

# MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

HARMONY

## Primitive Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

PROVIDENCE CHURCH, SUMTER COUNTY, GEORGIA.

October 11th, 12th and 13th, 1907.

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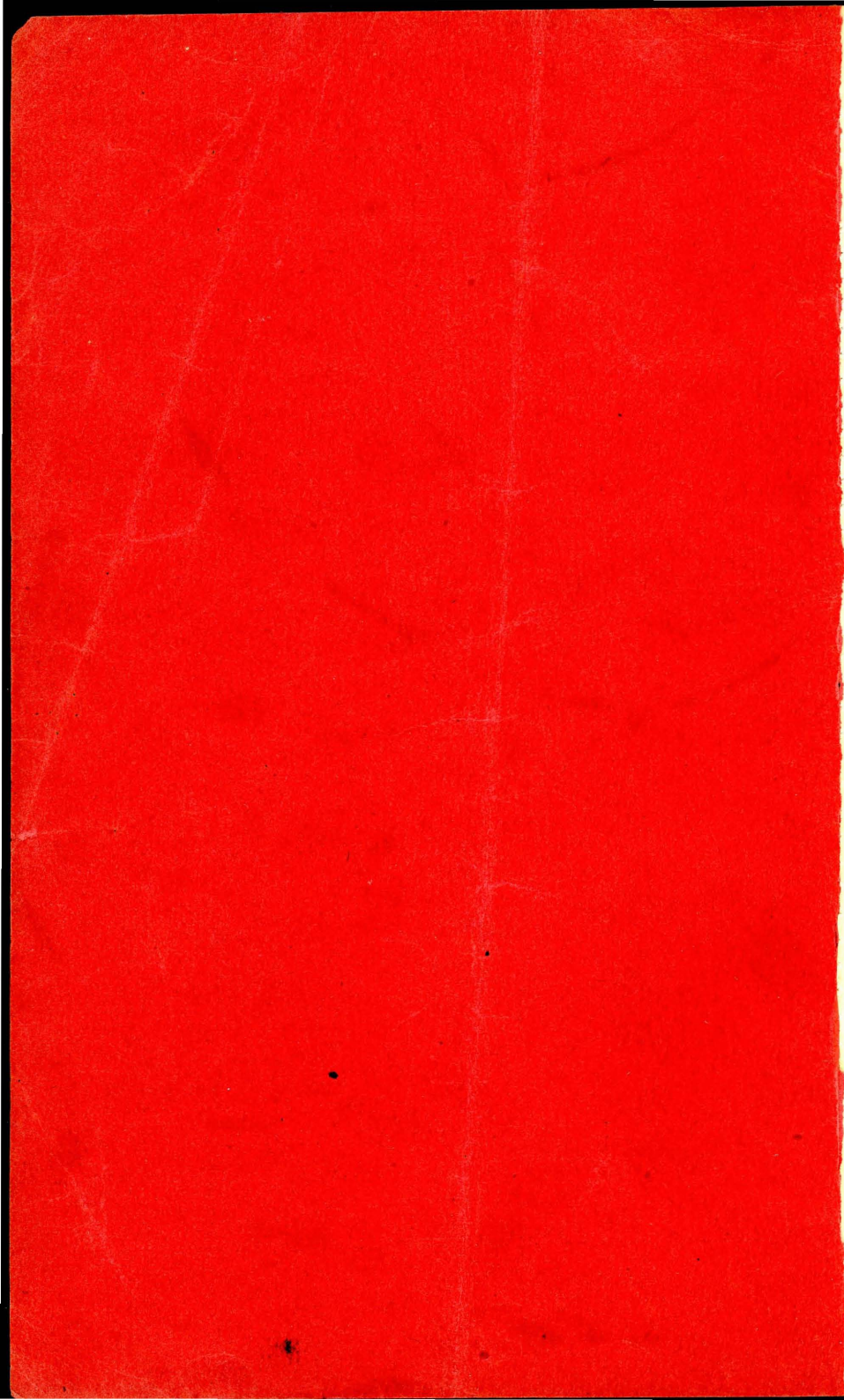
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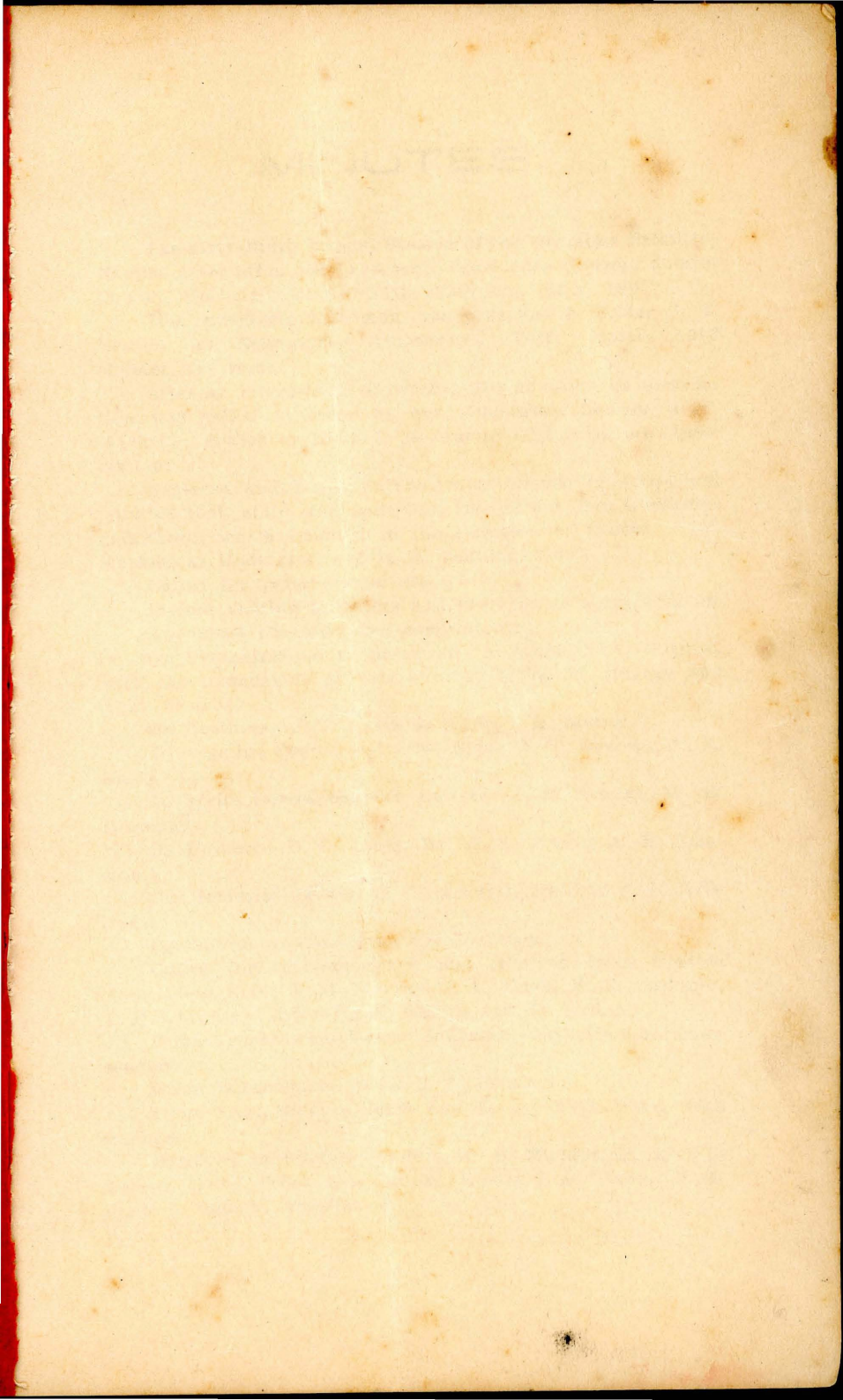
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DEACON B. F. MARKETT, MODERATOR .SUMTER, GA

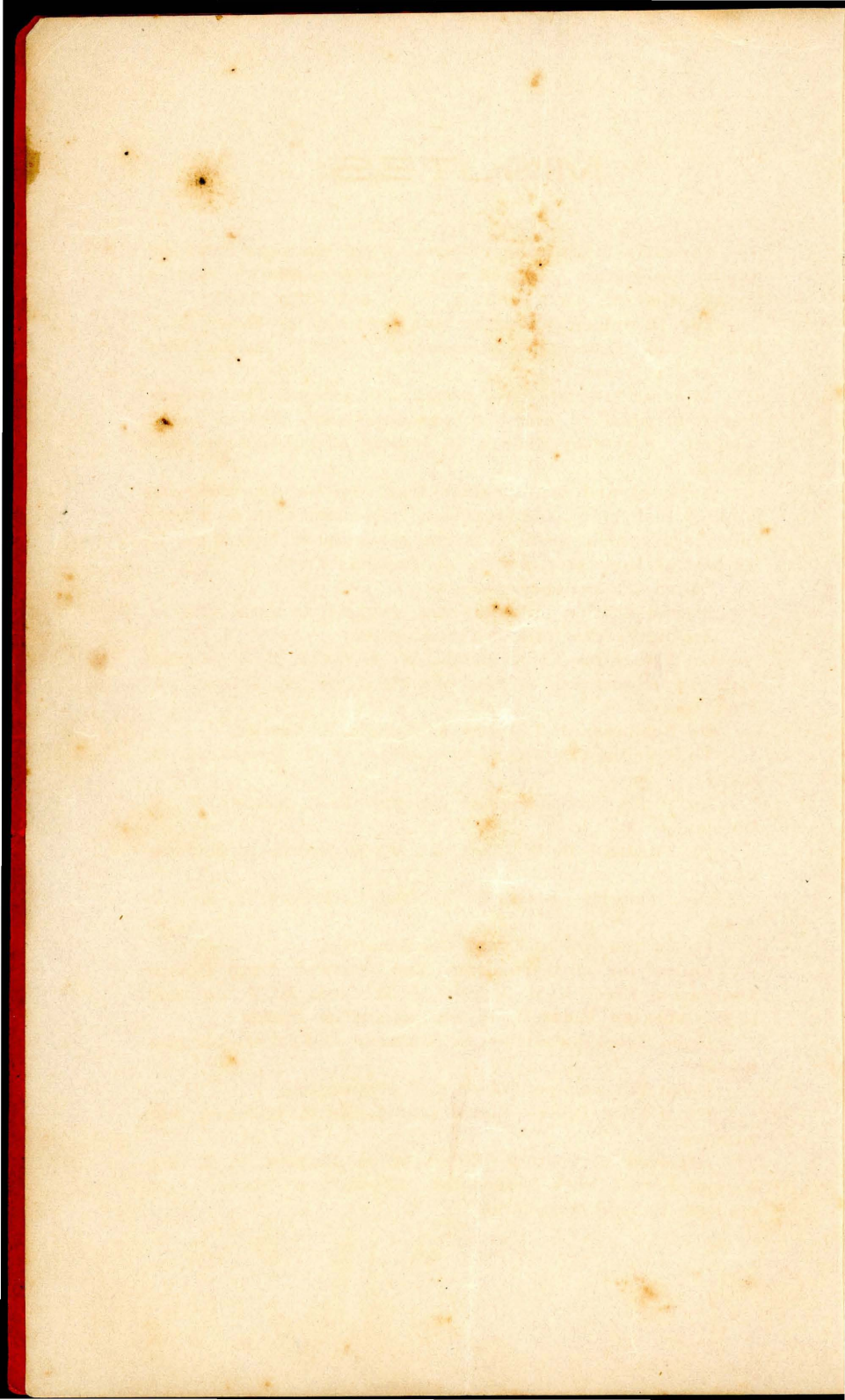
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# MINUTES.

The Sixty-Ninth Annual Session of the Harmony Primitive Baptist Association convened with Providence Church, Sumter County, Georgia, October 11th, 12th and 13th, 1907.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder S. T. Bentley, of Echeconnee Association. Text: Isaiah, 53rd chapter, 1st verse.

After an intermission of seventy-five minutes the Association was called to order by our Moderator, Deacon B. F. Markett. Prayer by Elder J. M. Murray of the Upatoie Association.

Received and heard letters from thirteen churches and minuted their state, and then went into choice of a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the selection of Deacon B. F. Markett as Moderator, and R. H. Jennings Clerk.

Called for petitionary letters.

Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats with us.

Appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—J. R. Battle, W. A. Webb, T. C. Patrick, with the messengers of this church, J. W. F. Murray and Alma Murray.

On Business—J. T. Davis, J. R. Fain, E. Nowell.

To Examine Correspondence—Elder W. T. Everett, W. M. Hasty.

To Write Correspondence Letters—J. B. Murray, W. E. Moreland.

On Finance—B. D. Jones, Jr., W. S. Armor, A. E. Johnston.

On Memorial—Elder W. T. Everett, Brother J. R. Williams.

Called the roll and read the Decorum.

Called for correspondence and received from Upatoie Association Elder J. M. Murray, J. R. Cook, E. T. Lightner, J. E. Chockley, Elder H. H. Philips and A. Jordan.

From Chocktawhatchee, of Alabama—No letters nor messengers.

From Echeconnee—Elder S. T. Bentley.

From Flint River—Elders Lee Hanks, E. S. Ward, with minutes.

Received as Visitors—Elders M. M. Maddox, H. B. Wilkerson, Lotts' Creek Association; Elders I. P. Porter, J. E. Spillers, Pulaski Association.



Appointed union meetings as follows: First District (second choice), Harmony church, fifth Sunday in August, 1908, Friday and Saturday before. Second District (third choice), at Bluff Springs, fifth Sunday in March, 1908, Friday and Saturday before. Third District (first choice), at Mars Hill, fifth Sunday in May, 1908, Friday and Saturday before.

On motion adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Prayer by Elder M. M. Maddox, of Lotts' Creek Association.

#### SATURDAY MORNING.

Met at 9 o'clock, according to adjournment. Prayer led by Elder J. E. Spiller, of the Pulaski Association.

Called for report of committee to arrange business. Recommended old minutes for a guide. Report was received.

Renewed call for correspondence.

Called for report of committee to examine correspondence. Committee's report found nothing claiming the attention of the Association. Returned correspondents to sister Association:

To the Upatoi, Prosperity church, Taylor county, on Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1908, two and one-half miles south.

Rupert, on A. B. & A. railroad, Elders W. T. Everett, R. H. Jennings and Brothers T. C. Patrick, J. R. Williams, J. B. Murray.

To the Echeconnee, to convene with Pleasant Hill church, Houston county, Georgia, beginning on Tuesday after the third Sunday in September, 1908, two miles from Wellston, Ga., on G. S. & F. railroad, Elders R. H. Jennings, W. T. Everett and Brother B. F. Markett with minutes.

To Flint River Association, to convene with Pisgar church, Decatur county, Georgia, three miles southeast of Climax, and six miles south of Whignam, beginning on Saturday before the first Sunday in November, 1907. Elder W. T. Everett with minutes.

To Choctawhatchee Association, to convene with Mount Zion, Henry county, Alabama, ten miles from Fort Gaines, Ga., beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1908., Elder W. T. Everett, B. D. Jones, Jr., J. W. Harrison, E. Fain, with minutes.

To the Ochlocnee, send minutes.

Called for contribution and received for minutes \$17.50; for correspondence, \$68.40. Agreed to have 700 minutes

printed, and after mailing the same that the Clerk have the remainder for his service.

Ordered the articles of Faith and Decorum to be printed.

We, as an Association, desire to express our thanks for the interest shown us as visitors by Providence church and good people of the community during our session.

Appointed the next session of the body to meet with Poplar Springs church, Webster county, three and one-half miles from Preston, Ga., six miles from Leverett, Ga., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October at 10:30 o'clock, 1908.

Heard report of committee on Memorial, which was adopted, as showed elsewhere.

Read and adopted correspondence letter, as seen elsewhere.

On motion read the minutes, which were adopted, and adjourned to the stand and final adjournment Sunday at noon. Prayer by Elder S. T. Bentley, of Echeconnee Association.

DEACON B. F. MARKETT, Moderator.

ELDER R. H. JENNINGS, Clerk.

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### ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday, A. M.—Elder S. T. Bentley of the Echeconnee Association.

Friday, P. M.—Elder E. S. Ward of the Flint River Association, followed by Elder H. H. Philips of Upatoie Association.

Saturday, A. M.—Elder M. M. Maddox of Lott's Creek Association, followed by Elder I. P. Porter of Pulaski Association.

Saturday, P. M.—Elder J. M. Murray of Upatoie Association, followed by Elder J. E. Spiller of Pulaski Association.

Sunday, A. M.—Elder H. B. Wilkerson of Lott's Creek Association, followed by Elder Lee Hanks of the Flint River Association.

### MINISTERS OF HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Elder J. L. Blackshear, Cuthbert, Ga.

Elder A. A. Garrett, Cuthbert, Ga.

Elder W. T. Everett, Dawson, Ga.

Elder R. H. Jennings, Dawson, Ga.

Elder Doc Chambless, Parrott, Ga.

Elder J. M. Spurlock, Bluffton, Ga.



### CORRESPONDING LETTERS.

The Harmony Primitive Baptist Association, now in Session at Providence Church, Sumter County, Georgia.

To Her Sister Associations With Whom She Corresponds Send Greetings:

Dear Brethren in Christ,: Through the mercy of God we have been permitted to meet in the Sixty-Ninth Annual Session of our body. As we reflect of the number who have met in the past sessions and have laid their armour by bright and died in full triumph of the faith that this gift of God, it causes us to feel the great importance of endeavoring to live right and keep ourselves unspotted from the world, and to this end we ask your prayers that we may walk ever thus in a charitable way.

Your correspondence is not as full as we desire, but our preaching up to this has been "Jesus," the only food for the hungry soul, and for which we desire to thank the Lord.

The next session of our Association will convene with Poplar Spring church, three and one-half miles from Preston, Webster county, Georgia, on the S. A. L. railroad, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1908, where we hope to meet your correspondence again. May the God of all grace be with all, and His presence and guidance abide with us.

DEACON B. F. MARKETT, Moderator.

R. H. JENNINGS, Clerk.

### MEMORIAL.

It becomes our painful duty to chronicle the death of our beloved and highly esteemed brother and deacon, Thomas English. Brother English joined the church at Bluff Springs, in Macon county, during the sixties. Soon thereafter he was chosen deacon, and in the capacity of deacon Brother English's labor of love and faithful discharge of his duty as an officer of the church was faithful, and as near without fault as any brother we have ever been acquainted with. He was a kind and loving husband and father, ever ready to wait on them in any and all things pertaining to this life. He was a kind and obliging neighbor, always ready to accommodate his fellowman in all things pertaining to the welfare of all concerned, thereby gaining for himself great boldness in the faith, and a good report of them that are without.

But our God has been pleased to remove by death our beloved Brother English which sad event occurred on Sep-



tember 29, 1907, at his home in Macon county, Georgia. We feel to be sorely afflicted, but will endeavor to bow in humble submission.

Bow to the will of our God, praying God to bless the dear afflicted family and the church to which he was a member.

J. R. WILLIAMS,

ELDER W. T. EVERETT, Committee.

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### ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

Article 1st. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Art. 2d. We believe that Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

Art. 3d. We believe in the Doctrine of Particular and Eternal Election.

Art. 4th. We believe in the Doctrine of Original Sin.

Art. 5th. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

Art. 6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the Imputed Righteousness of Christ.

Art. 7th. We believe that God's Elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

Art. 8th. We believe the Saints shall persevere in Grace, and never finally fall away.

Art. 9th. 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 we believe that the true mode of Baptism is by Immersion.

Art. 10th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

Art. 11th. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

Art. 12th. We believe that no Minister has the right to the administration of the Ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

## ASSOCIATION DECORUM.

Article 1st. The members who are regularly chosen by the Church in session shall compose the Association. Any member who is in good standing, in absence of the above qualification, by voice of the Association can become a part of the same.

Art. 2d. The members so chosen may produce letters from their respective Churches certifying to their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, restored, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

Art. 3d. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Harmony Baptist Association.

Art. 4th. This Association shall have no power to lord over God's heritage, nor whereby she can infringe upon any of the internal rights of the Churches.

Art. 5th. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen annually by the members present, and hold their office till the next election.

Art. 6th. This Association is in favor of preaching the Gospel, the circulation of the Scriptures, and the advantages of education, and she recommends morality in general, but to her members in particular. Notwithstanding, she is opposed to all the modern institutions of men, such as Missionary, Bible, Tract, and Sunday School Union Societies, together with Baptist State Conventions and Theological Schools, and such like, because their connection with the Church of God is unauthorized by Scripture.

Art. 7th. If new churches desire to be admitted in Union they shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 8th. No church in Union shall have a right to more than two delegates until she shall exceed one hundred members, and then she shall have an additional delegate for every fifty after the first hundred.

Art. 9th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association unless withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10th. No matter shall be debated in the Association only such as shall come before the body by a regular move and second; and whenever a question shall be decided, either by



the chair, vote or withdrawal, there shall be no more debating thereon.

Art. 11th. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject.

Art. 12th. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

Art. 13th. There shall be no talking nor whispering in time of public speaking, nor reflections cast upon the speaker.

Art. 14th. No member shall exempt himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

Art. 15th. If any member shall break the rules of this Decorum he shall be immediately reproved by the Moderator.

Art. 16th. It is the business of this Association: 1st. To provide for the general Union of the Churches. 2nd. To keep up a correspondence with those Associations of the same faith and order, that a chain of communication may be preserved among churches. 3rd. To invite brethren, who are of our faith and order, to seats in the Association. 4th. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association, read (and corrected if need be) and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association rises, and have them printed if they think proper. 5th. To amend this form of government at any time when a majority of the Union shall deem it necessary. 6th. It is agreed that when any church fails to be represented in the Association by letter or member for two years in succession the clerk can erase the name of such church from the Statistical Table. 7th. To adjourn to any time or place she may think most proper.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	P. O.	CLERK.	MESSENGERS	PASTOR 1907	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dismissed by Letter.	Deceased.	Total Membership.	Sunday of Meeting.	Money for Minutes.	Money for Correspondence.	Yearly Meeting.
FIRST DISTRICT.																
Harmony	Stewart	Richland	T. L. Morton	T. C. Patrick, W. S. Armour	R. H. Jennings	1	3			1	3	44		\$ 2 00	\$ 5 70	July
Poplar Springs	Webster	Preston		E. Nowell, R. H. Stevens	H. H. Phillips	1	1	1	1	2	17	1		50	3 00	Aug
Turkey Creek	Webster	Parrott	C. Leverett	C. M. Leverette	D. Chambliss						13	4		1 00	1 50	July
SECOND DISTRICT.																
Beulah	Terrell	Dawson	W. J. R. Davis	W. M. Hasty, J. T. Davis	W. T. Everett		4				34	3		1 50	2 50	July
Chic'sawhatchee	Terrell	Dawson	M. Blackshear	Elders W. T. Everett, R. H. Jennings	R. H. Jennings	2				3	140	1		2 00	9 00	July
Macedonia	Terrell	Dawson	G D M Lendon	W. E. Moreland, A. E. Johnston	R. H. Barwick	5	1				264	2		1 50	5 50	June
Liberty	Sumter	Sumter	T. G. Webb	W. A. Webb, J. W. Suggs	R. H. Jennings						144	3		1 50	5 00	July
Providence	Sumter	Plains	J W F Murray	B. F. Markett, J. W. F. Murray	R. H. Jennings		2			2	225	2		1 50	5 50	July
Hebron	Sumter	Anderson	J. B. Murray	J. R. Battle, J. B. Murray	J. M. Murray		1				29	4		1 00	4 00	July
Bluff Springs	Macon	Englishville	M. English	J. R. Williams, W. W. Childers	W. T. Everett	2				1	25	2		1 00	5 00	July
THIRD DISTRICT																
Antioch	Early	Bluffton	F. J. Brown	J. L. Braswell, J. R. Fain	M. E. Petty	3	1			1	127	2		1 00	5 95	July
Mars Hill	Calhoun	Edison	J. C. Harrison	B. D. Jones, Jr., J. W. Harrison	Lee Hanks	4	2				79	3		2 00	12 75	July
Union	Randolph	Shellman	R. F. Ivey	By Letter	A. A. Garrett						16	4		1 00	3 00	July



