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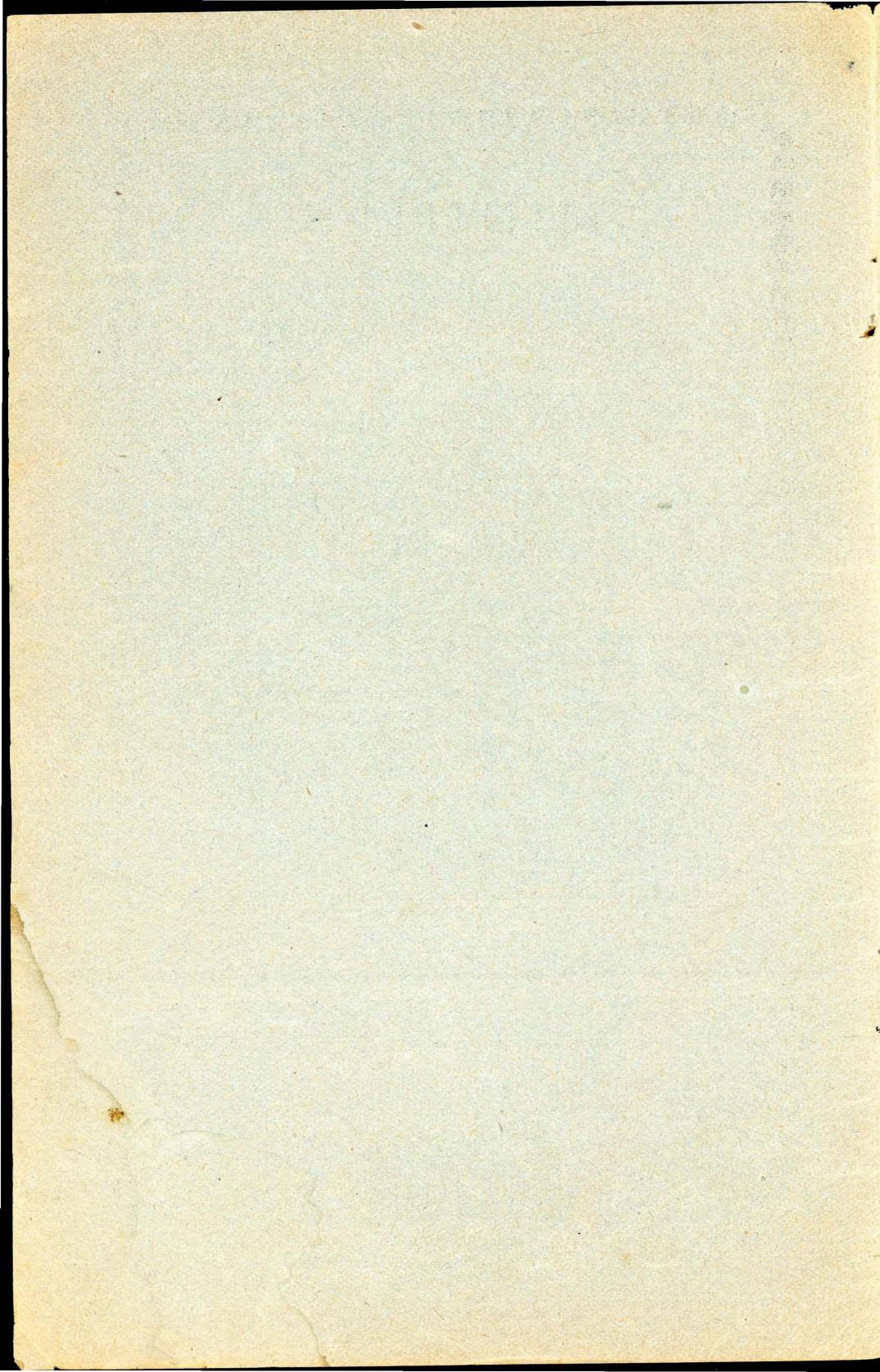
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...OFFICERS...

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1st. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. R. H. Jennings, of the Harmony Association. Text, 2nd Timothy, 2nd chap., 19th verse.

After prayer by Eld. S. T. Bently, of the body, the Association proceeded to business.

2d. Called for the letters sent up by the churches, which were read and the names of messengers enrolled.

3d. Proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk, which, upon motion, was done by acclamation, and resulted in the election of Eld. W. C. Cleveland, Moderator, and H. E. Murray, Clerk.

4th. Appointed Committees as follows:

On Preaching—T. M. Haygood, J. W. Fielder, J. D. McGee, N. T. Dumas and A. G. Horne.

On Contributions and to Distribute Corresponding Minutes—Eld. A. A. Garrett, W. C. Lewis and W. H. Smith.

To write a Corresponding Letter—Eld. W. W. Childs.

5th. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

6th. Called for Correspondence from Sister Associations and received—

From the Upatoi—Elds. D. F. Woodall, W. W. Riner, and Bros. L. B. Anderson, J. C. Pye and H. A. Childs.

From the Marietta Old School—No messenger or minutes.

From the Primitive Western—Elds. B. C. Caldwell, G. W. Rowe, and Bros. H. F. Willis and J. G. Brown.

From the Harmony—Eld. R. H. Jennings, with minutes.

From the Ebenezer—Eld. J. A. Taylor and Licentiate J. T. McArthur.

From the Pulaski—Minutes.

Suspended the order of business to receive visitors from Sister Associations and churches with whom we are not in regular correspondence, and received Eld. T. E. Sikes, from the New Beulah Association, and Eld. J. F. Almand, from the Yellow River Association; Eld. D. G. McCowan, from the Ocmulgee, and Bro. J. W. Bostick from the same.

7th. Resumed the regular order of business, and called for Petitionary Letters.

Prayer by Eld. W. W. Childs, of the body. Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 19th, 1903.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. A. A. Garrett, of the body.

1st. Called the roll, and dispensed with having the Decorum read.

2d. Called for further correspondence from Sister Associations, and received Bro. Columbus Haygood, from the Salem Association, of Texas.

3d. Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren to seats with us.

4th. Returned correspondence to Sister Associations:

To the Upatoi, to convene with the church at Mount Nebo, Taylor county, Ga., commencing on Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1904—Elds. A. A. Garrett, Morgan Brown, S. T. Bently, and Bros. H. J. Brown, J. S. McGee and M. H. McElmurray.

To the Primitive Western, to convene with Emmaus Church, Troup county, Ga., commencing on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1903—Eld. Morgan Brown.

To the Harmony, to convene with the church at Pataula, Quitman county, Ga., commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1903—Elds. A. A. Garrett, S. T. Bently, Morgan Brown and Bro. B. F. Williamson.

To the Primitive Pulaski, to convene with the church at Valley Grove, Irwin county, Ga., commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1903—Eld. J. T. Reynolds and Bro. J. M. Fredrick.

To the Primitive Ebenezer, to convene with Camp Creek Church, Baldwin county, Ga., commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in

September, 1903—Elds. J. T. Reynolds, A. A. Garrett and Bro. B. F. Williamson.

To the Marietta Old School—Returned Minutes.

5th. Called for contributions sent up by the churches, and received for minutes \$24.50 and for the visiting ministry \$67.50.

6th. Appointed Union Meetings as follows:

1st. With Ebenezer Church, Upson county, Ga., ten miles west from Culloden, S. R. R., commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1904.

2d. With Mount Paran Church, Crawford county, Ga., on Friday before the fifth Sunday in July, 1904. The church is situated three miles west from Lizella, M. & B. R. R.

7th. Appointed the next session of this body to convene with Bethlehem Church, in the city of Macon, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1904.

8th. Agreed to have 1,200 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed in the usual manner.

9th. Called for the Corresponding Letter, which was read and adopted.

10th. Read minutes, and after prayer by Eld. I. Grant, of the body, adjourned.

ELD. W. C. CLEVELAND, *Moderator.*

H. E. MURRAY, *Clerk.*

Corresponding Letter.

The Echeconnee Association, now in session with Ramah Church, Monroe county, Ga., to her sister Associations with whom she corresponds:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Through the love and mercy of our gracious Heavenly Father, we have again had the pleasure of holding another session of our body in love, peace and harmony—the Churches all report peace and love abounding, with some ingathering, for which we feel thankful to the Giver of All Good. Your brethren who have visited us at this meeting have cheered us with their presence and comforted us by their preaching.

The next session of our body will be held, the Lord willing, with Bethlehem Church, in the city of Macon, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1904, when and where we hope to meet you again.

ELD. W. C. CLEVELAND, *Moderator.*

H. E. MURRAY, *Clerk.*

Order of Preaching.

Friday P. M.—Eld. J. A. Taylor, from the Ebenezer, followed by Licentiate J. T. McArthur, from the same.

Saturday A. M.—Eld. T. E. Sikes, from the New Beulah, followed by Eld. J. T. Almand, from the Yellow River.

Saturday P. M.—Eld. W. W. Riner, from the Upatoie, followed by Eld. B. C. Caldwell, from the Western.

Sunday A. M. — Eld. W. C. Cleveland, followed by Eld. Morgan Brown, both from the body.

Sunday P. M.—Eld. D. F. Woodall, from the Upatoie.

Closed by Eld. W. W. Childs, of the body.

The Echeconnee Association desires, through this medium, to return their sincere thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of and around Ramah Church, for their many kindnesses and hospitable entertainment during the Association just closed. May blessings of God continue with them, both in basket and store.



DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, producing letters from their churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

2. In the letters from the churches shall be expressed their members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, on confession of faith, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the ECHECONNEE ASSOCIATION, providing for themselves a Moderator and Clerk, who will serve them during the session; using the pastor of the church where they assemble or choosing one from the body, as they please.

4. As one of the cardinal tenets of faith of the Primitive Baptists is that the Old and New Testaments are our only rule of faith and practice, and as the Bible recognizes no other religious disciplinary power but the Church, we hereby leave all discipline with the Church, where God in His wisdom, mercy, and in honor to His Son, placed it.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this union they may petition by letter and delegates, and if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association may require.

7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a true record of the proceedings of the Association.

8. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

9. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

10. To correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

11. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

12. It is also agreed that nothing shall be so construed in the above as to interfere with the fellowship and communion of the churches or brethren of this union, or with those with whom we may correspond, directly or indirectly; and nothing shall be presented to this body as a query, or question bearing on the same, but shall be considered by the churches, as we believe is directed by the Holy Scriptures.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

- 1st. We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.
- 2d. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
- 3d. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
- 4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
- 5th. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.
- 6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
- 7th. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
- 8th. We believe that Saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.
- 9th. We believe that Baptism, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances. We believe that immersion is baptism.
- 10th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.
- 11th. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous will be everlasting.
- 12th. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The Introductory Sermon will be delivered.
2. Call for and read letters from the Churches and enroll the names of messengers.
3. Choose a Moderator and Clerk.
4. Appoint Committees as follows:
 - On Preaching.
 - To write Corresponding Letter.
 - On Contributions and to distribute Corresponding Minutes.
5. Invite Visiting Brethren to seats with us.
6. Call for Correspondence from Sister Associations.
7. Call for Petitionary Churches.

SECOND DAY.

1. Call the Roll and read Decorum.
2. Call for further Correspondence from Sister Associations.
3. Renew the invitation to Visiting Brethren to seats with us.
4. Return Correspondence to Sister Associations.
5. Receive Contributions and distribute Corresponding Minutes.
6. Appoint Union Meetings.
7. Appoint the Next Session of this body.
8. Agree on the number of Minutes to have printed.
9. Call for Corresponding Letter.
10. Read Minutes and adjourn.

SCALE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	COUNTIES	POST-OFFICES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Baptized	Received by Letter	Confession of Faith	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Expelled	Deceased	Total Number	Sabbath Meeting	Money for Minutes	Money for Ministry
Sharon.....	W. C. Cleveland	A. J. Zelner	Monroe	Brent	T. M. Haygood, M. L. Blasingame, A. T. Persons.....	2	1	1	8	1	85	1	85	1	\$ 1 00	\$ 7 00
Bethlehem.....	W. W. Childs.....	J. L. Thompson.....	Upson	Thomaston	J. M. McFarlin, Canda Sanders, F. M. Boyd.....	3	1	1	3	1	55	1	55	1	1 00	2 00
Ebenezer	W. W. Childs.....	C. J. Avera.....	Upson	Economy.....	W. W. Childs, A. W. Childs.....	1	1	1	1	1	16	2	16	2	50	2 80
Good Hope	B. C. Caldwell.....	W. C. Gunn	Upson	Thomaston	G. W. Hall, W. C. Gunn, J. R. McKinley.....	1	1	2	2	1	29	2	29	2	50	1 50
Mount Carmel...	W. C. Cleveland..	W. R. Blasingame..	Crawford	Musella	{ W. C. Cleveland, S. T. Bently, F. W. Ham- mack, W. R. Blasingame..... }	1	1	1	1	1	77	3	77	3	2 00	3 00
Salem	I. Grant.....	J. D. McGee.....	Crawford	Knoxville	I. Grant, J. D. McGee.....	4	1	3	1	1	107	2	107	2	2 00	2 00
Providence	S. T. Bently.....	J. J. Britt.....	Crawford	Hartley	H. N. Britt, J. J. Britt.....	2	1	1	1	1	51	1	51	1	1 00	3 00
Fellowship.....	A. A. Garrett.....	H. E. Murray.....	Houston.....	Fort Valley.....	A. A. Garrett, J. W. Tabor, H. E. Murray.....	1	1	1	1	1	34	2	34	2	1 00	2 00
Bethlehem (Bibb)	W. W. Childs.....	F. W. Williams.....	Bibb	Macon	J. S. McGee, W. R. Evans, Wm. Sanders.....	12	3	2	1	1	126	4	126	4	3 00	5 00
Ramah	D. F. Woodall.....	A. G. Horne.....	Monroe	Horne.....	N. T. Dumas, J. W. Williams, A. G. Horne.....	1	1	1	1	2	37	2	37	2	50	3 00
Friendship.....	S. T. Bently.....	W. S. Bloodworth..	Upson	Thomaston	W. S. Bloodworth, J. H. B. Butts, C. E. Bayne.....	3	1	2	1	1	39	3	39	3	50	4 80
Pleasant Hill	J. T. Gardner.....	J. D. Cherry.....	Houston.....	Dunbar	W. C. Lewis, J. M. Fredrick.....	6	1	1	1	1	55	1	55	1	1 00	2 00
Sardis	J. T. Reynolds.....	W. J. Heard.....	Bibb	Macon	J. W. Fielder, J. T. Reynolds, T. M. Nash.....	6	1	1	1	1	47	3	47	3	1 00	2 00
Mount Paran	J. T. Reynolds.....	B. F. Kennedy.....	Crawford	Knoxville	M. H. McElmurray, B. F. Williamson, R. J. Hancock	2	1	1	1	1	46	1	46	1	1 00	2 00
Beaver Creek.....	J. T. Reynolds.....	J. M. Pitts.....	Houston.....	Heard.....	J. B. Hunt, W. S. Farr.....	1	1	1	1	1	13	4	13	4	1 50
Shiloh.....	J. T. Young.....	J. A. Burkner	Bibb	Macon, Route 3	Represented by Letter	1	1	1	1	1	16	1	16	1	50	2 00
Harmony	W. W. Childs.....	J. C. D. Bloodworth	Pike	Zebulon	S. J. McDaniel, W. C. Norris, H. C. Dickey.....	3	4	1	1	1	36	3	36	3	1 00	4 00
High Shoals	S. T. Bently.....	T. M. Mullins.....	Monroe	Bacon	J. H. Mullins, W. R. S. Mann, T. M. Mullins..	1	1	1	1	1	48	2	48	2	1 00	2 50
Forsyth P'mitive	W. C. Cleveland	W. E. Zelner	Monroe	Forsyth	C. J. Zelner, J. M. Cox, J. R. Worsham.....	1	1	1	1	1	30	2	30	2	1 00	5 00
Mount Calvary...	I. Grant.....	R. H. Bazemore	Monroe	Forsyth	W. H. Smith, R. H. Bazemore.....	1	1	1	1	1	27	2	27	2	50	2 50
Griffin Baptist ..	Morgan Brown ..	L. W. Almand.....	Spalding	Griffin	Morgan Brown, W. N. Autrey, I. J. Mallary.....	5	3	1	1	1	42	1	42	1	1 00	2 00
Concord	Morgan Brown ..	J. B. C. Madden ..	Pike	Concord	J. F. Madden, J. B. C. Madden, B. F. Rowe.....	2	1	1	1	1	22	4	22	4	1 00	2 00
Emmaus.....	W. C. Cleveland	H. L. McKenney ..	Upson	Thomaston	F. J. Reeves, B. L. Smith, F. B. Hancock.....	3	1	5	1	2	80	4	80	4	1 00	6 00
Total						52	14	2	2	33	5	13	107		\$24 50	\$67 50

