

MINUTES

OF THE

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

NEW PROVIDENCE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Mt. Ida Baptist Church, Crenshaw Co., Ala.,

OCTOBER 26, 27 AND 28, 1900.

OFFICERS:

REV. C. L. EILAND, Moderator Bullock, Ala.
M. W. RUSHTON, Clerk Luverne, Ala.

The next session of this Association will be held with Goshen Baptist Church on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1901.

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ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS.

ORDAINED,

W. A. CUMBIE	Brantley, Ala.
C. L. EILAND	Bullock, Ala.
I. S. LANGSTON	Luverne, Ala.
R. F. HAWKINS	Luverne, Ala.
R. H. FOLMAR	Luverne, Ala.
F. A. GARRETT	Aikin, Ala.
WYATT LOGAN	Goshen, Ala.
D. M. EILAND	Bullock, Ala.
C. L. GARRETT	Aikin, Ala.

LICENTIATE.

J. H. NIXON	Goshen, Ala.
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The following ministers attended the Association :

C. L. EILAND,	R. F. HAWKINS,	R. H. FOLMAR,
C. L. GARRETT,	D. M. EILAND,	J. P. GRAHAM,
S. O. Y. RAY,	D. E. BURKE,	P. L. MOSELEY,
T. C. MORGAN,	D. B. MILLS,	J. F. SIMS,
T. T. DOBBS,	STEVE WILLIAMSON	

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Appoint committee to read letters.
2. Names of delegates enrolled.
3. Election of officers.
4. Appoint committee on preaching.
5. Admission of new churches.
6. Recognize Messengers from Corresponding Bodies.
7. Return Correspondence.
8. Invitation to Ministers of the Gospel present, not accredited to this body, to seats with us.
9. Appoint committees to report during the session.
10. Report of committees appointed at last session.
11. Appoint committees to report at next session.
12. Report of committees present session.
13. Appoint time and place of next meeting.
14. Treasurer's report.
15. Disbursement of funds on hand.

Motions, Resolutions and Miscellaneous Business are in order at any time when there is nothing immediately before the body, and it is willing to entertain them.

MINUTES.

The Twelfth Annual Session of the New Providence Association met with Mt. Ida Baptist Church, in Crenshaw county, on Friday the 26th day of October, 1900.

Bro. W. A. Cumbie, the Moderator, being absent on account of sickness, and Bro. R. H. Hawkins, who had been appointed to preach the introductory sermon, being also absent, the Clerk, M. W. Rushton, and Bro. J. M. Mount, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association, appointed Bro. D. B. Mills, of Salem Association, to preach the introductory sermon, which he did to the edification of all present.

After preaching the Clerk called the Association to order, and on motion, Bro. C. L. Eiland was elected temporary Moderator.

Letters from the churches were then called for, which were read by John T. Watson and D. E. Burke, and the names of the messengers were enrolled as follows:

Bethel Church—J. M. Beall, Wm. Thrasher, D. E. Burke and C. C. Colquit.

Brantley—W. M. Green, W. R. Tisdale, J. B. Franklin, Jas. Hough and W. L. Davis.

Friendship—W. A. Cumbie, C. L. Eiland, George Heath and Frank Wilson.

Goshen—J. M. Nixon, L. F. Mount, R. E. L. Mount, J. B. Bryan, C. H. Johnson and A. F. Wickler.

Luverne—M. W. Rushton, Wm. Brunson, W. B. Howard and T. B. Folmar.

Mt. Ida—B. M. Williamson, M. Mainer and H. D. Stokes.

Mt. Gilead—T. R. Meadors, J. R. Jordan, W. L. Stinson and W. J. Hooks.

Mt. Zion—J. L. Barnes, J. W. Young, J. W. Rodgers, Y. M. Capps, J. M. Mount and J. B. Barnes.

New Harmony—M. W. Barrington, W. H. Nix, R. F. Hawkins, R. B. Patterson and W. H. Patterson.

Pleasant Home—J. M. Whotley, T. J. Cowart, J. M. Holland, L. A. Hudson and T. J. Boswell.

Salem—T. Q. Ray, E. F. Railey, and J. O. Railey.

Spring Hill—M. P. Williams, H. C. Loard, John Mathews, Will Mathews and Charlie Davis.

Sourlight—J. J. Watson.

On motion the Association went into permanent organization. The moderator appointed Bros. P. L. Moseley and J. F. Sims to conduct the election, which resulted as follows: C. L. Eiland, Moderator; M. W. Rushton, Clerk, and H. C. Loard, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for, but none were presented.

Correspondents were called by the Moderator, and Bro. D. B. Mills reported from Salem Association.

Bros. T. C. Morgan and J. F. Sims reported from the Alabama Association.

Bro. Steve Williamson reported from Conecuh River Association.

Bro. P. L. Moseley reported from Haw Ridge Association.

Bros. S. O. Y. Ray and J. P. Graham reported from Pea River Association.

Bro. Ray announced that he was representing the Alabama Baptist, and that he would be glad to take subscribers for it, and also that he was representing the Home Mission Board.

A recess was taken until 1:30 P. M., during which time refreshments were had on the ground.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

After devotional exercises the following committees were appointed:

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES—B. M. Williamson, M. Mainer and H. A. Stokes.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—R. H. Folmar, W. M. Green and D. E. Burks.

EDUCATION—H. C. Loard, C. C. Eiland and J. L. Barnes.

NOMINATIONS—J. R. Jordan, J. M. Whatley and J. M. Mount

INSTITUTE WORK—W. L. Davis, Wm. Brunson and Jas. Hough.

MISSIONS—J. M. Whatley, R. H. Folmar and Wm. Young.

ORPHAN'S HOME—J. M. Mount, D. E. Eiland and W. R. Tisdale.

TEMPERANCE—R. H. Hawkins, I. L. Mills, Sr., and B. M. Williamson.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—M. W. Rushton, D. E. Burks.

Bro. Ray made a most excellent speech in behalf of the Alabama Baptist, and urged the Baptists to subscribe for it and read it.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Bro. T. C. Morgan would preach at night.

The following committee on Finance was appointed: C. C. Eiland, R. B. Patterson and James Jones.

On motion a collection was taken up for the Galveston sufferers, one-half of the amount received to be sent to Bro. W. M. Harris of Galveston, and one-half to Bro. Kalin. A total of \$5.55 was received on said collection.

The Association, after singing the long meter doxology, adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Benediction by Bro. S. O. Y. Ray.

SATURDAY MORNING—Oct. 27.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Bro. J. P. Graham conducted devotional exercises.

Committee on Books and Periodicals reported. The report was read, and after being spoken to by R. H. Folmar, S. O. Y. Ray, P. L. Moseley, J. M. Whatley and John T. Watson, was adopted. Said report is as follows:

REPORT ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Books and Periodicals make the following report:

The Bible should be the standard in all homes and especially in all Baptist homes, for its teachings bring out our peculiar doctrines, and we recommend the systematic and prayerful study of this grand old book of inspiration to all, and especially to Baptists. We further recommend that our people read more religious literature and less secular literature; and we find it to be the duty of all Baptists to read our denominational papers, and especially the Alabama Baptist.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. FOLMAR,
Chairman.

Correspondents were called for, and Bro. T. T. Dobbs reported from the Alabama Association.

Bro. R. F. Hawkins stated that Mt. Pisgah church of this Association had ceased to exist, and moved that the name be dropped, which motion prevailed.

The report of the committee on Education was read, and after being spoken to by P. L. Moseley, (H. C. Leard, Chairman of the committee, giving him his time), S. O. Y. Ray and C. L. Eiland, was adopted. The report is as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to report as follows:

In order to draw out the powers of the mind and heart we must educate. The mind is capable of great expansion and wonderful grasp of thought when properly educated. We can gather instruction from various sources. We contend that the bright intellects now being dwarfed for the want of an education is to our discredit, and we admonish the Baptists of this Association to bestir themselves on this subject and to make use of all the means at hand to educate the young and rising generation. And for this purpose we recommend the Howard College and the Judson Institute, and above all would we admonish the Baptists to give their children that education so much needed at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. LEARD,
Chairman.

Bro. R. F. Hawkins moved that the above report be amended by adding the school at Newton, which amendment, after being spoken to by R. F. Hawkins and John T. Watson, was adopted.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Bro. P. L. Moseley would preach at 11 o'clock.

Bro. Moseley read the 116th Psalm. After singing: "Work, for the night is coming," Bro. R. H. Folmar led in prayer. The congregation then sang "Beautiful land." Bro. Moseley took for his text the 15th verse of the 13th chapter of Job: "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him." The picture he drew of Job and his life and character was most beautiful, and while his discourse was logical and eloquent, it was sympathetic, and brought tears to the eyes of many in the congregation.

Prayer by Bro. S. O. Y. Ray.

An intermission was taken until 1:30 P. M. During the recess a long table was loaded with choice food, and everybody invited to partake of it.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. R. F. Hawkins.

Committee on Institute Work reported. The report was read, and after being spoken to by P. L. Moseley, R. F. Hawkins, C. L. Eiland and T. T. Dobbs, was adopted. Said report is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTE WORK.

We, your committee, ask leave to submit the following: In the month of July we had the pleasure of being with Dr. G. S. Anderson at Bethel church, and witnessing his "chalk talk." He began with the text, then the object, then the subject—combining the object and subject he gets the theme—then he states his definition, then the analysis and the argument, and he replies to objections, then the means of entertainment. His plan of Bible study is to ascertain what the scriptures actually mean—not what the speaker might make it mean. We believe that very much in the direction of a theological education can be obtained by attending these Institutes; we therefore recommend that other churches solicit Dr. Anderson to hold his meetings with them.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. DAVIS, Chairman.

Bro. T. T. Dobbs suggested that the Association follow the Alabama Association in appointing a committee to raise money to purchase Bro. W. C. Avant a home. In line of appointing a committee a collection was taken up to that end, which collection amounted to \$—.

The report of the committee on Temperance was read, and after being spoken to by R. F. Hawkins, D. B. Mills, D. M. Eiland, J. F. Sims, Steve Williamson, J. P. Graham, S. O. Y. Ray and C. L. Garrett, was adopted. The report is as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance make the following report:

We fear the cause of temperance is not progressing as we would like to see it. The report on temperance of 1898 advised the churches to deal with members signing whisky petitions and drinking it as a beverage. We reaffirm said report. We fear that this report is not adhered to. Some members sign whisky petitions and drink it as a beverage, and their churches do not discipline them for the offense. We recommend all our churches to be strict in discipline in order to root out this great evil from the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. HAWKINS,
Chairman.

On motion, Searight church was granted a letter of dismission.

The report of the committee on Nominations was read and adopted. Said report is as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on Nominations, ask leave to submit the following report:

1. The next session of this Association will be held with Goshen Baptist church, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1901.

2. Delegates to the State Baptist Convention to be held at Tuska-loosa on the 13th of November next: M. W. Rushton, I. N. Langston, W. M. Green and R. F. Hawkins.

Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, to be held next May at New Orleans: C. L. Eiland; alternate, W. A. Cumbie.

3. Executive Committee—W. L. Davis, J. L. Nichols, W. R. Tisdale, Willie Mathews, C. C. Eiland.

To preach the introductory sermon at next session: I. N. Langston; alternate, R. H. Folmar.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. JORDAN,
Chairman

The Clerk, M. W. Rushton, reported that Bro. A. B. Metcalf had refunded the money mentioned in our last minutes, to him; and on motion the clerk was instructed to return said money to Bro. Metcalf in settlement of evangelistic work done by him in the bounds of the Association last year. The matter was amicably settled and no blame attached to Bro Metcalf.

The Association adjourned to meet at 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING—Oct. 27, 1900.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

After singing, Bro. J. M. Whatley led in prayer.

The Committee on Orphan's Home reported, which report, after being read and spoken to by J. M. Mount. Steve

Williamson, S. O. Y. Ray, W. L. Davis, and amended by requesting the messengers to bring the matter of sending money to Bro. John W. Stewart to build a sick room, before their respective churches, was adopted.

On motion of J. M. Whatley the following committees were appointed by the Moderator to report at the next session of this Association, after being spoken to by Whatley, Ray, Rushton and Mills:

Committee on Missions—M. W. Rushton, Walter Barrington and J. H. Holladay.

Committee on Sunday Schools—W. L. Davis, Y. M. Capps, D. M. Eiland.

Committee on Orphan's Home—W. A. Cumbie, Wm. Gilchrist, J. M. Mount.

Committee on Institute Work—R. F. Hawkins, Wm. Brunson and I. L. Mills.

Committee on Education—I. N. Langston, R. H. Folmar and C. L. Garrett.

Committee on Books and Periodicals—W. G. Gilchrist, T. R. Meaders and C. C. Eiland.

The Committee on Missions reported. Report was read, and after being spoken to by J. M. Whatley, C. L. Garrett, I. L. Mills, P. L. Moseley, S. O. Y. Ray and C. L. Eiland, was adopted. Said report is as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your committee on Missions report the following:

From our personal experience and observation the destitute portions of our Association have been shamefully neglected, and the mission cause in our bounds has been almost entirely neglected, and what little work has been done has been at our most prosperous churches, and we think to their hurt and the neglect of the weaker churches and destitute places in our bounds

It has further been our observation that we, as Baptists, meet in our Association and fifth Sunday meetings and resolute, and resolute and resolute, then go back to our home churches and do like we have been doing—nothing. We also find that our Association has done comparatively nothing for foreign missions, and there is an element in some of our churches opposed to foreign missions and almost any missions.

We, your committee, most earnestly insist that our Association investigate the causes and remedy the defects and remove the hindering cause if possible.

We further recommend that each church have its pastor do a part of the mission work in our bounds in addition to what the Executive Committee may do.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. WHATLEY,
Chairman

Bro. J. P. Graham, the evangelist employed by the Executive Committee to work as an evangelist in the bounds of the Association during the year, submitted the following report, which, after being spoken to by J. P. Graham,

C. H. Morgan and T. T. Dobbs, was adopted. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF J. P. GRAHAM, MISSIONARY FOR THE NEW PROVIDENCE ASSOCIATION.

DEAR BRETHREN: By special arrangement with your Executive Committee I began preaching about five miles north-east of Bullock, on last April, and have preached twice each trip, except two trips when I failed to have a congregation. As to results I am not in a condition to report anything very favorable, and if there is any good accomplished it is not manifested.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. GRAHAM.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, after singing several soul-inspiring songs, Bro. R. H. Folmar led in prayer. Another song was sung and Bro. S. O. Y. Ray read the last chapter of Revelation, and after prayer by him he took for his text the 22d verse of the 17th chapter of Revelation. His discourse was indeed able, strong and eloquent.

After preaching a collection was taken up for missions and the sum of \$14.35 was contributed.

At the same hour Bro. T. T. Dobbs preached at the school house, after which he took up a collection for missions, which amounted to \$3.55.

Recess was taken until 1:30 P. M., during which time a long table in the beautiful oak grove was spread with a great variety of rich and choice viands, and everyone cordially invited to partake, which they did with a relish.

The good ladies in this community cannot be excelled in spreading good dinners and entertaining messengers and visitors. All praise to them for their generous hospitality.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator.

The committee on Sunday Schools reported, which report was, on motion, adopted without discussion. The report is as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to make the following report:

The Sunday School is the church at work. The church is commissioned to go into all the world and teach the gospel to every creature; teaching them—the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the high and the low—to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

With this important commission in our hands it is indeed surprising that any church of Jesus Christ will neglect this most important work. Indeed, it is still more surprising when we realize that salva-

tion is offered only to those who believe the gospel and accept Jesus Christ as a personal Savior, and that before one can believe and accept Him as a personal Savior he must be taught the gospel. Every Christian in this wide, wide world should be enlisted in this the greatest and grandest of all works. We are very glad to say that a brighter day in this line of work is about to dawn upon the church. The dark cloud of carelessness and indifference is rapidly drifting away in our Association, among our churches and individual members, and ere long we will stand under a clear sky with hearts full of love and zeal for this great cause, standing side by side, arm to arm, and shoulder to shoulder, working in and for the Sunday Schools in this Association; and God speed the day when every one in this Association will be engaged in this work and when the New Providence Association will be known far and wide for its workers in the Sunday School. Let's make it the banner Association for its Sunday Schools and Sunday School workers in the State We can do it.

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. RUSHTON,
Chairman.

Without stating facts in detail, sufficient it is to say that in the letter of New Harmony church some complaint was made against Spring Hill church, and Bro. H. C. Loard, of Spring Hill church, brought the matter up that it might be settled in some way, but the Moderator ruled that it was a matter over which the Association had no jurisdiction, which ruling was accepted by the Association as correct.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by Bro. W. L. Davis, and adopted:

Resolved, That we feel under lasting obligations to the members of this church and this community, for the royal manner in which they have entertained us during our stay in their midst

Bro. R. F. Hawkins moved that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to investigate and settle, if possible, the trouble between New Harmony and Spring Hill churches.

Bro. H. C. Loard offered, by motion, an amendment to the effect that the respective churches appoint a committee to confer with each other and settle the trouble if they could, and if they could not, for these two committees to select others to come in and help to settle it. The amendment was accepted.

On motion of J. M. Whatley, the Clerk was instructed to have 400 minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to membership.

On motion of H. C. Loard, the Clerk was instructed to send a copy of the Minutes to the Secretaries of the State, Home and Foreign Missionary Boards.

The Executive Committee reported, and the same was read and adopted. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee ask leave to submit the following:

For this Associational year we have arranged for and held four fifth Sunday meetings: One at Goshen, in December, which was not well attended on account of bad weather; one at Spring Hill, in April, which was very well attended. In July we met with Friendship church and had a most excellent meeting. In September we had a good meeting with Pleasant Home church. We had but sixteen dollars and a few cents in our treasury, which amount we turned over to Bro. I. N. Langston to help defray his expenses as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. We, through the co-operation of the State Mission Board, had the services of Bro. I. N. Langston as an Evangelist in the bounds of our Association. We also employed Bro. J. P. Graham to preach at one of the Institute places in the Association, a few miles north of Bullock, for which we agreed to pay him \$25.00.

A number of the members of this body who were present at the fifth Sunday meeting in April, appointed Bro. W. M. Green to do Sabbath School work in our bounds and organize Sunday Schools, of which we heartily approve.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. MOUNT,
Chairman.

On motion, one-fourth of the money received at the morning services was applied to the payment, pro rate, of the \$25.00 promised to Bro. J. P. Graham, and a collection was taken to raise the balance.

The Finance Committee reported, The report was read and adopted, which is as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee on Finance, ask leave to submit the following report:

The funds and vouchers received from the different churches are as follows:

Minutes	\$20 30
Associational missions.....	14 60
Foreign missions.....	2 70
Orphan's Home	3 75
State missions.....	3 50
Three vouchers.....	27 62

Total .. . \$72 47

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. PATTERSON,
Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Treasurer begs leave to make the following report:

I have received and paid the following amounts:

For the Baptist sufferers in Galveston	\$ 5 55
For W. C. Avant.....	10 30
Collection on Sunday	17 90
From Finance Committee.....	55 55

Total .. . \$89 30—\$89 30

Paid to S. O. Y. Ray, as agent of State Board.....	\$28 95
Paid to J. P. Graham as Evangelist	18 00
Paid to W. P. McQueen for W. C. Avant.....	10 30
Paid to M. W. Rushton, Clerk, for Minutes.....	20 30
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Total amount paid out.....	\$77 55—\$77 55
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Balance on hand.....	\$11 75
The money paid over to S. O. Y. Ray was to be applied as follows:	
To Foreign Missions.....	\$ 2 70
“ State Missions.....	3 50
“ Orphan’s Home	3 75
“ Galveston sufferers.....	5 55
“ Bro. Ray, Sunday’s collection.....	13 45
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Total	\$28 95
Respectfully submitted,	H. C. LOARD, Treasurer.

On motion, the Minutes were turned over to the Clerk without having them read, to correct and have printed.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Goshen church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October next.

C. L. EILAND, Moderator.

M. W. RUSHTON, Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened with prayer.
2. The officers of this body shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.
3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have a right to call to order at any time.
4. Any member dissatisfied with his decision, may appeal to the Association, on the same day, but at no other time.
5. But one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet, and, on obtaining permission, may proceed.
6. The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from the subject under debate, or use words of personal reflection.
8. Every motion, made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, and must be decided, or withdrawn by the person who made it, before another motion will be in order, except to adjourn.
9. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall put the question fairly to the Association for decision.
10. Any member wishing to retire, shall first obtain permission from the Moderator.
11. No member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without permission of the Association, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any proposition be made to close a subject until the debate has been carried through.

12. The appellation of Brother shall be used in the Association by members in their address one to another.

13. The roll of names of delegates shall be called on Sunday morning, and no names shall appear on the minutes who do not answer, unless leave of absence be granted, or satisfactory excuse be rendered.

14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which shall tend to interrupt public speaking.

15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he shall appoint some other member to fill his chair while he is speaking; but he shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.

16. Any member violating these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator, at discretion, but only on the breach made.

17. These rules may be altered or amended by a majority of the members present, as provided for in the Constitution.

STATISTICAL TABLE—1900.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	Sunday of Meeting.	Increased by Baptism.	Increased by Letter.	Increased by Restoration.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased by Death.	Present Number.	Number last reported.	Minutes.	Orphan's Home.	Missions.	Value of Church Property.
Bethel.....	J. M. Loflin.....	J. B. Franklin, Glenwood	2	2	3	.....	1	1	.....	78	77	2 50	.....	\$11 07	.....
Brantley.....	P. L. Moseley.....	C. C. Colquitt, Brantley..	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	75	1 50	.....	8 60	.....
Friendship.....	C. L. Eiland.....	G. B. Christian, Brantley	3	5	9	.....	6	2	1	87	80	1 25	.....	4 75	\$ 150 00
Goshen.....	G. W. Harrison.....	J. M. Nixon, Goshen.....	4	13	6	2	.....	.....	.....	69	57	1 40	.....	.....	.....
Luverne.....	I. N. Langston.....	W. C. Sanders, Luverne..	1 & 3	1	8	.....	9	.....	2	59	52	2 25	.....	23 25	1000 00
Mt. Ida.....	C. L. Eiland.....	O. M. Lamar, Mt Ida.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	1	41	41	95	.....	8 10	.....
Mt. Gilead.....	C. L. Eiland.....	W. L. Stinson, Chester..	4	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	41	1 60	.....	4 97	.....
Mt. Zion.....	R. F. Hawkins.....	J. L. Eiland, Brantley...	1	4	5	.....	4	.....	1	79	75	2 00	\$.25	7 30	.....
New Mt. Pleasant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Harmony.....	R. F. Hawkins.....	R. B. Patterson, Luverne	2	.....	1	.....	5	12	1	68	87	1 50	.....	2 25	150 00
Pleasant Home.....	R. H. Folmar.....	T. J. Cowart, Johnson	4	29	6	3	1	1	1	127	89	1 75	.....	2 90	.....
Salem.....	J. F. Sims.....	S. B. Ray, Dozier.....	3	6	4	.....	1	.....	2	21	12	1 00	2 00	.....	80 00
Spring Hill.....	R. H. Folmar.....	M. P. Williams, Vidette..	1	2	6	.....	5	4	1	62	64	1 10	.....	4 40	.....
Searight.....	W. A. Cumbie.....	L. A. Parker, Searight...	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....

Associational Missions \$

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	SECRETARIES.	No. joined Church.	Number of Teachers.	Number Enrolled.	Average Attendance
Bethel.....	J. M. Worick.....	J. H. Holladay.....	.....	4	65	35
Brantley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Friendship.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Goshen.....	.....	.....	.....	5	40	25
Luverne.....	M. W. Rushon.....	.....	.....	5	40	30
Mt. Ida.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	12
Mt. Gilead.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion.....	S. E. Mount.....	.....	1	5	50	20
New Mt. Pleasant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Harmony.....	M. W. Parrington.....	.....	.....	4	20	10
Pleasant Home.....	J. M. Whatley.....	.....	.....	5	35	28
Salem.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Searight.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

NOTE—More of the churches than appear above have Sunday Schools, but the letters do not show the number of officers and members enrolled.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. *Of the Scriptures.*—We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its Author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried.

ART. 2. *Of the True God.*—That there is one, and only one, true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, worthy of all confidence and love; revealed under the personal and relative distinction of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

ART. 3. *Of the Fall of Man.*—That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and their own sinful passions, and, therefore, under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense and excuse.

ART. 4. *Of the Way of Salvation.*—That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who took on Him our nature, yet without sin; honored the law by His personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by His death; being risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in heaven and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and all-sufficient Savior.

ART. 5. *Of Justification.*—That the great gospel blessing, while Christ of His fulness bestows on such as believe in Him, is justification; that justification consists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life, not on principles of righteousness which we have done, but solely through His redemption and righteousness, that brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

ART. 6. *Of the Freeness of Salvation.*—That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation.

ART. 7. *Of Grace in Regeneration.*—That in order to be saved we must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel, and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit we bring forth to the glory of God.

ART. 8. *Of God's Purpose of Grace.*—That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being

infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of His free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the gospel; is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that, to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

ART. 9. *Of the Preservation of the Saints*—That such only are real believers as endure to the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the great mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. 10. *Harmony of the Law and Gospel*—That the law of God is the eternal, unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just and good; that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them, through a Mediator, to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel and the means of grace connected with the establishment of a visible church.

ART. 11. *Of a Gospel Church*—That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His words; that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

ART. 12. *Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper*—That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified and risen Savior, with its purifying power; that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination.

ART. 13. *Of the Christian Sabbath*—That the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

ART. 14. *Of Civil Government*—That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society, and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and Prince of the kings of the earth.

ART. 15. *Of the Righteous and the Wicked*—That there is a radical difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of God, are truly righteous in His esteem, while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse, and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

ART. 16. *Of the World to Come*—That the end of this world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.





