



MINUTES  
OF THE  
CANOOCHIE ASSOCIATION,

CONVENED AT

WADE'S MEETING HOUSE,

SCRIVEN COUNTY,

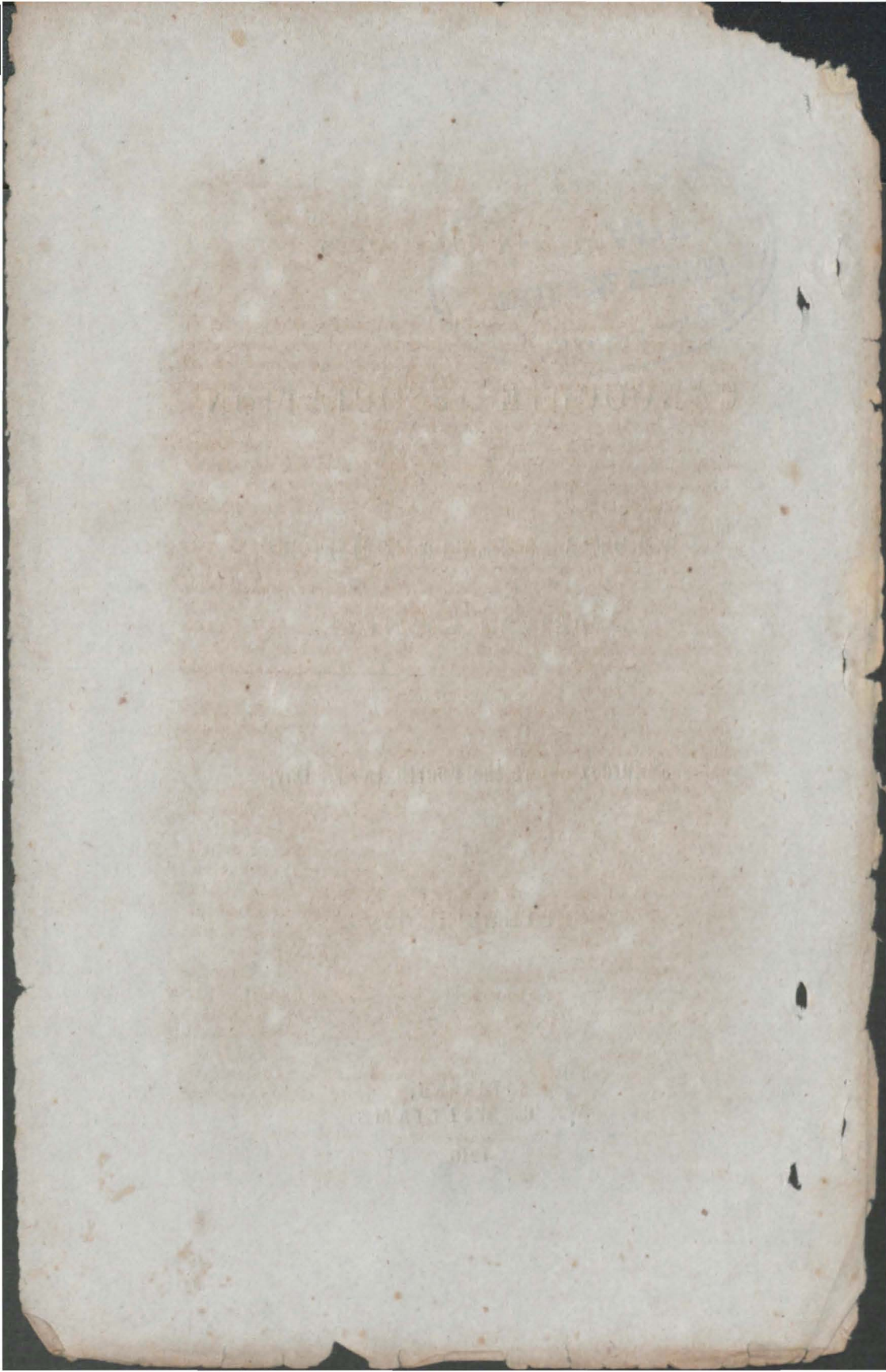
COMMENCED ON

Saturday before the Fourth Lord's Day,

IN

SEPTEMBER, 1846.

SAVANNAH:  
W. T. WILLIAMS.  
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1846.





## MINUTES.

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1. THE Introductory Sermon was preached by Brother Archibald Odom, from the eleventh chapter of St. Luke, twenty-first and twenty-second verses: "*When a strong man armed keepeth his palace his goods are in peace, but when a stronger than he shall come upon him and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armor wherein he trusted and divideth his spoils.*"

2. After a short intermission the Messengers from the several Churches convened in the Meeting House, and the Association was opened by singing, and prayer by the Moderator.

3. Received and read letters from thirty-one Churches, and minuted their state.

4. Proceeded to organize this body, and elected Brother Archibald Odom, Moderator, and John G. Williams, Clerk.

5. Invited Ministering Brethren of the same faith and order to a seat with us, to help us in our deliberations.

6. Received and read a petitionary letter from Ashe's Branch Church, Bulloch county, desiring to join this Association, and it was received; and the Moderator gave their Messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Appointed the following Brethren as a Committee to arrange the preaching during this Association, viz: Brethren, John Deloatch, William Williams, and William S. Moore, with delegates of said Church.

8. Appointed the following Brethren as a Committee to arrange the business of this Association, viz: A. Odom, James R. Miller, and John G. Williams.

9. Received the report of the Committee appointed to arrange preaching during this Association, and reported as follows: Brother John Cowart and Brother Daniel, to go forward in the forepart of the service on the Sabbath. A short intermission then followed by Bro. James R. Miller, and closed by Bro. Curtis Cobb.

10. Called on Brother John G. Williams for the Circular Letter; it was read and received.

11. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

12. Sunday morning, Brother Cowart failing to attend according to arrangement, Brother Daniel went forward in the forepart of the service—followed by Brother J. R. Miller, and closed by Brother C. Cobb; and we hope there was good done in the name of the Lord.

13. Monday morning, met according to adjournment, and the Association was opened by singing, and prayer by the Moderator.

14. There was a petition from Gumbranch Church, petitioning

this Association for a division so as to become formed into two Associate Bodies; the Association not being authorized by the lone petition from one Church, it was moved and seconded that the petition be thrown out, and it was agreed to.

15. The report of the Committee for arranging the business of the Association was read and received.

16. Agreed to have eight general meetings, and appointed the following Brethren as a Committee to arrange the same, viz: Wm. S. Moore, N. Roberts, Wm. B. Miller, Z. L. Boggs, and S. Banks, first at Newhope, Emanuel county, and at Deloatches, Bulloch county, to commence Friday before the 5th Lord's day in November, 1846; second at Ceder Creek, Tattnall county, and at Lower Black Creek, Bryan county, to commence Friday before the fifth Lord's day in January, 1847; third at Canoochie, Emanuel County, and at Bethlehem, Bulloch county, to commence Friday before the fifth Lord's day in May, 1847; fourth at Gumbranch, Liberty county, and at Upper Lott's Creek, Bulloch county, to commence Friday before the fifth Lord's day in August, 1847.

17. Appointed our next Association to be held at Lower Lott's Creek Church, Bulloch county, to commence Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in September, 1847, and Brother James R. Miller to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Brother John Cowart, his Alternate.

18. Appointed Brother Archibald Odom to write the next Circular Letter.

19. Agreed to have one thousand copies of these Minutes printed, and the Clerk to attend to the printing and distributing of the same.

20. Moved and seconded that this Association correspond with the Middle Association by letter and Messengers, and it was agreed to, and the following Brethren were appointed, viz: James R. Miller, John G. Williams, Wm. S. Moore, Wm. B. Miller, and Aaron Cone; and appointed John G. Williams to write the letter.

21. Called for contribution.

22. *Resolved*, That we return our thanks to God and this vicinity for their kind and affectionate attention to us during this Association.

Then adjourned in order.

ARCHIBALD ODOM, *Moderator*.

JOHN G. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.



# STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

## Churches, Counties & Messengers Names.

Ordained Ministers Names in

SMALL CAPITALS.

	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Recommended. Excommunicated.	Restored.	Dead.	Total.	Contributions.
Antioch, Emanuel County, J. Martin,				1		13	75
Ashe's Branch, Bulloch County, S. Futch,						12	50
Wm. Newman, -							
Beard's Creek, Tattnall County, T. KNIGHT-		1	4			52	1 50
and D. Lin, -							
Bethlehem, Laurens County, L. Smith, M	12		2		1	46	2 00
M. Kinchen, -							
Bethlehem, Bulloch Co., S. Brannen, C.	2			1		28	1 25
Parrish -							
Bethany, Washington County, -							
Bethesda, Jefferson County, W. H. GREEN,	1	1	4	2		35	1 50
A. Gartman, -							
Cedar Creek, Tattnall County, F. Holon,				3		28	1 00
R. Youmans, -	2			1	2	25	75
Canoochie, Emanuel C., C. Cobb, A. Redding							
DeLoatches, Bulloch County, J. DeLoatch, E.	1					29	1 25
E. Martin, -							
Elew, Emanuel County, JAMES R. MILLER,		3	1			23	1 00
John R. Miller, -			2			7	35
Elbethel, Emanuel County, J. COWART, -							
Foxbay, Reedy Creek, Tattnall County, S.	2			1		35	1 25
Fiendly, A. Moore, -						58	3 00
Fellowship, Bulloch Co., J. Grimes, A. Cone,	17	1	2	1			
Gumbranch, Liberty County, J. M. Mobly,							
Wm. G. Roberson, -		1			1	19	65
Hebron, Emanuel County, R. DOLALDSON,			5		2	32	1 00
Wm. Lewis, -						5	50
Hawhammoc, Emanuel Co., E. COLEMAN, -							
Hines', Emanuel County, E. Trapnall, A.	1	2	3			25	50
Laurance, -						20	1 00
Jones', Emanuel County, Wm. B. Miller,							
Lower Black Creek, Bryan Co., S. Banks,	4		12	1		73	1 25
N. J. Dugger, -	1					22	1 00
Lake, Bulloch County, H. Bowin, J. Green,							
Lower Lott's Creek, Bulloch county, J. G.	2	1	4	1	1	64	2 50
WILLIAMS, A. Kicklighter, -	1			2	1	30	1 64
Lanc's, Bulloch Co, H. Simmons W. Brown	1	1	1			44	1 50
Limestone, Washington Co., S. B. Tarver,							
Mill Creek, Bulloch County, Wm. S. MOORE,	4	2		1	1	79	2 00
Wm. Williams, -				1	1	22	75
Newhope, Emanuel County, -							
Novel's Creek, Bulloch County, P. Rodgers,	4	1			1	45	1 00
N. ROBERTS, -							
Oakey Grove, Emanuel County, -				1			
Providence, Eman'l Co., A. Onom, T. Kersey					2	53	1 25
Salem, Liberty County, Z. I. Boggs,		1			1	9	50
Upper Black Creek, Bulloch County, A							
Jones, J. Goodman, -	1	2	5		1	43	1 50
Upper Lott's Creek, A. Parrish, J. Eleby,	6		1		1	51	1 50
Wade's, Scriven Co, G. Cooper, J. Wilson,			1			32	1 50
Watermelon Creek, Tattnall Co, D. Lin,	3	4	2			27	75
Mount Gilead, Washington County, -							
Union, Washington County, -							
TOTAL, -	62	22	47	16	7	151086	37 75

## CIRCULAR LETTER.

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*Dear and much beloved Brethren of the Canoochie Association and to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, may love, grace, mercy and peace be multiplied.*

DEAR BRETHREN: The time has again come that you will look for something in the form of a Circular; and as you have been so often and wisely addressed, we feel in part at a loss how to speak to so wise a people, notwithstanding we would remind you to be thankful to God for his great love and his all-sufficient grace toward us, who has been in all time the support of his Church and the solace of his dear people, has not withheld from us in the present year the mercies of his hand, the enlivening sun and genial shower, the products of earth, the charms of Nature, and the sweet converse of friends, and above all, the delightful and glorious Gospel of Christ, have all been extended to us by a kind Providence and an Indulgent Parent: and what have we rendered in return for all those benefits? (Alas, alas!) Brethren, let us awake out of sleep, for the night is far spent, the day is at hand, let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light — Romans, 13th chap. 12th verse. I say let us awake to every good work and duty incumbent on us as children of the day, let us search the Scripture and pray to God to give us an understanding in the same and direct us by his unerring spirit into all truth, that his word, which is Jesus, might dwell richly in our hearts, governing our actions in all things; therefore we cite your minds to the words of our blessed Redeemer, recorded by St. John, 14th chapter, 15th verse: "If ye love me keep my commandments." We now address the Ministers of Christ, the under-shepherds, the servants of the Lord, to act as servants of the Most High, taking the oversight not by constraint, but willingly — not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind: neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. 1st Peter, 5th chapter, second and third verses. If ye love me keep my commandments. Therefore the Ministers of Jesus should remember that the Church of Christ is free, and



that they as Elders or Ministers, are servants for Jesus' sake; and it is a commandment of the Lord, that his Ministers should preach the word, that they should forsake houses, lands, wives and children, for the sake of the Redeemer, that they may be as earthen organs in his hand to sound the alarm, and to feed the sheep and tender lambs with the sincere milk of the Gospel of Christ, that they shew themselves a patron of good works approved unto God, that they may live in the hearts of the Brethren and Sisters, and grow up with them a holy habitation for our God. If you love Jesus keep his commandments. Let the Deacons remember also that they are the servants of God, and hands of the body, (which is the Church,) to execute its will, and are set apart for the self-same purpose, therefore they should always be ready to attend to the flock if required, to the Minister and poor saints, and to make known if required the necessities of the needy, that the Church may all be fellow-helpers together, for the Apostle says, "Whoso hath this worlds goods and seeth this Brother have need, and shuteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" Chap. 3, verse 17, therefore if you love Jesus, keep his commandments. The Church should remember its members, first giving themselves to the Lord, and then to one another by the will of God for the purpose of living together in love, and to keep his commandments.

Dear Brethren, the Church of Christ is the house of God, and pillar and ground of the truth, a band of Brothers, the sons and daughters of the Almighty, they are espoused as a chaste virgin and an obedient daughter which is the delight of God, and the pleasure of his son Jesus Christ, therefore let us watch and be sober, for we have a glorious harvest before us, and certain we are to reap if we faint not. And knowing you are cemented to the Lord and to one another in love, you are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained, that we should walk in them, (that is to say walk in his commandments.) If you love Jesus keep his commandments, and here we may see the great use of them, for we are called little children, we are compared to sheep, but while walking in his commandments, if all the wolves that be, and the gates of hell turned loose against us, they could not prevail against us.

Dear Brethren, let us say to you that every Church of Christ

is an army of God, and enlisted to fight, and Jesus is their King, and if you will keep his commandments, you will learn how to fight a good fight. Yes, Brethren, how to lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. Then, if you love Jesus, keep his commandments.

Brethren, let us remember that each Church has an undoubted right to govern themselves according to the word of the Lord, and the Association an advisory counsel, and should in no case lord any thing over God's heritage, but remember, they as Messengers, are accountable to the Churches that sent them. We might point out many other duties incumbent on the children of God, but have not space. As such, we exhort you dear Brethren, to take the word of God for your faith, rule and practice.

O, Brethren, let us pray to God that the light which is in us may so shine that those of the contrary part may behold the light and our good works, and be won over or constrained to glorify our Father, which is in heaven, by breaking of their sins by acts of righteousness, and turn to the Lord from a full purpose of heart is our prayer for Jesus' sake. Amen.