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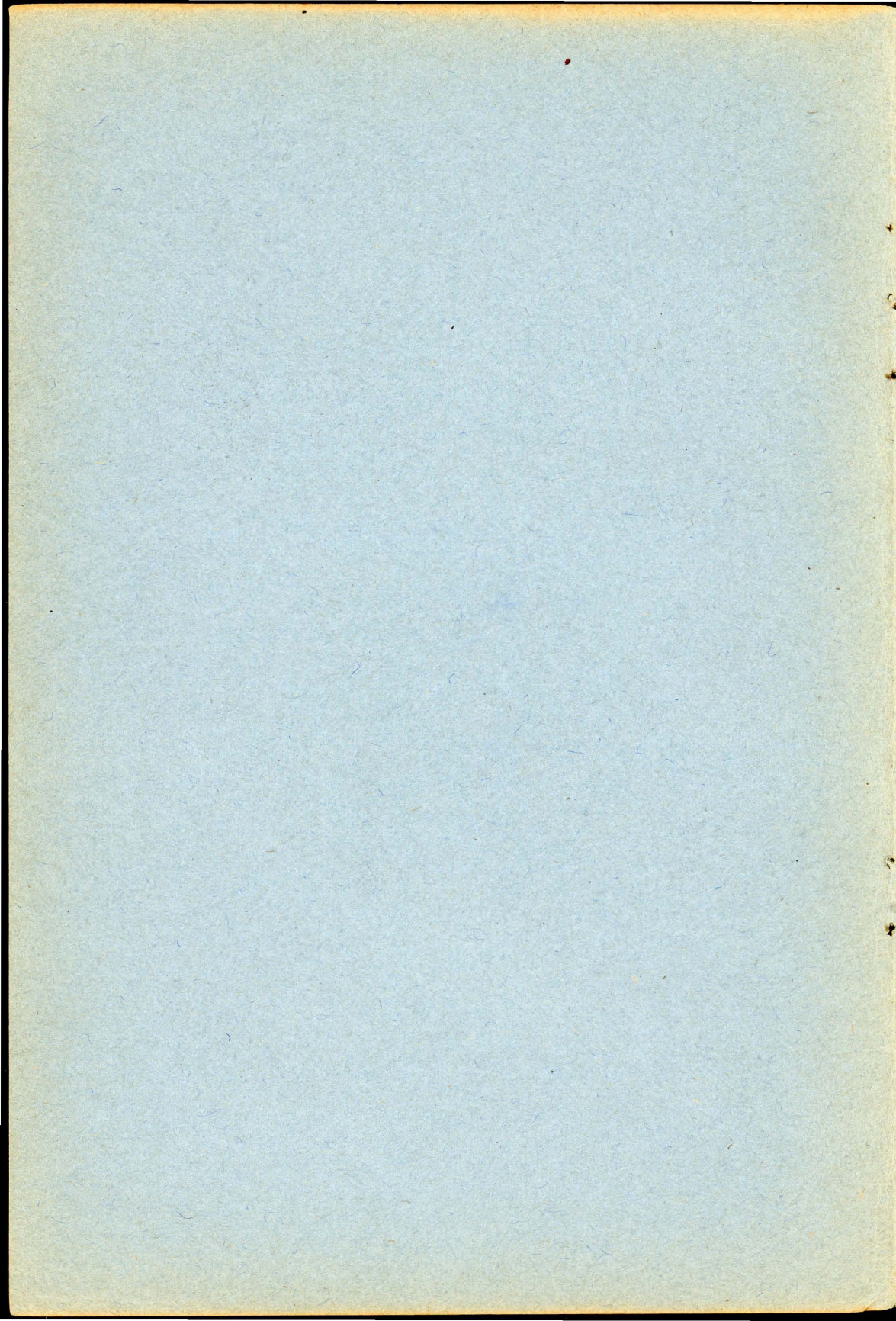
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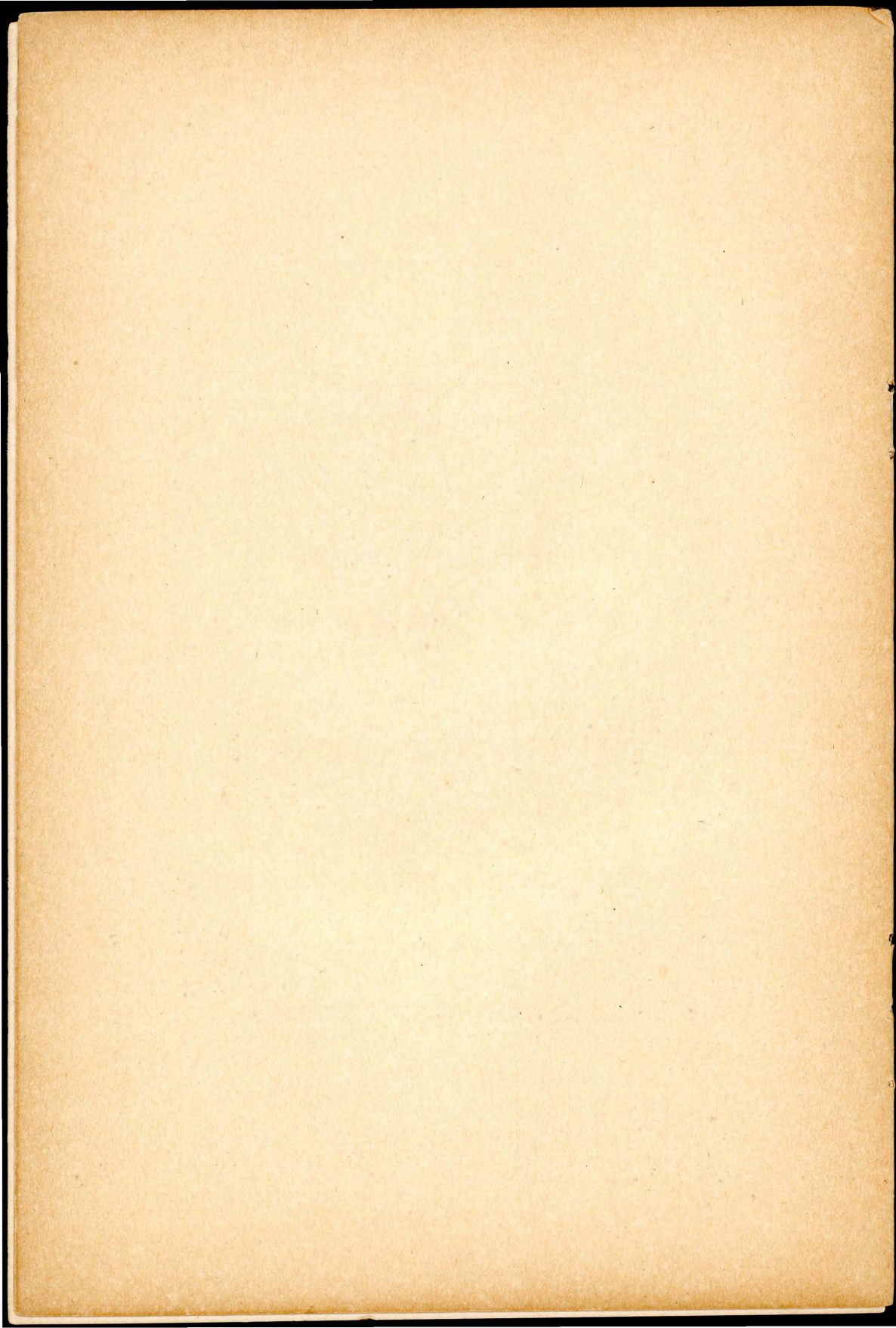
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MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Geo. W. Revel, Ashmore, Fla.
S. T. Pigott, Sopchoppy, Fla.
C. C. Scarborough, Spring Hill, Fla.
E. W. Russell, Tallahassee Fla.
M. Russell, Holland, Fla.
R. J. Carraway, R. F. D. No. 1, Arran, Fla.
J. M. Shephard, Pavo, Ga.
W. M. Lawhon, Woodville, Fla.
I. S. Coleman, Arran, Fla.
John McKinsey, Sanborne, Fla.
H. G. Lewis, Woodville Fla.
H. W. Spears, Benhaden, Fla.

LICENTIATES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

G. T. Barrow, Woodville, Fla.
H. H. McCalister, Rehwinkle, Fla.
J. W. H. McClellan, Aucilla, Fla.
J. L. Holland, Ebb, Fla.

MINUTES.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1913.

The introductory was preached by Elder J. M. Shephard, from the 15th Chapter and the 8th verse of St. John: "Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be my disciples."

At 1:30 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

1. On motion we adopt the Order of Business of last session.

2. On motion we called for Letters of Correspondence; received letters from seven churches.

3. On motion the Letters of Correspondence and the statements of the Delegates and Messengers; also a letter from Brother E. J. Johnson were received.

On motion Elder J. M. Shephard was elected Moderator and W. T. Green Clerk.

5. On motion we called for Petitionary letters; received none.

6. On motion we called for Correspondence from Sister Associations. Received one—Brother M. M. Carroll; also a letter from Elder R. J. Carraway, who for the past year has been laboring in their bounds.

On motion the Moderator appointed four Committees: First, on Preaching and Finance consisting of Brothers Leon Moody, George Linzie and Clay Revels; second, on Correspondence—W. M. Lawhon, John McKinzie and G. W. Revells; third, on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, H. G. Lewis, I. S. Coleman and M. Russell; fourth, on Obituaries, J. A. Revells, J. C. Pigott and George Allgood.

8. On motion the Moderator and Clerk were added to the last named committee.

9. On motion the Association stood adjourned until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by M. M. Carroll.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by M. Russell.

1. On motion we reviewed the call for Correspondence; received two letters from churches; also Brother J. L. Holland, from Pleasant Grove.

2. On motion we renew the call for Petitionary Letters; received none.

3. On motion we called for Report on Correspondence, which was read and received.

4. On motion we called for Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, which was read and received.

5. On motion we called for the Report on Obituaries or Memorial, which was read and received.

6. On motion the Association elected delegates to the West Florida Association to wit: H. G. Lewis and M. Russell.

7. On motion we called for Report of the Finance Committee, which was read and received.

8. On motion we called for a report of the Treasurer which was read and received.

9. On motion a communication from Brother J. M. Shephard was ordered printed in our Minutes.

10. On motion we hold our next Association with Friendship Church at Medart, Wakulla County, Fla., October, 1914.

11. On motion we appointed a committee to get up Scriptural references for our Minutes, consisting of G. W. Revells, M. Russell and W. M. Lawhon, after which the Moderator and Clerk were added.

12. On motion the Minutes were read and adopted.

13. On motion the Association stood adjourned to meet at the above time and place.

14. On motion we gave the free-will offering of the churches to Sister Whidden, a widow of Whidden Lake Church, the amount of which was \$8.75.

Ministers occupied the stand as follows:

Friday at 11 o'clock, Elder J. M. Shephard.

Saturday at 11 o'clock, Elder M. M. Carroll, assisted by H. G. Lewis.

Saturday at 2 o'clock, J. M. Shephard, assisted by M. Russell.

Sunday at 11 o'clock, M. M. Carroll, assisted by J. M. Shephard.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We your Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

It is with great sadness that we have to report to you the death of our beloved Brother W. K. Coleman. He was born July 4th, 1831, and died January 5th, 1913, making him 81 years 6 months and 1 day of age. He joined the Church at Whidden Lake, November, A. D. 1886, and was ordained as deacon the same year, and served as such the remainder of his life. He leaves a wife and several children and relatives and friends to mourn his loss. The Church and community has sustained a great loss. We miss him in our Association so much. But we believe our loss is his eternal gain.

May the God that led him in all of his labors, and landed him on Canaan's fair shore, save us with a full and free salvation for Jesus sake. Amen.

Respectfully submitted.

H. G. LEWIS, Chairman.

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Memorial, beg leave to report as follows:

Dear Brethren:—It is with sad hearts that we have to mention the death of Sisters Mary Ann Walker, Zedra Roddenberry and Mary McCalister. They were true and faithful members, and are gone to share the pleasures of another world. We trust our loss may be their happy gain.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. REVELLS, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Brethren:—The good Lord has spared us to meet again in this another session of our Association, which is the Fortieth session. Our merciful Father has wonderfully blessed us; but do we give Him the praise? Are we walking in His footsteps as we ought? Do we keep His commandments each day we live? Brethren, let us be more faithful in our Christian duties, so we can receive God's full blessing. God bless us and save us in His kingdom.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. LAWHON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, have received from the Churches the sum of \$20.30 for Minutes, after paying for printing and distributing 400 copies, the Clerk to have

\$5.00 for his services, and report the balance to the next Association. Received for free-will offering \$8.75.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON MOODY, Chairman.

LETTER FROM BROTHER SHEPHARD.

To the Beulah Primitive Baptist Association—Greeting.

Dear Beloved in the Lord: Grace, mercy and peace from God, and the love of Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you and the Israel of God.

As I sit alone today I am meditating over the past thirty-nine years of the life of our Association. The question comes to me, what is an Association? It is a question I hardly know how to answer; but it is one that ought to interest us all. If we could all realize what the true meaning is, I think we would have more brethren ready to go as delegates; we would be more anxious to meet the brethren. But it seems like it has become an o'd custom, so much so that many seem to care but little about going when the time comes. But to get some idea of the question, let us go back to the beginning of the Association and see if we can't get some idea of what it is, and what it would be to us now if we could just get the true meaning of the word. I will give my short understanding or idea of it:

First: to associate is to co-operate together; to work together; to look over each other for good; to promote the cause for which we are associated; to spread its influence, and to make it more and more interesting to ourselves and those around us, and to hold high the banner under which we have enlisted, by a faithful discharge of duties as they present themselves to us a long life-journey here.

Second, to be associated, we must love one another; strive to alleviate and comfort them. When we think back thirty-five years ago—how those Veterans of the Cross would go two and three days' journey to meet each other to associate together and work together for the glory of the Lord and the salvation of lost and ruined souls—we ought to get some idea of what it means to meet in an Associational capacity.

Third, it means that we meet to renew our fellowship and brotherly love for each other, that it may spread as the oil on Aaron's beard, even to the skirts of his garments.

Fourth, but it may be that we go just to meet each other and talk of things we don't like. Brethren, we ought to go there expecting to see in one another's faces and lives the Spirit of our Lord, and by that way we would meet Jesus, and where He abides there is no strife except striving to see who can best work and best agree. Are you going to the Association just to see the people, or to meet the Children of God because they are His children? Or do we want to meet our brethren and sisters, our Father and Elder Brother and associate with them in love and fellowship to glorify His Holy Name here on earth? May Jesus be in your midst to own and bless for His name's sake. Amen.

The question is not yet answered.

Your unworthy servant,

J. M. SHEPHARD,

Pavo, Ga.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND
ORDER AT BEULAH CHURCH, WAKULLA
COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON OCTOBER 3, 1874.

The cause of this Constitution was not for convenience from geographical situation, nor from enmity to any

of our sister churches or brethren, nor from a feeling of exclusiveness or selfishness or desire to be let alone, nor from a difference of opinion with our brethren or a disbelief of the long established doctrines and usages of the old Baptist, as to add to or detract from the commandments, nor with a view of severing the church of Christ into another fragment, or setting up another religious sect, thereby weakening the cause of our Master, already enfeebled by divisions, and lessening the power and influence of the Gospel by trying to force nice distinctions, thus substituting ourselves and affording to others a pretext to substitute a system of perverse disputing and disgraceful wrangling for the simplicity of Christ's revealed will as taught in His word. We do rather pray for unity and a healing of the breaches already made. But we have been thrown into a dilemma, either to submit to the exclusion and unchurching of a part of our body directly, and all of us ultimately and suspend all religious services as in the fear of God, asserting the sovereignty of the Church and meeting together in a church and associational capacity for our mutual comfort and edification. We believe that the cause of truth demands that we adopt the latter alternative, assured from an intimate acquaintance with our Sister Elim, that she has not nor had not departed from the faith of God's elect, and that her exclusion from the Ocklocknee Association under the above charge, and the dropping of our Sister Mt. Zion for endorsing her supposed departure, was in the highest sense unjustified by facts associational, constitutional or scriptural, and a lamentable disregard of Ephesians 4 and 3.

The order of this Association and of the Churches of which she is composed is preserved unchanged in any particular, being that of the Primitive Baptist all over the world, to wit: Salvation by grace through faith, which is the gift of God, Ephesians 2:8; that a Church is a body of immersed believers, Acts 2:41, who only are entitled to

the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Saint's feet, John 13; together with the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum, common to our people, which we omit in this provisional minute.

J. N. BARROW,
Clerk.

J. N. COGGINS,
Moderator.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three in the Godhead, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election of grace.
4. We believe in one Lord, one Faith and one Baptism.
5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
8. We believe the faithful shall grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
9. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and the Washing of Feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the only mode of Baptism is by immersion.
10. We believe the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting, and the joy of the righteous will be eternal.
11. We believe that no Minister has the right to the administration of the Ordinances only such as are regu-

larly called and come under the imposition of the hands
of the Presbytery.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a
general judgment. J. M. SHEPHARD, Moderator.

W. T. GREEN, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY AND STATE.	MESSENGERS.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Confession of Faith.	Expelled.	Dismissed by Letter.	Dead.	Total.	Contributions.	YEARLY MEETINGS.
Beulah.....	Wakulla Co., Fla..	E. Whaley, T. H. McCalister.	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	\$ 1.50	June, 3rd Sunday
Friendship.....	Wakulla Co., Fla..	J. C. Pigott, H. H. McCalister..	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	27	5.50	May, 4th Sunday
Mount Beasor....	Wakulla Co., Fla..	T. M. McKinzie, J. A. Revells.	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	74	4.30	July, 1st Sunday
Whidden Lake....	Wakulla Co., Fla..	W. M. Strickland, Robt. Gray.	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	38	3.00	June, 4th Sunday
Lake Jackson....	Leon Co., Fla.	E. J. Johnson, Leon Moody...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	3.00	July, 4th Sunday
White Church....	Leon Co., Fla.	Geo. A. Herring, Jas. Moody.	0	2	0	0	4	1	0	94	5.00	Aug., 2nd Sunday
Lake Monson....	Leon Co., Fla.	Frank Wilks, Dan. Atkinson..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	1.50	Sept., 1st Sunday
New Hope.....	Leon Co., Fla.	H. T. Reeves.....	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	18	1.00	Sept., 2nd Sunday
Prosperity.....	Brooks Co., Ga. ...	By Letter.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	1.75	July, 4th Sunday
Pleasant Grove..	Jefferson Co., Fla.	J. L. Holland.....	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	21	2.50	July, 3rd Sunday
											\$29.05	

