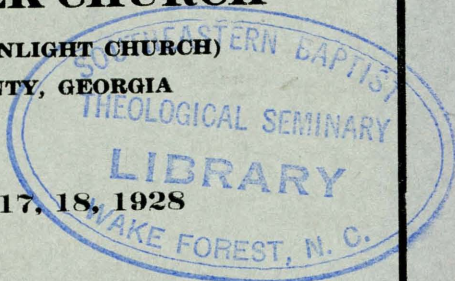


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LETTERS

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

IN ANSWER TO A RESOLUTION PASSED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

ON THE 17TH OF MARCH 1841

BY

GEORGE CANNING

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

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TUESDAY

1. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. R. Crumpton.
2. The Association was called to order by Elder W. F. Mims, Pastor Cedar Creek Church.
3. Invited visitors to seats.
4. Called for and read letters from the various Churches of the Association.
5. Lester C. Kicklighter was elected clerk.
6. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.
7. Appointed committees as follows: (a) on preaching, J. J. Easterling, R. D. Collins, J. N. Scott, G. Dewey Todd, J. I. Waters, L. H. Kicklighter; (b) on general meetings, W. B. Screws, Willie Lewis, J. K. Durrence, R. H. Kennedy; (c) on finance, S. T. Nichols, J. T. Holland, H. H. Daniel, H. H. Avant.
8. Elder W. B. Screws was chosen to represent Bethel Association at Upper Lotts Creek Association, Wednesday after first Sunday in October, 1929, and given authority to select assistants to aid in preparation of historical facts relative to the Primitive Baptist denomination, which are to be undertaken at the Centennial Celebration of Upper Lotts Creek Association at Antioch Church near Graymont, Georgia, on date above quoted. Elders G. Dewey Todd, S. C. Davis and R. H. Kennedy were selected by Elder W. B. Screws to assist in the work.
9. Called for report of Preaching Committee. (See report under "Order of Preaching.")
10. Adjourned till Wednesday morning 10:00 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY

11. Met Wednesday morning. Prayer by Elder W. B. Screws.
12. Called the roll.
13. Called for report of General Meetings Committee. (See report under "General Meetings.")
14. Called for report of the Finance Committee. (See report under "Finances.")
15. Agreed to have 500 minutes printed.
16. Agreed to hold next session at Bay Branch Church, Tattnall County, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after second Sunday in October, 1929.
17. Read and adopted the minutes, and adjourned.

The visitors present adopted a resolution of thanks to the Church and people of community for all kindness and hospitality shown during the session.

Elder W. F. Mims, Moderator.

Lester C. Kicklighter, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Tuesday—Forenoon, Elder A. R. Crumpton; afternoon, Elder J. W. Hendricks.

Wednesday—Forenoon, Elder Robert H. Rhiner and J. E. Stewart; afternoon, Elder M. E. Petty.

Thursday—Forenoon, Elders N. M. Atkinson and J. M. Thomas; afternoon, Elder W. B. Godard.

FINANCES

For Minutes	\$ 22.25
For Ministers sent by Churches	130.50
For Ministers by public collection	41.35
Total	\$194.10

GENERAL MEETINGS

Cedar Creek Church; Friday, Saturday and Fifth Sunday in March 1929.

VISITING MINISTERS AT THIS SESSION:

N. M. Atkinson, rte. "A" Lyons, Ga.	M. E. Petty, Thomasville, Ga.
A. R. Crumpton, Manchester, Ga.	Robert H. Rhiner, Lin., Atlanta, Ga.
W. B. Godard, 717 2nd St. Macon, Ga.	C. E. Sanders, Brooklet, Ga.
J. L. Hays, Mansfield, Ga.	T. E. Sikes, Vidalia, Ga.
J. W. Hendricks, Savannah, Ga.	J. E. Spillers, Macon, Ga.
Jesse Johnson, Wadley, Ga.	J. E. Stewart, Huntsville, Ala.
W. F. Mims, Cordele, Ga.	J. M. Thomas, Jennings, Fla.

HOME MINISTERS

S. C. Davis, Screven, Ga.	R. H. Kennedy, Collins, Ga.
Basil Jones, Manassas, Ga.	W. B. Screws, Glennville, Ga.
G. Dewey Todd, Glennville, Ga.	

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES
Bay Branch	G. D. Todd	J. U. Daniel	Hagan, Ga.
Beards Creek	G. D. Todd	L. H. Kicklighter	Glennville, Ga.
Cedar Creek	W. F. Mims	J. J. Kennedy,	Collins, Ga.
Claxton	G. D. Todd	E. M. Beasley,	Claxton, Ga.
Hazlehurst	A. V. Simms	Mrs. Anna Mobley	Lumber City, Ga.
Lake Chapel	G. W. Johnson	Garland F. Deal,	Patterson, Ga.
Love Chapel	W. B. Screws	W. W. Waters,	Mendes, Ga.
*Primitive Grove			
Rome	J. E. Spillers	J. N. Scott,	Collins, Ga.
Salem	S. C. Davis	L. A. Nichols,	Screven, Ga.
Sunlight	J. T. McArthur	W. H. Cowart,	Cobbtown, Ga.
*No Report			

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe in the fall of man and his inability to recover himself.
3. We believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.
4. We believe in particular election, effectual calling of the elect and final preservation of the saints.
5. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God.

6. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only fit subjects of these ordinances, and that the only true mode of baptism is immersion.

7. We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, but such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of a presbytery.

8. We believe in a final judgment, in a future state of reward and punishment, and that of eternal duration.

CONSTITUTION

An assemblage of delegates met at Bay Branch church, Tattnall county, Georgia, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in November 1895, from the several churches, viz: Cedar Creek, Sunlight, Anderson's, Bay Branch, Love Chapel, Beards Creek, Bethel and Corinth, and then and there agreed to be one body, called the Bethel Primitive Baptist Association.

1. This Association shall meet annually to worship and praise God.

2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from their churches, whose names shall be inserted in their letters.

3. This Association will make its own rules to govern itself while in session; but none of its rules shall be binding on the churches for they are free; and of right ought to be.

4. The pastor of the church with which any session may be held shall be moderator of that session, and the messengers present shall, after the letters from the churches are read and the messengers' names minuted, elect a clerk for a term of one year, his term of office to expire when the church letters are read at the next session, and the messengers' names minuted. The clerk shall be eligible for re-election. He must be a member of one of the churches of the body, but need not be a messenger to the association. He shall keep a record of each minute, and have charge of having them printed.

5. This Association will call for and admit into its body any church that is orderly and orthodox; also if any church wishes to withdraw from her body, she may do so at her discretion.

6. It shall be the duty of this Association to appoint a committee to arrange preaching.

7. This Association shall appoint a committee to arrange general meetings.

8. This Association shall appoint a committee on finance.

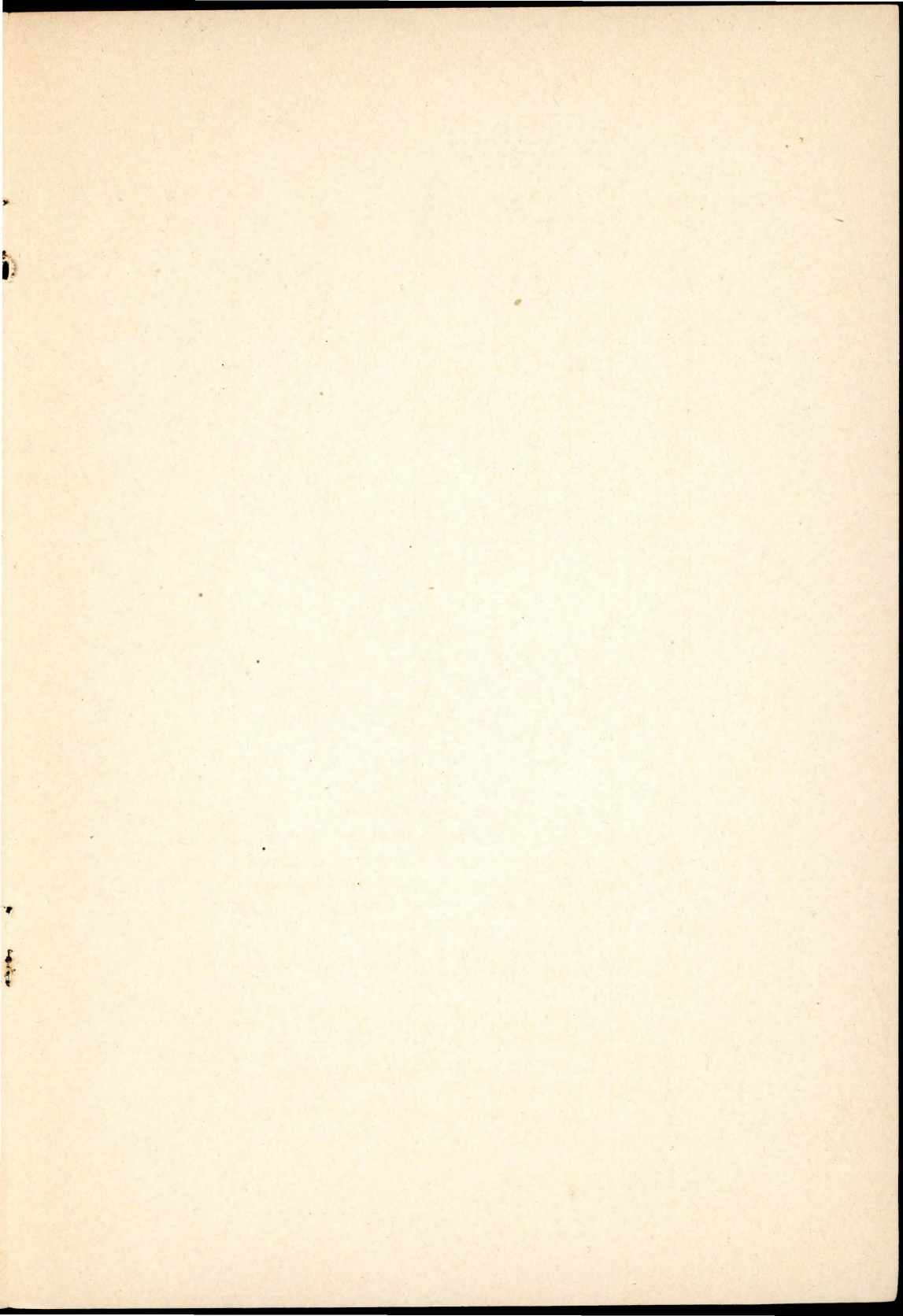
9. If any church deems it fit and proper not to represent with us in our association, such action does not impair our fellowship with the members of such church and while for sake of spiritual truth, gospel peace, order and freedom we hereby discontinue formal correspondence with sister associations, we take pleasure in declaring our warmest Christian love for all our brethren everywhere, and we do most affectionately invite them to make loving and personal visits to us—not only at our association but also to our churches individually, feeling that we will give them a cordial welcome.

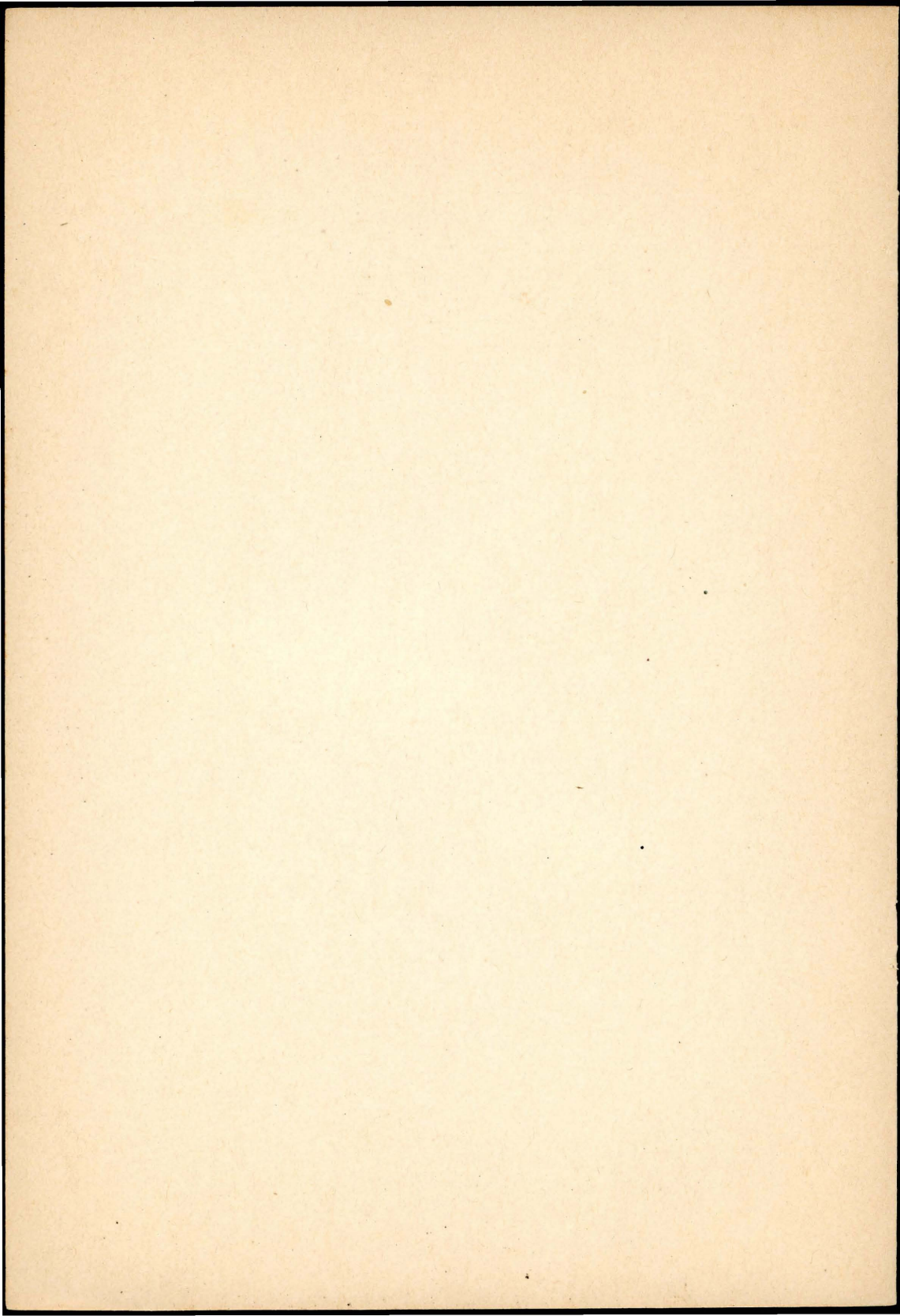
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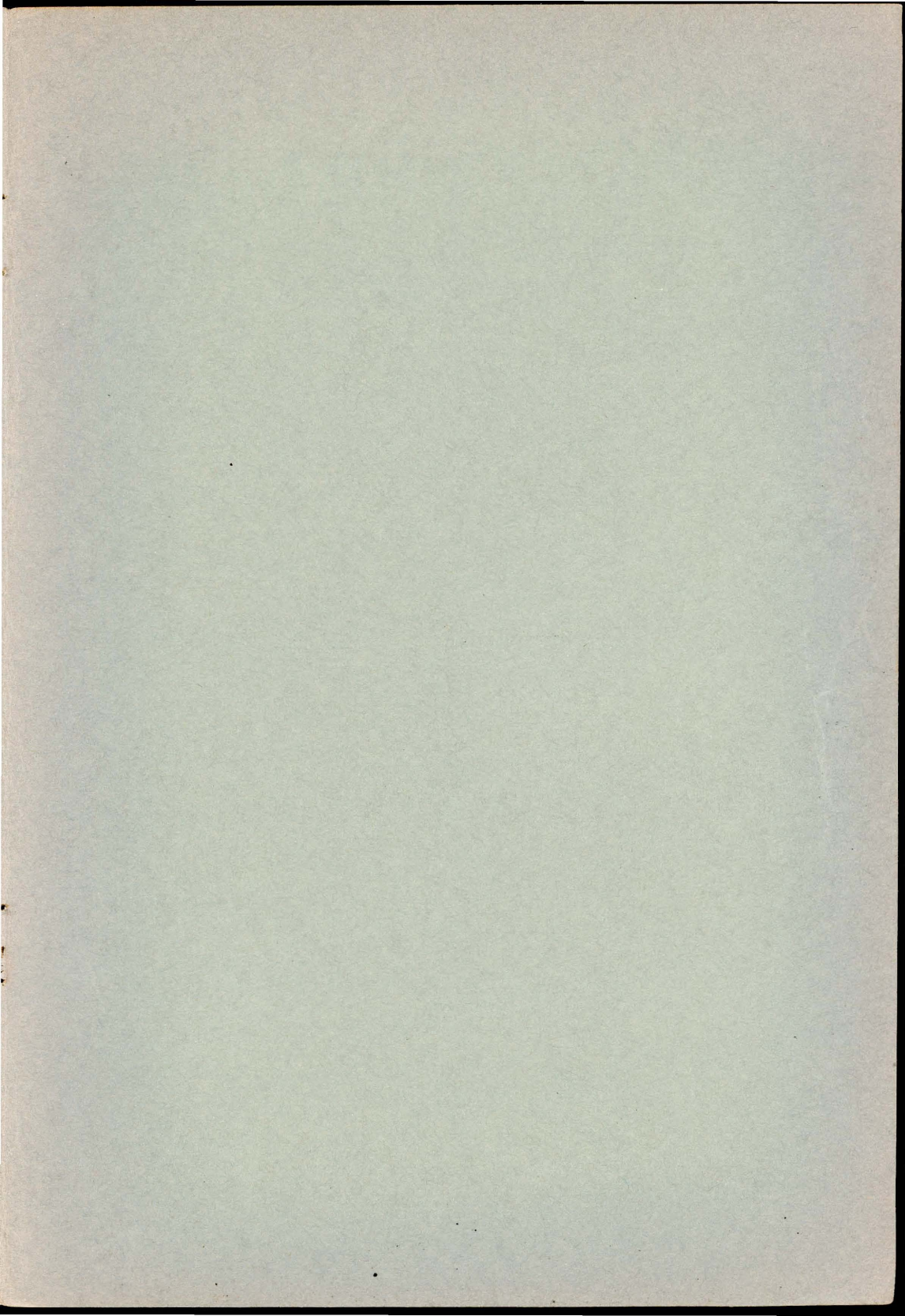
CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Baptized	Restored	Received by Letter		Excluded	Dead	Present Membership	Money for Ministers	Money for Minutes	Sunday of Meeting
				Dismissed by letter							
Bay Branch.....	J. K. Durrence, H. H. Daniel, J. H. Rogers, Alt.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	38	\$ 10.00	\$ 1.25	4
Beards Creek.....	G. D. Todd, L. H. Kicklighter, L. C. Kicklighter, Alt.....	1	2	3	1	1	2	100	15.00	2.50	1
Cedar Creek.....	J. T. Holland, J. J. Kennedy, R. D. Collins, Alt.....	7	0	0	0	0	0	82	10.00	2.00	1
Claxton.....	H. J. Easterling, Willie Lewis.....	0	0	2	0	0	0	82	15.00	3.00	3
Hazlehurst.....	Mrs. E. H. Highsmith, Ralph Gaskins.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	9.00	1.00	1
Lake Chapel.....	D. C. Deal, G. F. Deal.....	1	0	1	0	1	0	24	7.00	1.00	3
Love Chapel.....	W. B. Screws, J. I. Waters, M. A. Knight, Alt.....	6	0	0	1	0	0	139	25.00	5.00	2
*Primitive Grove								50			
Rome.....	R. H. Kennedy, J. N. Scott.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	31	7.50	1.50	2
Salem.....	S. T. Nichols, J. O. Roberson, B. L. Yeomans, Alt.....	1	0	1	1	0	1	84	22.00	3.00	2
Sunlight.....	H. H. Avant, L. W. Woods, Sis. Roxie Collins, Alt.....	0	0	0	0	1	1	40	10.00	2.00	4
Total		17	2	8	3	3	5	689	\$130.50	\$22.25	

* No report.

* 1927 Total Report by mail says "Church burned. Services discontinued. Expect to rebuild soon. Present membership 48. 1 excluded and 1 dead during year."







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