

# MINUTES

—(OF THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE)—

## HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with Mount Olive Church, Situated in the Town of Cassetta, Chattahoochee County, Georgia,—October 13th, 14th and 15th, 1877.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 1877.

- 1st. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. K. Pursley, from Acts, 27: 22.
- 2nd. After an intermission of an hour, the delegates from the several churches assembled and the Association was organized by the moderator; prayer by Elder T. K. Pursley.
- 3rd. Letters from the several Churches were received and minuted.
- 4th. Re-elected Elders W. Hubbard, Moderator and J. M. Woodall, Clerk.
- 5th. Invited Ministers of our faith and order to seats.
- 6th. Appointed the following Committees on business to come before this body: Elders J. Everett, J. L. Blackshear and N. N. Nickelson; On Preaching, Elder W. T. Everett and brethren Z. Ivens, and S. Person, with the delegates from this Church, Elder H. Bussy and W. McCook;—To write Corresponding Letter, H. Bussy.
- 7th. Called for Correspondence from Sister Associations: From Upatoie—Brethren J. Whittle, J. R. Thompson and J. W. Johnson, no Letter or Minutes. From the Ocklocknee, received Minutes, but no Messengers. From the Chocktawhatchie, Minutes by her Messenger, D. A. Culpeper.—From Beulah—Letter and Minutes by her Messenger, Elder W. M. Mitchell.
- 8th. Adjourned until Monday Morning, 8½ o'clock.—Prayer by Elder W. M. Mitchell.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 1877.

- 9th. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. J. L. Blackshear.
- 10th. Called for the report of the Committee on business to come before the body; the same was read and adopted.
- 11th. Called the roll and read the Decorum.
- 12th. Called for petitionary letters and for further cor-

respondence.

13th. called for the report of the committee on Documents. They report that they find nothing claiming the attention of this body.

14th. Appointed Elder H. Bussey to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder W. T. Everett his alternate.

15th. The following request was presented to the association and was granted.

To the Harmony Association now in session, Dear Brethren:—Being one of the Committee appointed at your last session to show the cause of the Division among the Baptists, and report at this session, but having failed to get up all the desired information, I ask to be relieved from any further obligations.

T. K. PURSLEY.

16th. Called for the report of the Committee appointed at our last session to prepare and present to this session the cause of the division among the Baptists. The Report was received, but after some consultation the Association thought it not expedient to have the same printed in the minutes at present.

17th. Took up the query from Providence Church.—After some debating, on motion, the query was laid on the table.

18th. Appointed Union Meetings as follows: 1st District, at Antioch, Stewart county, Ga., commencing Friday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1878. 2nd District to convene with the Church at Harmony, Sumter county, Ga., commencing on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1878. 3rd District to convene with Liberty Hill Church, Early county, Ga., commencing Friday before the 5th Sunday in March, 1878.

19th. Returned Correspondence to Sister Associations: Upatoie—to convene with the Church at Upatoie, 3 miles North of Geneva, Nolert county, Ga., commencing Tuesday after the 1st Sunday in September, 1878—Elders H. Bussy, J. H. Davis, J. Everett, E. W. Lowe and brother W. McCook. To Echeconna, to convene with the Church at Emmaus, Upson county, Ga., commencing Tuesday after the 3rd Sunday in September, 1878—Elders P. L. York, J. M. Woodall, J. Everett, T. K. Pursley, E. W. Lowe and brother J. W. Lowe. To Ocklocknee, to convene with Bethel Church, Brooks county, Ga., commencing Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1877—Elders E. P. Blackshear, J. L. Blackshear and J. Everett. Union—to convene with

Cat Creek Church, Berien county, Ga., commencing Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1877—Elder J. Everett. To Choctawhatchie—to convene with Beersheba Church, Dale county, Ala., commencing on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1878—Elders W. Hubbard, J. H. Davis, W. T. Everett, and brethren G. W. F. Nowell and H. J. Bland. To Beulah—to convene with Shiloh Church, Tallapoosa county, Ala., commencing on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1878—Elders P. L. York, H. Bussy, W. Hubbard and T. K. Pursley.

20th. Called for the Corresponding Letter, which was read and adopted.

21st. Called for contributions: Received \$39 50 for Minutes, and \$48 10 for Correspondence, and agreed to have 1000 copies of these Minutes printed, and allow the Clerk \$25 00 for his services.

22nd. Appointed the next session of this body to be held with the Church at Turkey Creek, Webster County, Ga., commencing on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1878.

23rd. Read the Minutes and adjourned.

W. HUBBARD, MODERATOR.

J. M. WOODALL, Clerk.

#### CORRESPONDING LETTER.

*The Harmony Primitive Baptist Association, to her Sister Associations with whom she corresponds, sends christian love and esteem :—*

DEAR BRETHREN :—Through the mercy of God we have been permitted to hold another session of our body. Our Churches report tidings of peace as prevailing in their midst. Our correspondence was exceedingly thin in the way of preachers. We hope that more of your preachers will visit us at our next session, which will be held, God willing, with the Church at Turkey Creek, Webster County, Ga., thirteen miles North-east of Dawson, commencing on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1878. Where we hope to meet your correspondence in love and fellowship.

W. HUBBARD, MODERATOR.

J. M. WOODALL, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING.—Saturday, P. M. Opened by Elder E. P. Blackshear—Closed by Elder G. W. F. Nowell. Sunday, A. M.—Opened by Elder W. M. Mitchell—Closed by Elder J. H. Davis. Sunday P. M.—Opened by Elder W. Hubbard—Closed by Elder W. T. Everett. Monday, P. M. Opened by Elder W. M. Mitchell—Closed by Elder P. L. York.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized .....	Received by Letter .....	Restored .....	Dismissed by Letter .....	Excluded .....	Deceased .....	No. in Fellowship.....	Finances		Time of Meeting.		
											For Minutes.....	Correspondence.....	Sunday .....	Yearly .....	
First District-Second District-Third District.	Antioch .....	Stewart .....	Lumpkin ...	P D Radney .....	3	..	2	2	35	2 00	3 00	4th,	July.		
	Harmony .....	Stewart .....	Preston.....	J W Lowe.....	4	6	4	..	37	4 00	2 00	4th.	July.		
	Slaughter creek...	Stewart .....	Green Hill..	*E W Lowe, S Pearson.....	..	..	2	..	17	2 00	3 00	2nd.	Aug.		
	Poplar Springs ...	Webster .....	Preston.....	J P Bush .....	..	4	2	..	13	1 50	1 50	1st.	Aug.		
	Mount Olive .....	Chattahoochie	Cussetta .....	*H Bussy, W McCook.....	..	..	1	..	1	42	2 00	3 00	1st.	Aug.	
	New Bethel.....	Marion .....	Pineville ...	N N Nicholson.....	..	..	4	1	22	2 00	2 00	3rd.	July.		
	Beulah.....	Terrell .....	Dawson.....	*J H Davis, W T Daniel.....	..	3	1	1	33	2 00	3 00	1st.	July.		
	Chickasawhatchie	Terrell .....	Dawson.....	*E P Blackshear.....	1	2	2	..	25	2 50	2 50	3rd.	May.		
	Turkey creek....	Webster .....	Weston.....	*P L York, †G W Nowell...	..	..	3	..	23	5 00	3 60	3rd.	July.		
	Macedonia .....	Terrell .....	Dawson.....	*JL Blackshear, M Marshall	2	..	..	..	1	21	2 00	2 50	4th.	June.	
	Liberty.....	Sumter .....	Smithville ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3rd.	July.	
	Providence .....	Sumter .....	Americus .....	*TK Pursley, *JM Woodall..	..	..	..	..	32	3 00	5 00	2nd.	July.		
	Harmony .....	Sumter .....	Americus .....	..	2	2	..	..	22	2 00	3 00	4th.	Aug.		
	Antioch.....	Clay .....	Fort Gains..	W Hubbard .....	3	1	2	..	23	1 50	1 50	4th	July..		
	Liberty Hill.....	Early .....	Blakely.....	Z Avins, S S E Davis..	1	1	..	..	1	14	1 50	2 50	1st.	June.	
	Mar's Hill.....	Calhoun .....	Whitney.....	†J Colman, J J Adams .....	..	..	3	2	2	50	3 00	5 00	3rd.	June.	
	Hephzibah .....	Randolph .....	Cuthbert....	W Harsey, B M Garrett .....	1	1	..	..	..	24	1 50	2 00	4th.	July.	
Walnut Grove....	Randolph .....	Cuthbert....	*J Everett, *W T Everett...	..	1	..	..	..	11	1 00	1 00	2nd.	July.		
Mount Moriah....	Randolph .....	Cuthbert....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2nd.	July.		
Pataula.....	Quitman....	Georgetown	H J Bland, C Taylor.....	2	1	..	..	..	22	1 00	2 00	3rd.	July.		
NOTE—Ordained Ministers marked* Licentiates†				Total.....	17	18	4	28	4	7	471	\$39 50	\$48 19		