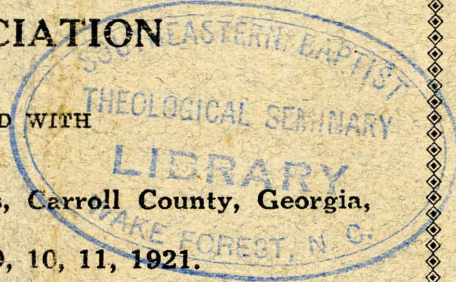


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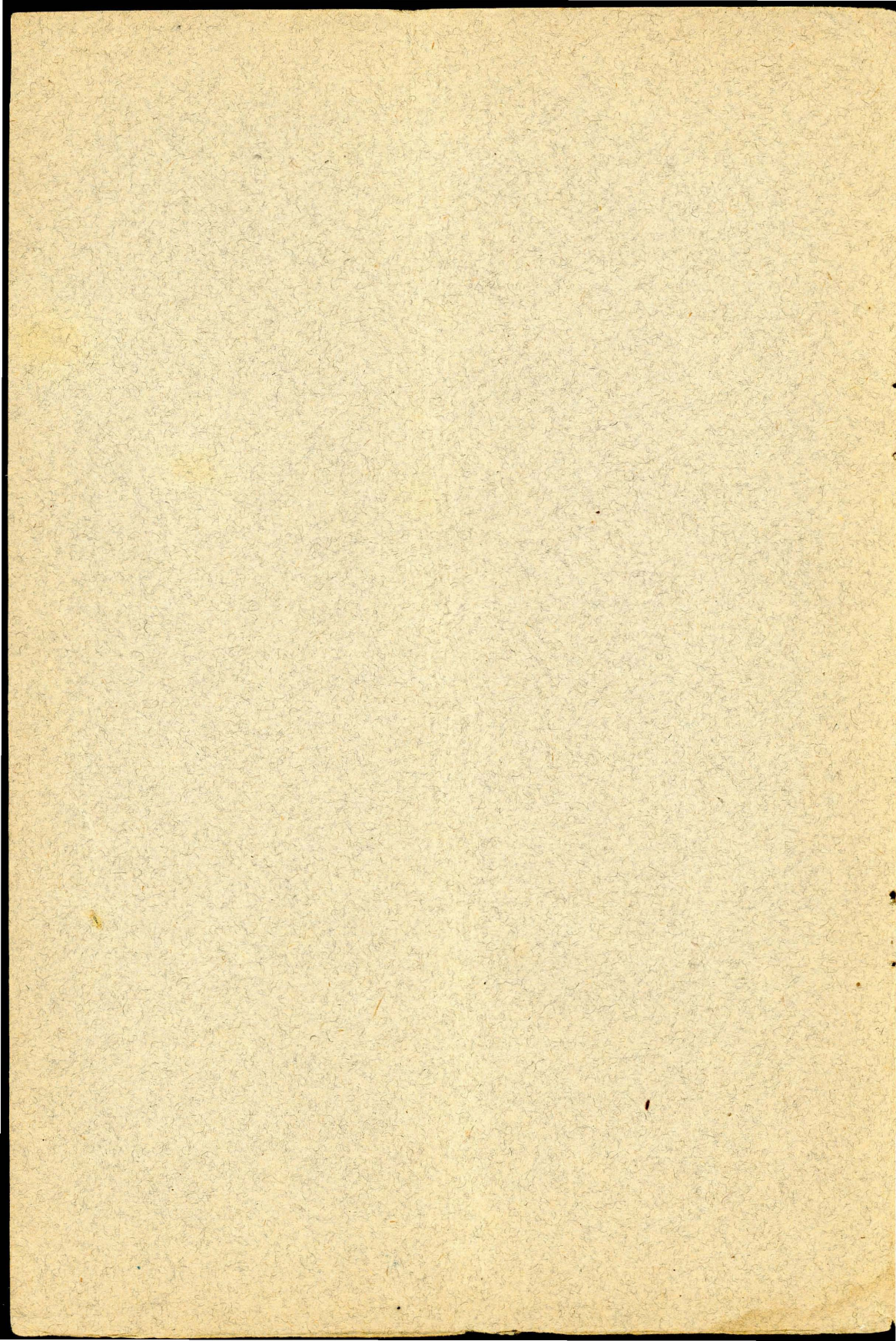
The Church at Emmaus, Carroll County, Georgia,
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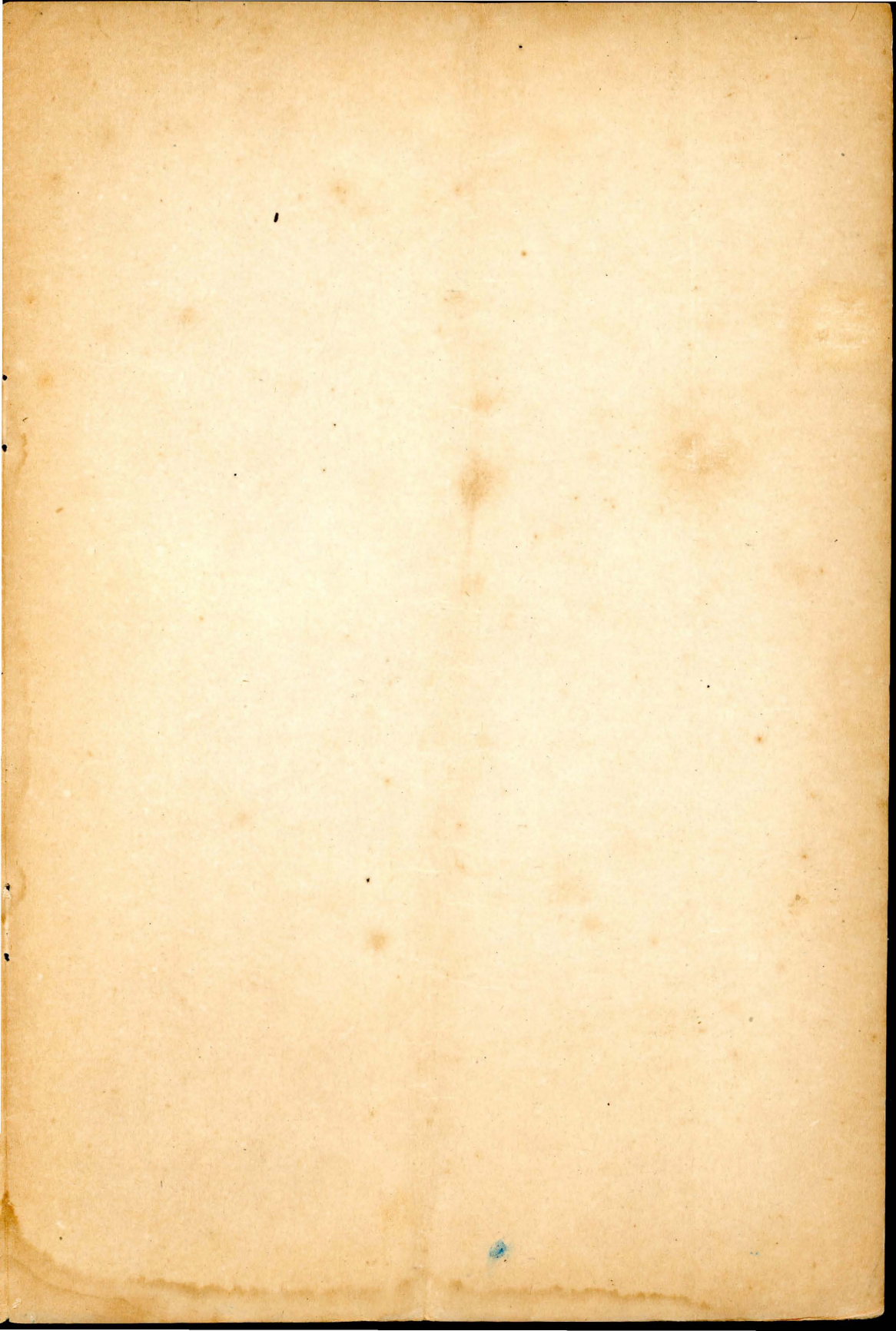


Next Session will Convene with the Church at Hopewell, Heard
County, Ga., Second Sunday in September, Friday
and Saturday Before, 1922.

OFFICERS:

ELDER J. M. BAGWELL, Moderator.....Carrollton, Ga., R. 8
NEWMAN E. DENNEY, Clerk.....Carrollton, Ga., Rt. 3





PROCEEDINGS

The Bethel Primitive Baptist Association now in session with the church at Emmaus, Carroll county, Ga., September the 9th, 1921.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. P. Merrell, of the body. Text: Romans 10th chapter and 10th verse, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

After an hour's intermission the delegates assembled in the house. Elder J. M. Bagwell, pastor of this church, being Moderator, called the body to order. Had prayer by Bro. J. B. Ayers, of the New Hope Association.

1. Invited visiting brethren to seats with the body.
2. Called for and read the letters from the churches composing this body. Mt. Carmel and Hillabahatchee not having letters, on motion their delegates were received as members of the body.
3. Elected N. E. Denney Clerk by acclamation.
4. Called for petitionary churches.
5. Adopted last year's order of business for this session.
6. Appointed the usual committees:

On Preaching: Brethren D. H. Rogers, J. W. Arnett, J. H. Burson, together with the delegates of Emmaus church, W. C. Shadinger and H. C. Merrell.

On Contribution: Brethren T. F. Smith, J. H. Almond, G. J. Langley.

To Write Corresponding Letter: Bro. J. C. Brock.

To Examine Corresponding Minutes: Brethren W. F. Williamson and S. J. Adamson.

7. Called for correspondence from sister Associations:
 - From Yellow River. Minutes.
 - From Euharlee. No tidings.
 - From Marietta: Minutes.
 - From New Hope: Brethren J. B. Ayers, J. W. Lee, N. J. Jones, W. M. Boatright and J. T. Copeland.
 - From Cane Creek: Minutes.
- On motion adjourned until 8:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. P. Merrell of the body.

1. Invited visiting brethren to seats with the body.

2. Renewed the call for correspondence and received:

Elder D. M. Daniel from Cane Creek, and Brethren Doss Gray and Thomas Roan from the New Hope.

Received Brother T. D. Jones as visitor from the Euchonee Association..

3. Returned corespondence as follows:

To the Yellow River: Licentiate J. M. Stephenson.

To the New Hope: Brethren R. C. Merrell, J. H. Burson, Licentiate J. C. Brock, Brethren B. T. Huggins, T. J. Head, J. M. Arnett, Licentiate J. M. Stephenson, Brethren W. A. Denney, R H. Duke and N. E. Denney.

To Cane Creek: Brethren S. J. Jackson, G. J. Langley, J. B. Denney, G. W. Merrell, J. W. Duke, W. A. Denney, F. M. Fuller and Elder M. T. Shepherd.

To the Euharlee. Minutes.

To the Oeonee. Minutes.

To the Marietta Old School: Brethren J. C. Brock, J. H. Burson, J. M. Stephenson, T. J. Head, W. C. Shadinger, J. T. Burson, N. E. Denney and Elders W. P. Merrell and J M Bagwell.

Appointed union meetings as follows:

Second District, first choice of time, 2nd Sunday in August, Friday and Saturday before, at Hopewell, Heard county, Ga.,.

First District, at Bethany, Carroll county, the 1st Sunday in August, Friday and Saturday before.

5. On motion the body agreed to meet with the church at Hopewell next year at the regular time, 2nd Sunday in September, Friday and Saturday before. Location, 12 miles south of Bowdon; the nearest railroad point, 16 miles southwest of Carrollton. Those coming in private conveyance will inquire for Veal, which is only about 2 miles north of the church.

6. Called for report of committee to Examine Corresponding Minutes. Committee report nothing claiming the attention of this body.

7. On motion, agreed to have 600 copies of these minutes published and distributed by the Clerk in the usual way, and, after paying for the same, to retain the balance of the funds for his services.

8. The committee on Contribution reported \$26.85 minute fund.

9. Read and adopted corresponding letter.

10. On motion, a vote of thanks was extended this church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown us while in their midst.

After singing and giving the parting hand in token of our love and fellowship for each other, the benediction was given by Elder D. W. Daniel of the Cane Creek Association which closed the session of our body in peace and love.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

No preaching Friday P. M.

Saturday, A. M. Elder J. M. Bagwell, followed by Licentiate J. M. Stephenson, both of the body.

Saturday, P. M. Elder D. M. Daniel, of Cane Creek, followed by M. T. Shepherd, of the body.

Sunday, A. M. Licentiate J. C. Brock, followed by Elder W. P. Merrell, both of the body.

Sunday, P. M. Elder D. M. Daniel, of Cane Creek, followed by J. M. Bagwell of the body.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder W. P. Merrell.....Roopville, Ga.

Elder J. M. Bagwell.....Carrollton, Ga.

Elder M. T. Shepherd.....Lamar, Ala.

LICENTIATES.

B. W. Adamson.....Fitzgerald, Ga.

J. C. Brock.....Carrollton, Ga.

J. M. Stephenson.....Carrollton, Ga.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Bethel Primitive Baptist Association, now in session at Emmaus church, sendeth greetings to the corresponding Associations.

Dear Brethren:

By the grace of God the brethren have been laden with the great riches of God, and have, therefore, been able to bring to us from His storehouse, both new and old, an abundance of the good things in store, for which we desire to feel thankful to God.

We trust our correspondence will increase and thus let brotherly love continue. These minutes will show you where our next session will be held. Until then, farewell. May the grace of God be with us all.

ELDER J. M. BAGWELL, Moderator.

N. E. DENNEY, Clerk.

NOTE BY THE CLERK.—Considering the hot weather and busy season, I think it is too early. Let every church instruct their delegates how to vote on changing its next session.

N. E. D., Clerk.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe in only one and living God, and that there are three that bear record in Heaven—the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.
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.
3. We believe that God elected or chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love.
4. We believe the doctrines of original sin, and a man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
6. We believe that God's elect shall be called effectually, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost and shall persevere in grace and never fall finally away.
7. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper, and washing the saint's feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances and the true mode of baptism is immersion.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joy of the righteous will be eternal.
9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are called by God, as was Aaron and came under the imposition of the hands by Presbytery and is in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.
10. We believe that God has ordained good works, that His children should walk in them, and that good works are only such as God commanded in His word and not such as without the warrant thereof, are devised of men out of blind zeal, or any pretense of good intentions.

DECORUM

- Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- Art. 2. The Moderator shall invite ministers and members to seats.
- Art. 3. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech with any other member of the body, provided his seat be filled, but shall have no vote, except there be a tie, then he may.
- Art. 4. The general principles of order, as embodied in these words, "Let all things be done decently and in order," and "unto edifying," will be expected and required of each member, visitor or correspondent.
- Art. 5. In harmony with these general principles, each brother who speaks on any subject under consideration by the Association, will be expected to rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject.
- Art. 6. The Clerk shall keep a regular record of the proceedings of each Association, by carefully preserving a full file of the minutes.

ASSOCIATIONAL CONSTITUTION

Article 1. It is understood and agreed upon by the churches composing this Association, that each church, if it so choose, may send not more than two brethren with a letter certifying appointment, the number baptized during the preceding year; received by letter; excluded or dead; also total membership.

Art. 2. That this Association shall be known as the Bethel Primitive Baptist Association.

Art. 3. It is understood that no church, on becoming a member of this Association, parts with, or surrenders any of her rights, privileges, duties or responsibilities given her by the Great Head of the church, and made binding on her in the New Testament.

Art. 4. It is further understood that all disciplinary power and rights, pertaining to membership or fellowship in the church, belongs exclusively to the church or churches, and that this Association shall not assume the right to dictate, to advise, nor in any way interfere with the internal right of the churches.

Art. 5. Any church of this Association can withdraw at pleasure, either by letter, or without it; but in either case, it will be expected that said church first give notice to the Association of her desire to withdraw.

Art. 6. Any church may be dropped from this Associational compact by request of two or more churches; but this, or any other act of the Association shall not itself be regarded as officially impairing or breaking church fellowship among the churches of this union, nor members of churches. We regard all matters touching church fellowship as belonging exclusively to the church or churches, and requiring their official action to make it valid.

Art. 7. This Association shall not form any alliance, correspondence or relation with any institution, secret or otherwise, except to correspond with other Primitive Baptist Associations, the churches of which are known to be of the same faith and order with the churches of this Association.

Art. 8. Churches petitioning for membership will be admitted on giving satisfactory evidence of their being of the same faith and order with the churches of this Association.

Art. 8. It shall be the only object of this Association to meet for the worship of God, and shall be opened and closed with prayer, and to receive correspondence and to return correspondence with sister Associations of the same faith and order of this Association.

Art. 10. Visiting brethren of the same faith and order with the churches of this Association known to be in good orderly standing with their churches at home, may be invited to seats with the body, and members of churches of this body may have their names enrolled as correspondents to other associations, but none shall be allowed to vote but brethren sent by the churches.

Art. 11. Correspondence with sister Associations may be suspended at the direction of the body.

Art. 12. This Association shall have no other articles of faith than that which each church already has.

Art. 13. The pastor of the church where this Association meets shall be the moderator of the body. The clerk shall be elected by the body.

Art. 14. This Association may adjourn to any time and place she may think most advisable.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	COUNTY and STATE	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	MESSENGERS.	Re'cd. by Exp. and Bap.	Re'cd. by Confession of Faith.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Membership.	Sunday of Meeting.	Contributions.
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(First Dist.)															
Carrollton, P. B. C.	Carroll, Ga.	Eld. J. M. Bagwell.	M. T. Todd.	Carrollton, R.	J. H. Burson, J. C. Brock.	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tallapoosa	Carroll, Ga.	Eld. J. M. Bagwell.	Allen Barnes.	Carrollton, R.	J. A. Meigs, T. F. Smith.	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	33	2	3.00
Emmaus	Carroll, Ga.	Eld. J. M. Bagwell.	N. E. Denney.	Carrollton, R. 3.	W. C. Shadinger, R. C. Merrell.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	4	2.50
Bethany	Carroll, Ga.	Eld. M. T. Shepherd.	F. M. Fuller.	Bowdon, R. 1.	S. J. Johnson, G. J. Langley.	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	39	1	2.50
Bethel	Carroll, Ga.	Eld. J. M. Bagwell.	J. E. Burson.	Roopville, R. 3.	J. H. Harris, J. H. Almond.	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	57	3	3.00
(Sec. Dist.)															
Hopewell	Carroll, Ga.	Eld. M. T. Shepherd.	J. C. Bentley.	Bowdon, R. 2.	D. H. Rogers, R. C. Deneny.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	2	2.60
Valley Grove	Carroll, Ga.	Not Represented.													
Canaan	Carroll, Ga.	No Pastor.	J. M. Arnett.	Franklin	J. W. Arnet, W. F. Williamson	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	15	
Pleasant Grove	Carroll, Ga.	Eld. M. T. Shepherd.	G. A. House.	Franklin	S. J. Adamson, J. M. Arnett.	0	2	5	0	2	1	0	40	3	2.50
Hillabahatchee	Randolph, Ala.	No Pastor.	J. W. Veal.	Frolona, R. 1.	T. Z. Head.								21	1.00
Mt. Carmel	Randolph, Ala.	Eld. M. T. Shepherd.	J. H. Smith.	Lamar, R.									34	4	

