Cuthbert.....		J. A. Sims - - - - -	J. M. Spurlock.....						22	1	1.00	2.00	"	15
Pataula.....	Quitman.....	Georgetown...	J. G. Belcher..	D. W. Bryant - - - - -	"						8	4	50		"	34
Union.....	Terrell.....	Dawson.....	H. J. L. Adams				1	1			8	4	50		"	17

