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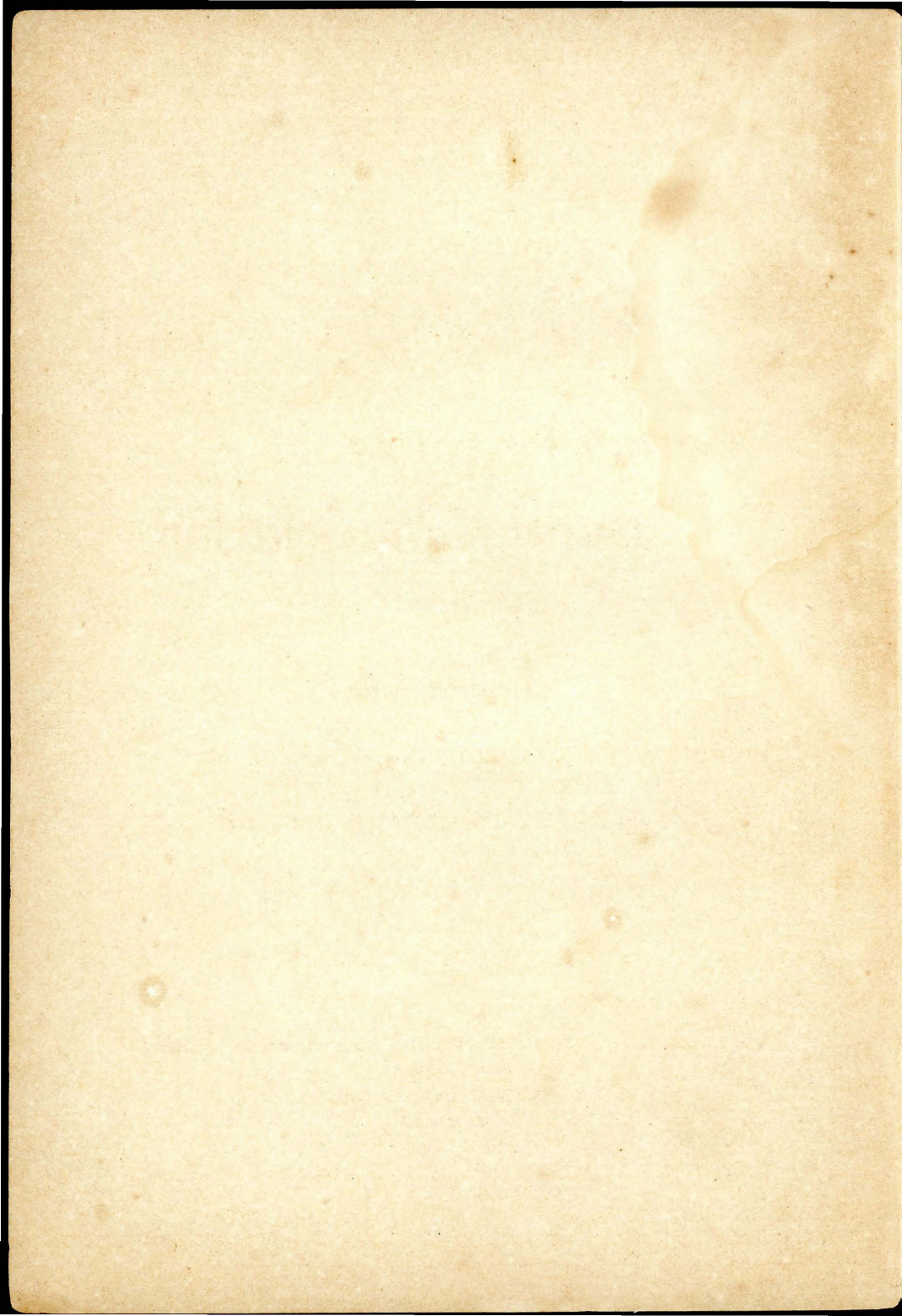
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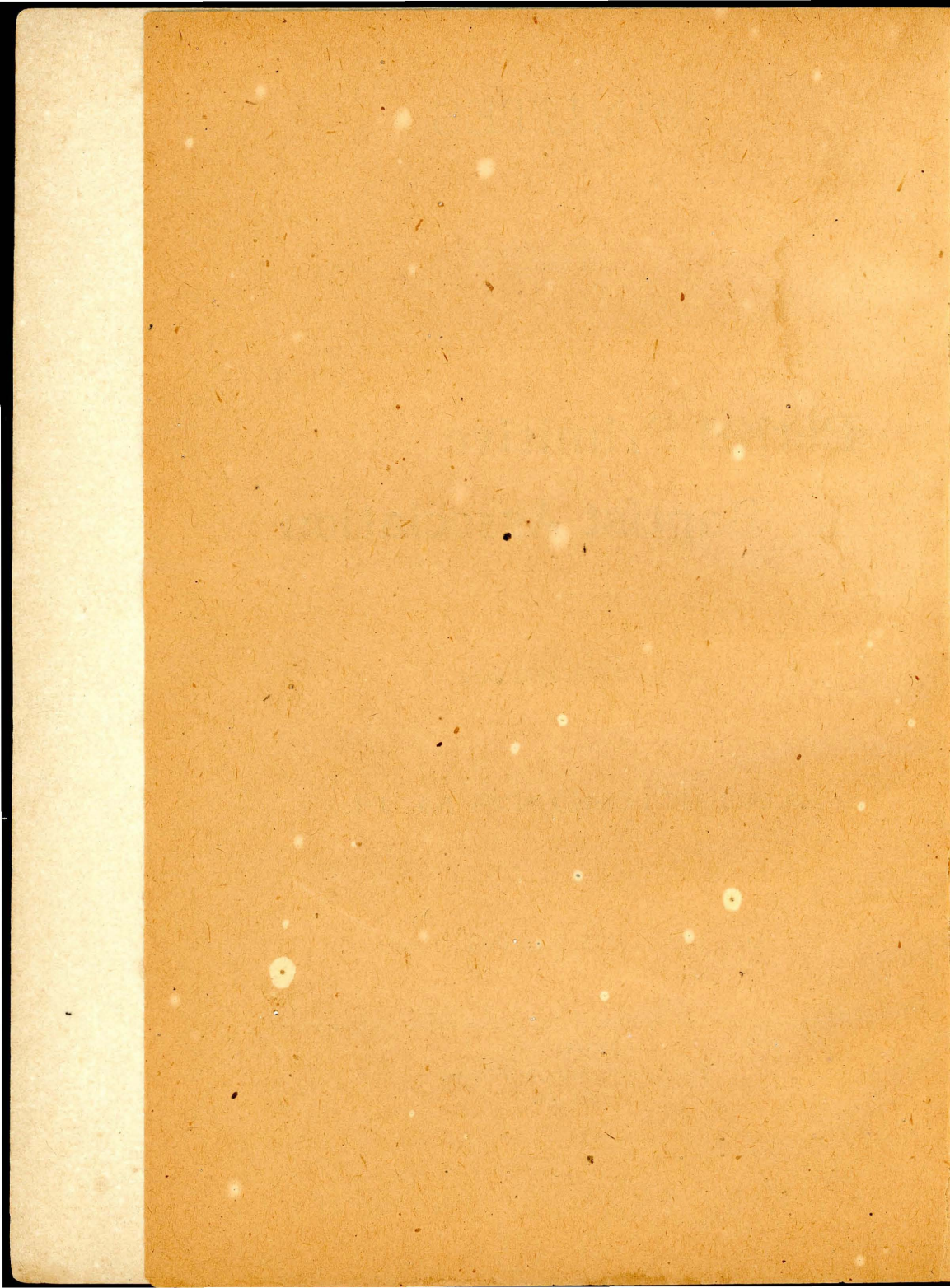
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1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. R. Strickland from Romans 5th. Chapter, 10th. verse.

2nd. After thirty minutes intermission the delegates from the various churches met in the house and were called to order by Elder A. R. Strickland. After singing prayer was offered by Elder M. F. Stubbs of Statesboro Church.

3rd. Organized by electing Elder A. R. Strickland Moderator and W. A. Kennedy Clerk.

4th. Called for the letters from the different churches, which were handed in and read.

5th. Called for petitionary letters. Received none.

6th. Appointed committees as follows:

ON PREACHING ARRANGEMENT: Elder Bazil Jones, Brethren W. W. Daniel, G. T. Knight, J. W. Jones and D. L. Callaway.

ON GENERAL MEETINGS: G. Q. Anderson, J. W. Westberry and J. C. Dasher.

ON FINANCE: W. H. Cowart, Jesse Cobb and Jesse Kicklighter.

7th. Especially invited brethren and sisters of our faith and order to seats with us to aid us in our deliberations.

8th. On motion agreed to strike items 8th, 9th. and 11th. from our constitution.

9th. Cedar Creek offered the following resolution, to be inserted in the place of the items 8th., 9th. and 11th., which have just been struck from our constitution, Viz:

That we dispense with the business part of our association as far as we can and insert the following resolution:

We hereby declare that if any church deems it fit and proper not to represent with us in our association, such action does not impair our fellowship with the members of such churches, and that while for the sake of Scriptural truth, Gospel peace, order and freedom, we hereby discontinue all formal correspondence with our sister associations. We take pleasure in declaring our warmest Christian love for all our brethren everywhere, and we do most affectionately invite

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

- 1st. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe in the fall of man and the inability to recover himself.
3. We believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.
4. We believe in particular election, effectual calling of the elect, and final preservation of the Saints.
5. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God.
6. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of the Saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only fit subjects of these ordinances, and believe that the only true mode of Baptism is immersion.
7. We believe that no minister has a right to administration of the ordinances of baptism, the Lord's Supper, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery.
8. We believe in a final judgment, in the future state of reward and punishment, and that of eternal duration.

CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, The assemblage of delegates met at Bay Branch Church, Tattnall county, Ga., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in November, 1896, from the several churches, viz: Cedar Creek, Sunlight, Anderson, Bay Branch, Lane's Chapel, Beard's Creek, Bethel and Corinth, having then and there agreed to become one body called the BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association will meet annually to worship and praise God.
2. This Association will be composed of messengers from their churches whose names shall be inserted in their letters.
3. This Association shall have power to make its rules to govern itself while in session, but none of its rules shall be binding on the churches, for they are free and of right ought to be.
4. It shall be the duty of this Association to elect a Moderator and Clerk at each session by the messengers present, and the Clerk to keep a record of each minute.
5. This Association shall call for and admit into its body any Church that is orderly and orthodox; also if any church wishes to withdraw from this body she may do so at her discretion.
6. It shall be the duty of this Association to appoint a committee to arrange preaching.
7. It shall be the duty of this Association to appoint a committee to arrange general meetings.
8. It shall be the duty of this Association to appoint a committee on finance.

9. If any church deems it fit and proper not to represent with us in our Association such action does not impair our fellowship with the members of such churches; and while that for the sake of Scriptural truth, Gospel peace, order and freedom, we hereby discontinue all formal correspondence with our sister Associations, we take pleasure in declaring our warmest Christian love for all our brethren everywhere; and we do most affectionately invite them to make loving and personal visits to see us, not only at our Associations, but also to our churches individually, feeling that we will give them a more cordial welcome in the future than we have in the past.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Conf'ssion of Faith	Recommended	Restored	Excluded	Dead	Total Membership	Money for Minutes	Money for Visitors	Meetings
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Anderson M. H.	Tattnall.	J. W. Jones, D. L. Calaway,	1	3				1	1	64	2 00	2 75	3
Cedar Creek.	Tattnall.	B. J. nes, W. A. Kennedy	1							23	1 25		1
Bay Creek.	Tattnall.	A. R. Strickland, W. W. Daniel.	1	1	3					65	1 25	4 00	4
Beard's Crook.	Tattnall.	J. W. Westberry, David Easterling.	11	3	9		2	1	58	1 75	5 50		3
Bethel.	Liberty.	John Dasher, G. T. Knight.			7		2		32	1 25			1
Corinth.	Liberty.												
Love's Chapel.	Tattnall.	G. Q. Anderson, J. T. Kicklighter	2							27	2 00	1 25	2
Sunlight.	Tattnall.	Jesse Cobb, W. H. Cowart.			1		1	1	23	1 50			4

CHURCHES,	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.
Anderson M. H.	H. B. Wilkinson. .	J. B. Kennedy.	Collins, Georgia.
Cedar Creek.	B. Jones.	W. A. Kennedy.	Manassas, Georgia.
Bay Branch.	A. R. Strickland. .	H. H. Daniel.	Billville, Georgia.
Beard's Creek.	M. F. Stubbs.	J. H. Stubbs.	Coe, Georgia.
Bethel.	A. R. Strickland. .	G. T. Knight.	Easterling, Georgia.
Love's Chapel.	A. R. Strickland. .	H. H. Kicklighter.	Glenville, Georgia.
Corinth.	Charles Mikel.		Easterling, Georgia.
Sunlight.	Basil Jones.	W. H. Cowart.	Quince, Georgia.

