

MINUTES

OF THE

CANOOCHIE ASSOCIATION,

CONVENED AT

HINES' MEETING-HOUSE,

EMANUEL COUNTY,

COMMENCED ON

SATURDAY BEFORE THE 4TH LORD'S DAY

IN

SEPTEMBER, 1845.

SAVANNAH:
W. T. WILLIAMS.
1845.

MINUTES.

1. THE Introductory Sermon was preached by Brother Isaac Norris from the Fourth Chapter of Second Kings and part of the Thirty-Eight Verse : *Set on the Great Pot.*

2. After a short intermission the Messengers from the different 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-Five Churches and minuted their state.

4. Proceeded to organize this body, and re-elected Brother Isaac Norris, Moderator, and John G. Williams, Clerk.

5. Received and read a petitionary letter from Union Church, Washington County, desiring to join this Association, and it was received and the Moderator gave their Messengers the right hand of fellowship.

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

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

8. Appointed the following Brethren as a Committee to arrange the business of this Association, viz : Brethren Isaac Norris, T. Knight and J. G. Williams.

9. Received the report of the Committee appointed to arrange Preaching during this Association, and reported as follows :— Brethren A. Odom, J. G. Williams and J. Cowart to preach on the Sabbath, and closed by Brother C. Cobb.

10. Called on Brother T. Knight for the Circular Letter. It was read and received.

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

12. Sunday morning, met according to arrangement, and the Brethren came forward in the order of their names and preached to a large and orderly congregation, 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. The report of the Committee for arranging the business of the Association, was read and received.

15. Agreed to have eight General Meetings, and appointed the following Brethren as a Committee to arrange the same, viz : James Cone, William B. Miller and W. H. Green. First at Lower Lotts' Creek, Bulloch County, and at Newhope, Emanuel County, to commence Friday before the Fifth Lord's Day in November, 1845. Second at Foxbay, Reedy Creek, Tattnall County, and at Bethlehem, Bulloch County, to commence Friday before the Fifth Lord's Day in March, 1846. Third at Jones', Emanuel County, and at Upper Black Creek, Bulloch County, to commence Friday before the Fifth Lord's Day in May, 1846. Fourth at Union, Washington County, and at the Lake, Bulloch County, to commence Friday before the Fifth Lord's Day in August, 1846.

16. Appointed our next Association to be held at Wade's Meeting House, Scriven County, to commence Saturday before the Fourth Lord's Day in September, 1846; and Brother A. Odom to preach the Introductory Sermon, and E. Brannen his alternate.

17. Appointed Brother J. G. Williams to write the next Circular Letter.

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

19. Called for contributions.

20. *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.

ISAAC NORRIS, *Moderator*.

JOHN G. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Churches, Counties & Messengers Names.

Ordained Ministers Names in

SMALL CAPITAL LETTERS.

	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Recommended.	Excommunicated.	Restored.	Dead.	Total.	Contributions.
Antioch, Emanuel County, J. Martin, D.								
Durden, - - - - -						1	14	1 00
Beard's Creek, Tattnall County, T. KNIGHT,								
J. Kicklighter, - - - - -		2	1	1			57	1 50
Bethlehem, Laurens County, J. G. Anderson,								
H. Smith, - - - - -	9	6	7				36	50
Bethlehem, Bulloch Co. S. Brannen, -						1	25	1 25
Bethany, Washington County, M. Outlaw, D.								
Heath, - - - - -			8			1	26	1 25
Bethesda, Jefferson County, W. H. GREEN,								
A. Girtman, - - - - -	1	7				2	39	1 00
Cedar Creek, Tattnall Co. J. Lin, -				1	1		32	1 25
Canoochie, Emanuel County, C. COBB, G.								
Roundtree, - - - - -	2						24	1 00
Deloatch's, Bulloch Co. Wm. Deloatch,	1	1	2			1	27	1 25
Elem, Emanuel County, J. Buye, -			2	1			21	1 00
Elbethel, Emanuel County, Wm. Proctor,								
J. COWART, - - - - -			2				9	50
Foxbay, Reedy Creek, Tattnall Co. S. Fiendly	4	2	1				32	1 25
Fellowship, Emanuel County, O. McGar, G.								
McKinsey, - - - - -	1						9	50
Fellowship, Bulloch Co. J. Cone, A. Cone,	15	2	1			2	36	2 50
Gumbranch, Liberty Co. J. Peacock, -		4		1		2	19	75
Hebron, Emanuel County, R. DONALDSON, J.								
Proctor, - - - - -	1	1	1		1		39	1 25
Hawhammoc, Emanuel Co. E. COLEMAN, B.								
Brinson, - - - - -			4				5	50
Hines' Emanuel County, R. Boatright, B.								
Bushop, - - - - -	6	1					25	75
Jones', Emanuel County, Wm. B. MILLER,						1	20	1 00
Lower Black Creek, Bryan County, N. J.								
Dugger, J. D. Clanton, - - - - -	31	3	1	2			81	1 50
Lake, Bulloch County, H. Bowen, -	2						21	1 00
Lower Lott's Creek, Bulloch Co. A. Parrish,								
J. G. WILLIAMS, - - - - -	8		1		1	3	67	3 25
Lane's, Bulloch Co. G. Ross, G. Grooms,	18	1	1		1		32	1 50
Limestone, Washington Co. Wm. Smith, S.								
B. Tarver, - - - - -	3	5	6				43	1 75
Mill Creek, Bulloch Co. E. BRANNEN,	3	1	2			1	74	2 50
Newhope, Emanuel Co. S. STRANGE, R.								
Edenfield, - - - - -	3						25	1 00
Nevel's Creek, Bulloch Co. N. ROBERTS, B.								
Acock, - - - - -	2	2		1			40	1 00
Oakey Grove, Emanuel Co. I. NORRIS,		1	2				24	1 00
Providence, Emanuel County, A. ODOM, E.								
RIXER, - - - - -	1	1					55	1 00
Salem, Liberty County, - - - - -	7	19				1	11	50
Upper Black Creek, Bulloch Co. A. Jones,								
J. Goodman, - - - - -	1	1	1		1		44	1 75
Upper Lott's Creek, Bulloch Co. M. Scar-								
bour, M. Linear, - - - - -	4	2		2	1	1	46	1 03
Wade's, Scriven Co. J. Burk, F. Wilson,	4	3	1			1	33	1 50
Watermelon Creek, Tattnall Co. D. Lin,	2	11	1	2			23	75
Mount Gilead, Washington Co. J. Brantly, Sr.		3					18	1 00
Union, Washington County, J. Barwick, J.								
Sherlin, - - - - -							12	75
TOTAL, - - - - -	126	45	81	10	8	18	1143	42 78

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Dear Brethren in the Lord, composing the Canoochie Association and to all who love our Saviour Jesus Christ, grace be to you from God the Father and from our Saviour.

The time has rolled round for you to look for a Circular from us. We deem it expedient to call your attention to the all important passage of Holy Writ contained in the XI. Chapter of our Lord's Gospel by Matthew and latter clause of the 19th verse: "But wisdom is justified of her children." We know that nearly all men speak in favor of Justice, but do all act it out? We answer, no. We have children of the flesh. Is every father justified of his children? By no means. But wisdom is justified of her children. I was set up from everlasting from the beginning or ever the earth was. Proverbs, 8th and 23d. Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth and my delights were with the sons of men. Proverbs, 8th and 31st verses. Again 35th verse, For whoso findeth me findeth life and shall obtain favor of the Lord. And we believe this wisdom represented in our subject, to be Christ our Saviour, and we find that the self-righteous Pharisees claimed Abraham for their father, and secondly, claimed God as their father. But we find wisdom objected to it, saying You are of your father the devil. Now Brethren we know that some times there are children raised in men's houses who are not their own, and how often they fail to justify the man who supports them. So the children and adopted children often fail to justify their father, but wisdom is justified of her children. Now the children of wisdom is something supernatural. It is a birth of the spirit, which is born of the spirit of God, and by receiving of this birth it expels boasting from the individual. For when we are under the burthen of sin and have light to read our condemnation, then we travel in pain to be delivered, and when we get delivered of the condemnation and fear of death which lay before us, we know that wisdom performed the birth. Now Brethren where is the soul thus born that will not apply to our text, Wisdom is justified of her children. We do not think those children would tell a false tale on their Heavenly Father, and say I did

all this. No. Look at the text: Wisdom is justified of her children—and not may be, but is justified. Now we remember that Daniel refused directions of worship directed to him from the King. Read the 6th Chapter of the Book of Daniel, where he prayed to the God of Heaven, and for so doing was cast into the lion's den. Read the 3d Chapter of the Book of Daniel where the three Hebrew children, for praying to their God, were cast into a fiery furnace. But wisdom is justified of her children. Again, Paul and Silas being thrust into the inner prison, and at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God. Acts, 16th Chapter and 25th verse. Therefore we find that wisdom is justified of her children. Now we find that some said to our Saviour while he was on earth, that he casteth out devils through Beelzebub the prince of devils. But they were not his children, therefore they dishonored him with falsehood. Some person might read this and say the children will justify him while they remain to be children, and then fail to be his children and fail to justify wisdom. But Brethren we are persuaded of better things than these though we thus speak. That which is born of the spirit is spirit. Therefore when born remain a son but sometimes very disobedient ones, and then we receive the rod, for every son he chasteneth, and if we receive not the rod, we reckon we might conclude we are bastards, and neither sons nor heirs. But wisdom is justified of her children. And now Brethren, having given you some of our weak ideas on our subject, we must desist, and say to all who read our Circular, watch and pray; guard against the bewitching snares of selfishness, but search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life. And they are they that testify of me, saith Jesus. And may we all be enabled to do the justice that we owe to wisdom, which is the father of all the true Heaven-born souls. These being our feeble remarks, we close. *So Fare you Well.*

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W. T. WILLIAMS
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