CHAPTER V.

Indian Atrocities—John L. Jerry—James B. Jackson— W. M. Crumley—R. H. Howren.

In 1831 John W. Talley was stationed in Tallahassee, John C. Simmons at St. Augustine and Nassau Mission. Camp meetings were then held in Florida, and were seasons of general revival. This year one was held near Tallahassee. In 1832 our only information is that T. P. C. Shelman was in Tallahassee, and thirty-six members were added to the church. In 1833 J. W. Talley was presiding elder, and James T. Johnson pastor. The district embraced all of Middle Florida, and Decatur, Thomas, and Lowndes Counties in Georgia.

St. Augustine District was served by George A. Chappell, and embraced that part south of the Altamaha.

We can now only give outline of these works; the men who served them have crossed the flood, leaving better places for us who have followed them.

The writer of these imperfect lines often pauses, searches his little library to see if this is all that can be said of these heroic men and their work, but returns to review long stretches of miles—here and there a herdsman's cabin, now and then breaking the forest solitude with songs of praise, here and there gathering a few settlers in a private house and preaching, forming little societies of persons "who earnestly desire to flee from the wrath to come, and to be saved from their sins." But who is the preach-