

MINUTES

—OF THE—

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Euharlee

Primitive Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

The Church at Midway, Floyd County, Ga.,

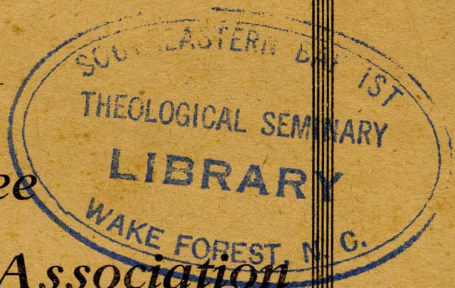
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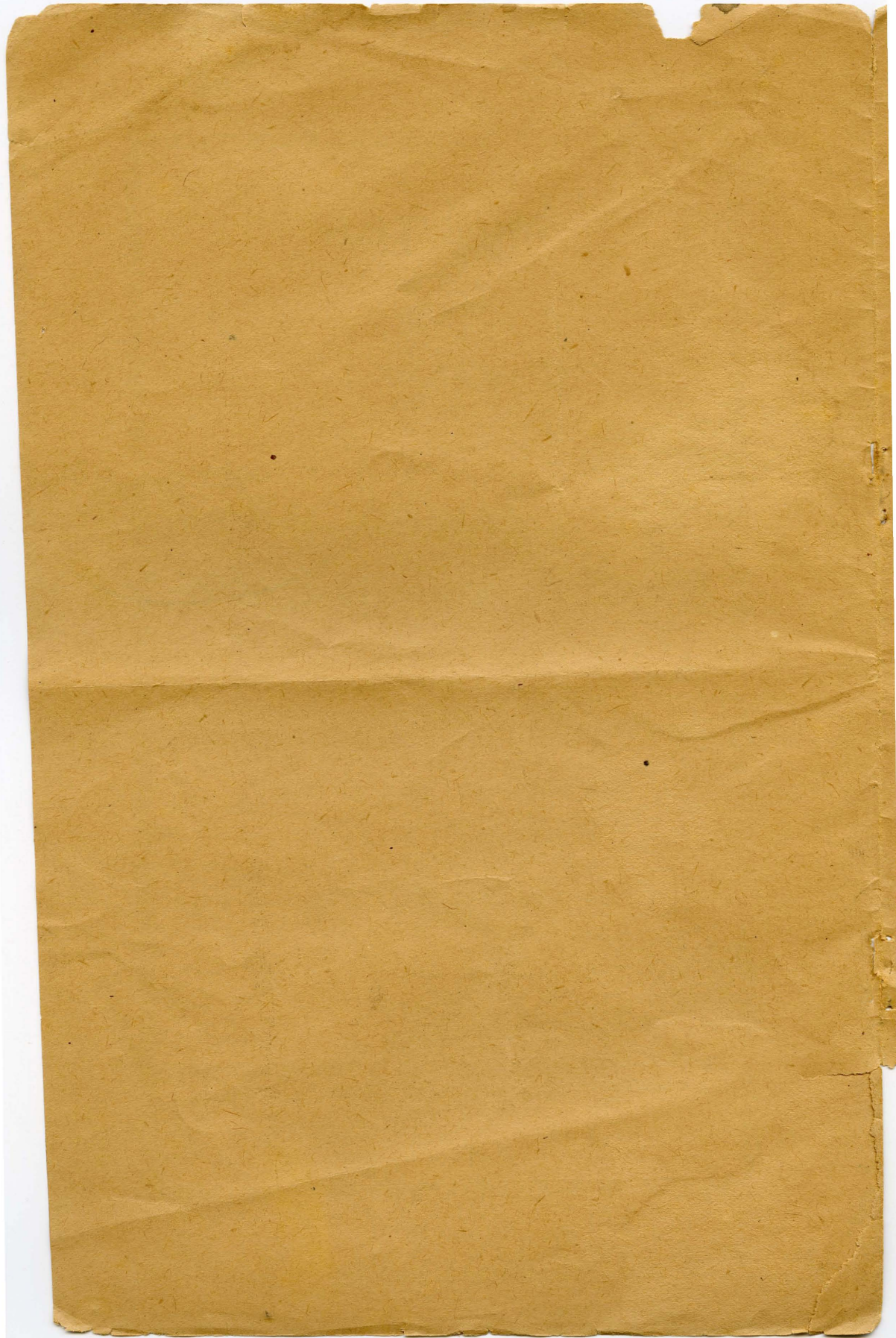


OFFICERS:

ELDER W. J. COOPER, Moderator,
Rome, Ga. R. F. D. No. 9.

G. G. BURKHALTER, Clerk,
Rome, Ga. R. F. D. No. 2





MINUTES

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Stanford. Text, first six verses of the 4th chapter of Paul's letter to Timothy.

Then an intermission of one hour after which the messengers assembled in the house. On motion choose Elder W. J. Cooper moderate pro tem.

Prayer by Elder Thomas Carnes from New Hope Association.

Called for the reading of the letters from the churches and their state minuted as shown by the statistical table. Elected Elder W. J. Cooper moderator, G. G. Burkhalter, clerk.

First—Invited visiting brethren to seats.

Second—Opened the door for petitionary churches.

Third—Called for correspondence.

From New Hope Association—Elder Thomas Carnes, Bro. W. P. Cale.

From Yellow River—Elder V. B. White and a package of minutes.

From Oconee—package minutes.

Warwick—package minutes.

Delaware River—package minutes.

From Fellowship—package minutes.

From Marietta O. S.—Elder H. G. Mitchel, Elder P. N. Phillips and Bro. R. P. Daniel and package minutes.

Fourth—Appointed the following committees:

To arrange preaching—J. M. Yarbrough, H. S. Dover, A. W. Wilkins, W. P. Barns, E. P. Floyd.

To write corresponding letter—D. W. Loudamilk, J. A. George, Elder B. R. Bray.

To examine circular letter—Elder N. A. Hambrick Elder T. J. Bright and Bro W. W. Camp.

Fifth—The committee on preaching reported that preaching begin at the stand this evening by Elder P. N. Phillips followed Elder J. H. Johnson. Also begin at 10 a. m. Sunday by Elder H. G. Mitchell, followed by Elder V. B. White, p. m. Elder Thomas Carnes followed by Elder B. R. Bray.

Sixth—On motion adjourned until 8:30 Monday morning.

MONDAY MORNING SEPT. 16.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder P. N. Phillips.

Preaching at 10 o'clock by Elder H. G. Mitchell followed by the Moderator of this body.

Seventh—Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren.

Eighth—Called for the roll and marked absentees.

Ninth—Renewed the call for correspondence. Elder P. N. Phillips from Marietta O. S. Asst.

Tenth—Called for Corresponding letter—read and adopted.

Eleventh—Called for circular letter—none.

Twelfth—Appointed correspondence as follows:

To New Hope—Elder N. A. Hamrick, send package minutes.

To Cane Creek—Send package minutes.

To Yellow River—Elders T. J. Bright, J. W. Stanford.

To Warwick—Send package minutes.

To Oconee—Send package minutes.

To Delaware River—Send package minutes.

To Marietta O. S.—Elders T. J. Bright, J. H. Johnson, Bro. W. W. Camp, send package minutes

To Fellowship—Elder W. J. Cooper, Bros. E. T. Caldwell, J. H. Caldwell, A. Peters. Send package of minutes.

Thirteenth—Appointed Union meetings as follows:

First District to be held with the church at Providence, six miles west of Cave Springs, commencing on Friday before the 5th Sunday in August next.

Second District to be held with the church at Midway, 8 miles west of Rome, commencing on Friday before the 2d Sunday in August, next.

Fourteenth—Appointed the next session of this body to be held with the church at Antioch in East Rome, Floyd county, commencing on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1908.

Fifteenth—On move and second chose by ballot Elder T. J. Bright to preach the introductory sermons, Elder N. A. Hamrick alternate. Also Elder N. A. Hamrick to write a circular letter.

Sixteenth—Called for contributions and distributing corresponding minutes.

Seventeenth—Appointed W. A. Long to receive contributions, E. T. Caldwell, A. W. Wilkins, W. W. Camp, W. P. Barnes, E. P. Floyd to distribute corresponding minutes.

Eighteenth—Called for miscellaneous business.

Nineteenth—Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing and distributing of eight hundred of these minutes among the churches of our body and Associations with whom we correspond.

Twentieth—On motion, give an expression of heartfelt thanks to brethren, sisters and friends for their kind hospitality shown us during this Association.

Twenty-first—On motion read and approved these minutes.

ELDER W. J. COOPER, Mod.

G. G. BURKHALTER, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Saturday a. m. Elder J. W. Stanford, p. m. Elder P. N. Phillips followed by Elder J. H. Johnson.

Sunday a. m. Elder H. G. Mitchell followed by Elder V. B. White, p. m. Elder Thomas Carnes, followed by Elder B. R. Bray.

Monday Elder H. G. Mitchell, closed by Elder W. J. Cooper.

Name and Address of Elders in the Euharlee Association.

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| Elder R. S. Hamrick . Lindale, Ga. | Elder T. I. Samford.....Seney, Ga |
| Eld. J. W. Stanford, Rome, Ga. No2 | Eld. J. H. Johnson, Rome, Ga. No 6 |
| Eld. W. J. Cooper, Rome, Ga. No. 9 | Elder T. F. Hatch, Cedartown, Ga. |
| Eld. N. A. Hamrick Cedartown, Ga. | Elder B. R. Bray Calhoun, Ga. |
| Elder T. J. Bright, Taylorsville, Ga. | |

LICENTIATES

B. T. Tucker Key, Ala. C. A. Clemmons Calhoun, Ga.

CORRESPONDING LETTERS.

The Euharlee Association of the Primitive Baptist Faith and Order unto her sister Associations with whom we correspond sendeth Christian love:

Dear Brethren—we have been blessed with the privilege of holding another session of our body which has been one of love, joy and peace. Dear brethren, our correspondence has not been as full as we wished, but those that have come, come declaring that Jesus is the Savior of His people and that it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe and it is the believer that is saved. The next session of our body will be held with the church at Antioch near Rome, when, if spared, we hope to meet you again. Tell then, farewell.

ELDER W. J. COOPER, Mod.

G. G. BURKHALTER, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in the only one true and living God, and that there is a trinity of persons in the God-head—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

2nd. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3rd. We believe in the fall of Adam, and the imputation of sin to his posterity; in the corruption of human nature and the impotency of man to recover himself of his own free will and abilities.

4th. We believe in the everlasting love of God to His people and the eternal election of a definite number of the human race to grace and glory; and that there was a covenant of grace, or redemption between the Father and Son before the world began in which their salvation is secure, and that they, in particular; are redeemed.

5th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them.

6th. We believe all those who were chosen in Christ will be effectually called regenerated, converted, sanctified and supported by the spirit and power of God, so that they will preserve in Grace, and that not one of them be finally lost.

7th. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and that they only justify us in the sight of men and angels and are evidence of our gracious state.

8th. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, and the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9th. 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.

10th. We believe that the Georgia Baptist Convention, the Missionary, Bible Tract, Sunday School Union and Temperance Societies, together with the Theological Seminaries and other kindred institutions, falsely called benevolent, are unscriptural unsupported by divine revelation; and therefore improper; and we believe that no individual who is united with or are the advocates of all or either of them, should be held in fellowship by our churches

AND AS FOR THE GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have gained Christian fellowship with each other, and have given themselves up to the Lord and to one another, and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the Gospel.

2. That Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and only law giver; and the government is with the body, and is the privilege with each individual; and that the discipline of the Church is intended for reclaiming of those Christians who may be disorderly, either in principle or practice, and must be faithfully kept up for God's glory, and the peace and unity of the churches.

3. That water Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Gospel to be continued until the Lord's second coming, and to be administered only by orderly Baptist ministers regularly ordained.

4. That true believers in Christ Jesus are the only subjects of baptism, and that a burial (in water) is the mode.

5. That none but regularly baptised church members have a right to commune at the Lord's Supper.

6. That it is the duty of every Heaven-born soul to become a member of the visible Church, to make a profession of their faith, to be legally baptised, so as to have a right to, and partake of the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet at every legal opportunity during life.

THE DECORUM.

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

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their numbers in full fellowship those baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Euharlee Primitive Baptist Association.

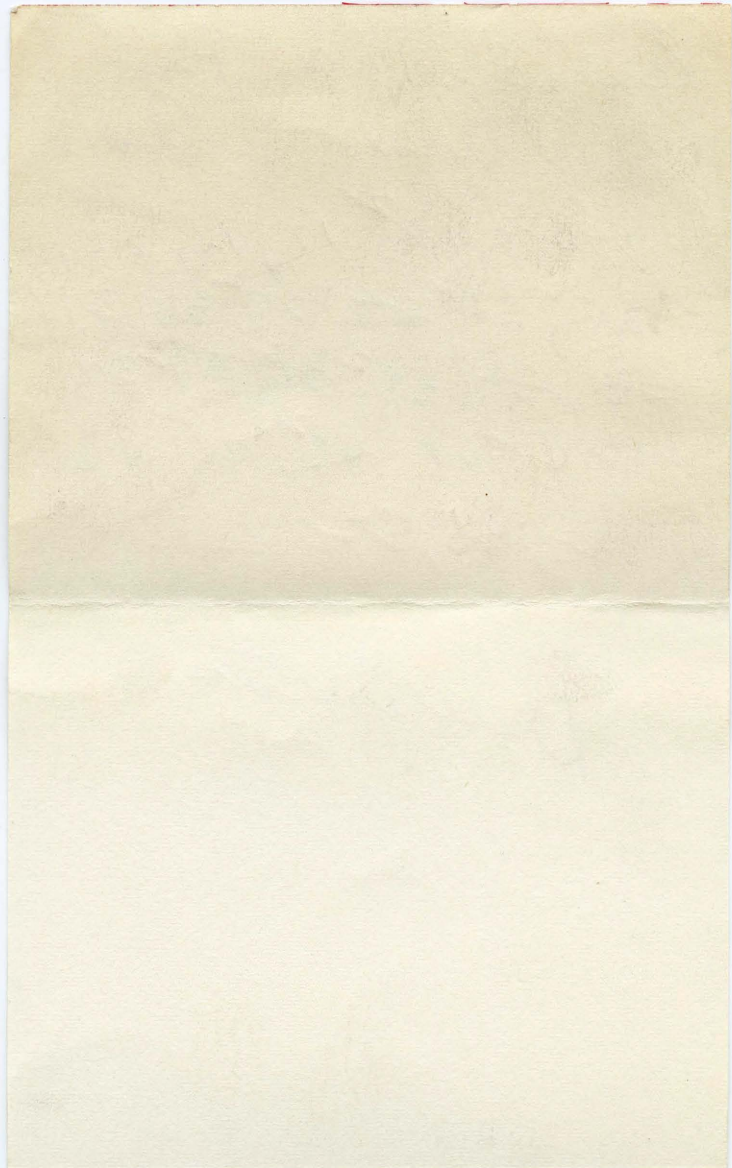
4. This Association shall have no power to lord over God's heritage, nor by which they can infringe upon the internal rights of the churches.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present, who shall be of the body and who shall hold their office until re-election.
6. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Union, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.
7. No church in the Union shall have more than two delegates until they shall exceed one hundred members and then shall have a right to an additional delegate for every fifty after the first hundred.
8. Every query sent to the Association by any church in the Union shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator, whether it shall be debated or not, and if there be a majority for, it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn, provided, always, that those be first considered which effect the Union of the churches.
9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.
10. Every person who speaks in debate must rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from his subject.
11. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.
12. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whispering in time of public speech, nor cast reflections on the speaker; he shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise cast reflections on the person who spoke before so as to make remarks on his imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as early as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.
13. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without leave from it.
14. The several names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association may require.
15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair is filled—and he shall have no voice except the Association be equally divided.
16. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular record of the proceedings of the Association.

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Duplicates



17. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

18. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union, when it is necessary.

19. The Association shall have the power to provide for—

1. The general Union of the Churches.

2. To preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the Churches.

3. To give the Churches all the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

4. To inquire into the cause why the Churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

5. To correspond with other Associations.

6. The Association shall have power to exclude any Church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Association or depart from the orthodox principles of religion.

7. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry as assistants who may be present at the time of their sitting when they shall judge necessary.

8. The Association may have the power to adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think convenient to the Churches in the Union.

9. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

10. The Association shall receive correspondence from other Associations by the Moderator extending to their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Tabular Statement of the Churches.

| CHURCHES | COUNTY | POSTOFFICE | PASTOR. | CLERK. | NAMES OF MESSENGERS. | Received by Baptism | Received by letter | Restored | Dis. by Letter | Excluded | Deaths | Membership | Meeting Days | For Minutes |
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| First District— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Valley Grove | Polk..... | Cedartown..... | R. S. Hamrick.. | W. J. Richardson | Elder N. A. Hamrick, A. R. Hudson, | | 2 | | 5 | | | 26 | Fourth | \$ 1 50 |
| Silver Creek | Floyd..... | Seney..... | T. I. Samford.. | R. E. Morris..... | Elder T. J. Bright, Elder J. H. Johnson | 3 | | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 45 | Second | 1 50 |
| Buhaltee | Polk..... | Rockmart..... | T. J. Bright..... | J. S. Spinks..... | W. W. Camp | | | | | | | 14 | Third | 1 00 |
| Providence | Cherokee Ala | Cave Spring..... | N. A. Hamrick.. | J. A. Lampkin... | W. N. Highfield, W. B. Mathis, | 3 | | | | | 1 | 31 | Fourth | 1 50 |
| Antioch | Floyd..... | Rome..... | W. J. Cooper... | J. F. Turner..... | G. G. Burkhalter, J. F. Turner, | 2 | 2 | | | 2 | 1 | 25 | Fourth | 1 50 |
| Mountain Grove | Floyd..... | Lindale..... | R. S. Hamrick.. | R. E. Wood..... | J. H. Teat, J. B. Bobo, | | 9 | | 1 | | | 38 | Third | 1 50 |
| New Home..... | Polk..... | Silver Creek... | T. I. Samford.. | J. E. Broadaway | J. P. Morris, W. J. Calloway. | | 1 | | | | | 28 | Fourth | 1 50 |
| Second District— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pleasant Hill..... | Floyd..... | Rome..... | W. J. Cooper.... | J. S. Moore..... | Elder W. J. Cooper, W. A. Long, | 4 | | | | 1 | | 24 | First | 1 50 |
| Melville..... | Chattooga... | Lyerly..... | N. A. Hamrick.. | J. M. Yarbrough | H. S. Dover, J. M. Yarbrough, | 4 | | | 1 | | 1 | 32 | Fourth | 1 50 |
| Cemmans | Chattooga... | Subligna..... | | | T. M. Gray, Wm. Jackson, | | | | | | | | | 50 |
| Harmony..... | Gordon..... | Calhoun..... | B. R. Bray..... | C. A. Clemons... | Elder B. R. Bray, D. W. Caldwell, | | | 1 | | | 3 | 20 | Third | 1 00 |
| Friendship | Catoosa..... | Graysville.... | B. R. Bray..... | A. Peters..... | J. A. George, A. Peters, | 1 | | | | | 1 | 20 | Second | 1 00 |
| Midway | Floyd..... | Armuchee..... | W. J. Cooper... | W. P. Barns..... | E. P. Floyd, W. P. Barns, | | 2 | | | 2 | | 29 | Second | 2 00 |
| Dykes Creek..... | Floyd..... | Rome..... | T. I. Samford.. | A. W. Wilkins.. | D. W. Loudermilk A. W. Wilkins. | | | | 2 | | | 9 | One | 1 50 |
| Totals | | | | | | 17 | 16 | 1 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 340 | | \$19 00 |

