

ARKANSAS BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

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FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

— OF —

Caroline Baptist Association,

→ HELD WITH →

England Baptist Church,

Lonoke County, Ark.

— ON —

OCTOBER, 10, 11, and 12, 1896.

W. P. FLETCHER, MODERATOR, Lonoke.

W. F. BLACKWOOD, CLERK, Little Rock.

LONOKE, ARKANSAS, Dec. 1, 1896.

To the Baptist Churches and friends of the Caroline Baptist Association:

I have taken great pains in soliciting advertisements for this issue of the Minutes; and it is with pleasure that I commend to you the parties in their different lines whose advertisements appear in these Minutes as being trustworthy and reliable.

Cordially yours,

W. P. FLETCHER, Moderator.

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Next session to be held with Cabot Baptist Church, Lonoke
Ark., commencing on Saturday before the
second Sunday in October, 1897.

Proceedings.

ENGLAND, ARKANSAS, October 10, 1896.

Caroline Baptist Association met with the England Baptist church in its Forty-first Annual Session and was called to order by Moderator, W. P. Fletcher; devotional services led by Eld. W. V. Walls. The address of welcome was delivered to the Association by Eld. J. D. Fletcher; responded to by Eld. J. P. Eagle. Bro. Moderator, W. P. Fletcher, then made a few very appropriate remarks.

Five minutes recess. Called to order by Moderator; when the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. M. T. Webb, from text; John, 14th chapter, 6th verse.

Motion to have recess until 1:30 p. m., prevailed.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by Moderator; prayer led by Eld. R. W. Oazort.

Letters were called for when the following Messengers responded by letter:

Antioch—J. C. White and W. P. Jones.

Austin—R. F. Thurman and sister Dora Thurman.

Bald Knob—By letter only.

Baugh's Chapel—Not represented.

Beebe—Eld. M. T. Webb, Eld. J. G. Doyle and G. W. Goodman.

Baker's Bayou—Not represented.

Boone's Chapel—J. O. Eanes.

Brownsville—J. O. Watson.

Bayou Meto—Eld. J. W. Stone, W. H. Tanner and N. J. Gollick.

Cabot—Hays Sullivan, and Sisters Mary Lowman and Sallie Gingles.

Carlisle—By letter only.

Center Hill—By letter only.

Cypress Valley—Not represented.

Des Arc—Not represented.

England—J. J. Davis, J. A. South and J. W. Sheomate.

El Paso—Not represented.

First, Argenta—Eld. W. A. Tippet and W. D. Lumpkin.

Friendship—R. N. Wilkins, J. Q. Tucker and J. R. South.

Greenwood—W. S. Baldwin and J. E. Burton.

Garner—J. D. McMurry, Robert Blount and J. S. Hodges.

Higginson—Not represented.

Harmony—W. E. Howard, Dee Titus and R. H. White.

Holly Springs—By letter only.

Hickory Plains—J. W. Caskey.

Immanuel, Little Rock—J. H. Reynolds and Eld. Frank White.

Judsonia—Elds. E. C. Lide and J. S. Thomas and Bro. W. F. Condra.

Jacksonville—J. M. Stovall, J. P. Corden and Frank Sweney.

Keo—J. J. Hollingsworth, M. M. Kirsley and M. Hollingsworth.

Kensett—By letter only.

Kentucky Valley—Not represented.

Liberty—J. R. Walker, J. T. Walker and D. M. Stewart.

Lonoke—W. P. Fletcher, Eld. J. D. Fletcher, J. V. Ferguson, W. H. Eagle, L. W. Munroe, W. H. Rorie and Robert Bradford.

Lee Grove—Not represented.

McRea—J. V. Owens.

Mineral—Not represented.

At Olive—J. H. Vaughn and J. C. Vaughn.

At Non—J. R. Linder and Eld. R. W. Cazort.

At Pleasant—C. G. Barentine and S. H. Heron.

At Vernon—By letter only.

New Hope—P. S. Deal, T. J. Cato and John Petty.

Oak Grove—W. B. Howell, R. H. Wallace and L. N. Brown.

Plateau—Not represented.

Pleasant Hill—J. G. Gordon, Sister M. E. Swaim, J. H. Swaim and Eld. Geo. Thomason.

Prospect—Not represented.

Pecan Grove—H. F. Poe and J. D. Cobb.

Panola—Not represented.

Pine Bud—J. J. Dickey and J. E. Newton.

Royal Hill—Not represented.

Russell—Not represented.

Richwoods—Not represented.

Rosey—Eld. E. C. Faulkner and Henry Patterson.

Shenond, Little Rock—Eld. J. P. Eagle, Mrs. J. P. Eagle, A. W.

Edos, J. J. Roach and W. F. Blackwood.

Sharon—E. N. Davis.

Shiloh—A. T. Rodman and R. S. Fuller.

Tomberlin—Sisters Kate Buffalo and Sarah Shifflet.

Walnut Plains—L. W. Hutson, J. T. Bogard and J. T. Smith.

Walnut Grove—Not represented.

Wattensaw—Eld. O. U. Owens, T. A. Owens and J. N. Smith.

Zion Hill—W. E. Douglass and Frank Tolbert.

On motion Bro. J. O. Watson was recognized as Messenger from Townsville church.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers of the Association were duly elected: W. Fletcher, Moderator; W. F. Blackwood, Clerk; J. H. Reynold, Treasurer; and J. V. Ferguson, Assistant Clerk.

PETITIONARY LETTERS.

Petitionary letters were called for when the following responded and were admitted into the Association:

Sherill—T. C. White, P. M. Gibson.

Caney Creek—A. J. Garlington, J. N. Lee and J. A. Howard.

Providence—G. R. Gillis and G. R. Tidwell.

The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the Association.

COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Pastor J. D. Fletcher and J. J. Davis, J. A. South and J. W. Shumate, Messengers from England church were appointed.

VISITORS ADMITTED.

W. V. Walls from ———

T. C. White as corresponding messenger from Pine Bluff Association.

Eld. Orlander Osborn, visitor from Frisco Association in Territory.

Jas. Griffin, visitor from Talapoosa Association, Georgia.

Sister Annie Robinson, visitor from Hazen.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION BOARD.

(Adopted.)

Your Committee on Associational Missions submit the following:

We find from our Minutes and Missiouaries that nearly all of the territory that has heretofore been regarded as missionary ground is now occupied by small churches that are too weak to employ Pastors; and for that reason have had no preaching for the last two years; and

are not represented in this body: these churches have a total membership of 317. The churches referred to are Augusta, Baker's Bayou, Brownsville, Cypress Valley, Des Arc, Higginson, Lee Grove, Mineral Bluffs, Panola, Royal Hill and West Point. These are all very important points and should not be neglected. Therefore, we recommend a continuation of the Associational Board; but that this Association, if possible, elect a Missionary at a salary of not more than \$50 per month whose duty it shall be to visit all of these destitute churches and preach to them and solicit contributions and collect the same and pay to the Mission Board to be used by said Board as other Associational funds. And it shall be the duty of the Missionary to organize Sabbath Schools and encourage the same in all of these churches and that he be required to give his entire time to these churches.

And we further recommend that said Missionary urge all of said churches, that can, to employ for themselves Pastors and, if possible, to sustain them: and when said churches become so self sustaining then the work of the Missionary to cease at that church.

And we further recommend that the Missionary make monthly reports of his work to the Board and that said Missionary be required to hold protracted meetings at all of these churches at some time during the year.

And we recommend that if the Board, from any cause, shall fail to secure the services of the man elected by its body, then it shall be the duty of the Board to employ some suitable man for the work and said man, so employed, to be required to do the work as directed in these recommendations.

And we further recommend that liberal pledges be made by the churches of this body during the sitting of this body for the maintenance of said Missionary: and that the Pastors of the different churches be urged to lay this matter before their respective churches.

Respectfully submitted,

O. U. OWENS,
A. T. RODMAN,
J. D. COBB,
W. B. HOWELL.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY (ELD. J. D. FLETCHER.)

(Adopted.)

Having been employed for half my time---two Sundays in a month---by the Caroline Association Board, I began work July 1, 18

The following is a summary of work done:

Sermons preached 27; Recieved by baptism 15; recieved by let five; religious visits made 100; miles travelled 400. A meeting held Pecan Grove church resulted in bringing order out of confusion; newing the spiritual strength of the membership: Assisted this chu in the ordination of Bro. T. J. Landreth to the Gospel Ministr Brethren G. W. Scruggs, H. F. Poe and Wm. Bryant, deacons.

At Keo---Assisted in a meeting which resulted in much good the church by reviving and strengthening her membership.

I assisted in a meeting near Wampoo which resulted in a glori revival with thirteen additions to the Providence church. Secu Pastor for this church and raised his salary, Church very mu strengthened, hoping to build a house of worship in the near future

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. FLETCHER.

Motion carried to adjourn until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Association called to order by Moderator. Moderator announce the following standing committees:

Associational Missions: Eld. O. U. Owens, J. D. Cobb, W. H. Howell, A. T. Rodman and J. J. Dickey.

State Missions: Eld. J. P. Eagle, A. W. Files; R. F. Thurman, J. C. Vaughan and P. S. Deal.

Home Missions: Eld. J. G. Doyle, J. F. Walker, W. H. Tanner and J. J. Davis.

Foreign Missions: Eld. J. S. Thomas, Eld. R. W. Cazort, Eld. J. P. Eagle and Bro. J. E. Burton.

Obituaries: Eld. W. A. Tippet, W. D. Lumpkin, R. N. Wilkins, L. W. Hutson and W. E. Douglass.

Womans work: Sisters J. P. Eagle, Dora Thurman, Mary Lowman, Sallie Gingles, Kate Buffalo, Sarah Shifflet and N. E. Hall.

Literature: Eld. J. D. Fletcher, Robert Bradford, J. R. Walker, J. H. Vaughan and J. N. Smith.

Correspondence: Eld. R. W. Cazort, J. M. Stoval, J. J. Hollingsworth, J. H. Swaim and J. N. Owen.

Nominations: Eld. G. W. Thomason, H. F. Poe, J. G. Jordon, N. E. Verser, J. S. Hodges and O. G. Barentine.

Finance: Eld. J. D. Fletcher, J. H. Reynolds, J. Q. Tucker, T. O. White and J. A. Garlington.

Schools and Colleges: Eld. E. C. Lile, Eld. R. H. White, B. S. Fuller and D. W. Stewart.

Ministerial Education: Eld. E. C. Faulkner, G. R. Giles, J. J. Honch and G. R. Tidwell.

Temperance: Eld. J. W. Stone, G. W. Goodman, J. O. White and P. M. Gibson.

Sunday schools: Eld. M. T. Webb, J. O. Eans, Hays Sullivan and J. W. Caskey.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

(Adopted.)

To the Caroline Baptist Association

I would respectfully submit the following as my report for the year 1895 and 1896:

Amount received for Minute Fund	\$56.90	
“ “ “ State Mission	14.65	
“ “ “ Ministerial Education	10.00	
“ “ “ Home Missions	6.00	
“ “ “ Foreign Missions	2.00	
“ “ “ Associational Missions	185.30	\$274.85

Debtor

Amount paid to Minute Fund	\$56.90	
“ “ “ State Missionary (Doyle) ...	14.65	
“ “ “ Clerk of Association	15.00	
“ “ “ Missionary Fletcher	170.30	
Balance on hand	18.00	\$274.85

AMOUNTS RECIEVED FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Received from Searcy Church	\$20.30	
“ “ Argenta Church	1.10	
“ “ Lonoke Church	20.05	
“ “ Liberty Church	5.00	
“ “ Beebe Church80	\$57.25
To amount paid E. B. Miller		57.25

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY PATTERSON.

REPORT OF BOARD ON AID TO SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS.

(Adopted.)

Your Board on aid to Superannuated Ministers begs leave to report. We regret to say that we have not held a meeting during the year. We confess our dereliction of duty and beg your forgiveness. We trust this worthy work will be taken up by the succeeding Board that all of ministering brethren who come within your rules may be promptly aided.

Some individual contributions have been made to your beneficiaries. We recommend that the churches of this Association take a collection, not later than the 15th of November next, and that the same be forwarded to your Board.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES P. EAGLE,
W. P. FLETCHER.

The following pledges were taken for aid to Superannuated Ministers to be paid into the hands of the Board on aid to Superannuated Ministers:

Lonoke Church	\$10.00	Brought forward	\$38.00
England Church	5.00	A. Sullivan	1.00
Pleasant Hill Church	5.00	First, Argenta church	1.00
Liberty Church	2.50	Bro. E. C. Lile	1.00
Judsonia Church	2.50	J. W. Hollingsworth50
Jas. P. Eagle	5.00	J. H. Vaughan25
J. O. Eanes	1.00	Searcy church	5.00
Mrs. J. P. Eagle	5.00	Tomberlin church	1.00
Austin church	1.00	Walnut Plains church	1.00
Augusta church	1.00	Sherill church	1.00
Carried forward	\$38.00	Total	\$49.75

BOARD ON AID TO SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS.

(Elected by the Association.)

Eld. J. P. Eagle, W. P. Fletcher and J. J. Doyme.

Motion carried to suspend regular order of business so that resolutions of Eld. J. S. Thomas be presented.

RESOLUTION OF ELD. J. S. THOMAS.

(Adopted.)

Resolved that this Association disapprove the course of Dr.

Whitatt in connection with his new discovery—so called—and that we do not accept the truth of the same.

J. S. THOMAS.

Motion carried to suspend the regular Order of Business and a letter of dismission was granted to Church of Holly Springs.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

(Adopted.)

We, your Committee on Divine Service, submit the following report:

The Missionary sermon will be preached in this (The Baptist) Church at eleven o'clock a. m. by Eld. E. C. Faulkner.

Eld. J. G. Doyle will preach at the Methodist church at 11 o'clock a. m., and Eld. O. U. Owens at the same hour at the colored Methodist church; and Eld. E. C. Lile at the Chapel Car.

Handy school meeting to be conducted at the Baptist church by Eld. J. S. Thomas at 9:30 o'clock.

Eld. W. V. Wall will preach at the Baptist church at 7 o'clock p. m., Eld. W. A. Tippet at the Methodist church and Eld. E. C. Lile at the colored Methodist church.

J. D. FLETCHER, Chairman.

Motion carried to adjourn until to-morrow at 9.30 o'clock, a. m.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE—OCTOBER 11, 1896.

Meeting called to order by Moderator, Prayer by Eld. Orlando Osborn. Sunday school services conducted by Eld. J. S. Thomas.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

(Adopted.)

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report:

Believing the Sunday school is the church at work, we recommend and urge our churches to push the work of educating the people on this line. We find, from the report of the churches, that the Sunday school work is progressing in our Association and as much de-

pend upon this work for the success of the churches, we urge upon all church members to earnestly work in this good cause.

M. T. WEBB, Chairman.

J. O. EANS,

HENRY SULLIVAN,

J. W. CASKEY.

Recess until 11 o'clock, a. m.

Missionary sermon preached by Eld. E. C. Faulkner, from Roman 10th Chapter, 14th and 15th verses. Collection. Cash \$24.12 pledges \$1.50.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m., to-morrow.

Eld. J. G. Doyle preached at the Methodist church. Text ——— Collection \$4.25. Eld. O. U. Owens preached at colored Methodist church. Text Psalms 97 chapt. 12th verse. Collection \$3.25. Eld. E. C. Lile preached at the Chapel Car. Text John 18th chapter, 38th verse

At 7 o'clock p. m., Eld. W. V. Walls preached at the Baptist church from 1st. Corinthians, 3rd. chapter and 9th. verse; Eld. W. A. Tippet at the Methodist church from 1st Cor., 2nd chapter and 22nd verse; Eld. E. C. Lile at colored Methodist church from 15th chapter of John, 8th verse, collection \$1.

At 5 o'clock p. m., Eld. E. C. Lile preached at the Convict Camp from 3rd chapter of John, 16th verse.

MONDAY MORNING—OCTOBER 12, 1896.

Association called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Eld. J. W. Stone.

Motion carried to suspend the regular order of business as to limiting speeches to ten minutes for the mover, and five minutes for others.

Letter from Mt. Vernon church received, read and contributions paid to Finance Committee.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY (ELD. G. W. THOMASON.)

Your Missionary submits the following as his report of work done this Associational year, during the month of August: Miles travelled

Sermons preached 20; Churches organized 1; Conversions 12;
 Baptisms 9; Received by letter 10; Received by restoration 1.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. THOMASON.

REPORT OF BOARD ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

(Adopted.)

Pledges for Associational Missions for next Associational year:

Antioch church	\$ 5.00	Amount brought forward	\$32.50
Antioch church		Lonoke church	25.00
Antioch church	2.00	Mt. Olive (collect)	
Antioch's Bayou		New Hope "	
Antioch (promised)		Oak Grove	5.00
Antioch's chapel, by J. O. Eans	1.00	Pecan Grove	5.00
Antioch Metro (promised)		Pleasant Hill	7.50
Antioch church	5.00	Rosebud	5.00
Antioch church	10.00	Searcy	5.00
Antioch Argenta (will collect)		2nd. Little Rock	20.00
Antioch	2.00	Shiloh (promised)	
Antiochwood (collect)		Tomberlin	5.00
Antioch		Walnut Plains	3.00
Antioch		Wattensaw	5.00
Antioch		Zion Hill	5.00
Antioch	2.50	P. L. Gibson	1.00
Antioch		Caney Creek	3.00
Antioch	5.00	G. R. Tidwell	2.00
Amount carried forward	32.50	Total	\$129.00

REPORT OF BOARD ON STATE MISSIONS.

(Adopted.)

Your Committee on State Missions begs leave to report:

The State Mission Board is doing a good work in its department of labor in the Master's cause. This is our work and deserves our hearty co-operation and prayers. Argenta and Sherill churches in our own Association have been assisted the present year by the State Board. Owing to the stringency of the times and the fact that the State Convention at its last meeting changed its financial policy by electing that a traveling financial Secretary should not be placed in the field, the Board is considerably in arrears with its Missionaries, about eighteen in number. We earnestly recommend that our churches assist the State Board by contributing of their substance to carry on the Master's work intrusted to it.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. EAGLE,

J. O. VAUGHAN,

P. S. DEAL.

PLEDGES TO STATE MISSIONS.

Augusta	\$ 3.00	Amount brought forward	\$41.50
Beebe	10.00	New Hope (collect)	
Boon's Chapel (collect)		Oak Grove "	
Bayou Meto		Pecan Grove "	
Cabot		Pleasant Hill	2.50
England		Rosebud (collect)	
1st. Argenta		Searcy	5.00
Garner	1.00	2nd. Little Rock	50.00
Greenwood (collect)		Sharon (collect)	
Harmony		Walnut Plains "	
Hickory Plains		Wattensaw	
Judsonia	2.50	Sherill	
Liberty (collect)		Caney Creek	
Lonoke	25.00	Providence	
Amount carried forward	41.50	Total	\$99.00

REPORT OF BOARD ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

(Adopted.)

The Southern Baptist Convention has its Missionaries (90 in all) in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico and Brazil. These 90 Missionaries have to furnish the Gospel, as we believe it, to 742,000,000 people. This divided makes over 8,000,000 souls to each Missionary. It requires \$10,000 per month to carry on this work and we have no means except the collections from the churches; and to secure these all Baptists should feel personally interested.

The work has been wonderfully blessed and we should be encouraged to give liberally to this cause. The American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia, Pa., has given our Foreign Mission Board \$11,000 in Bibles and Testaments in 27 different languages to be used on the various fields and your Committee would recommend that while the churches are taking collections for Foreign Missions they also observe "Bible Day" in the interest of the Bible work of the American Baptist Publication Society. They will send you Programme any time.

J. S. THOMAS,
JAMES P. EAGLE,
J. E. BURTON.

Motion carried to suspend regular order of business.

RESOLUTION BY ELD. JAMES P. EAGLE.

(Adopted.)

Resolved that it is the deliberate opinion of this body that it is the duty of each church in our Association to contribute of their means to the Associational State, Home and Foreign Mission work, at least once a year. This would be, in a measure, obeying the last command of the Law-giver in Zion: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every Creature."

JAMES P. EAGLE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

(Adopted.)

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Home Missions, submits the following: The immense immigration that is filling our Southern States, from all parts of the world, with people of all creeds and opinions is constantly increasing the demand upon the Home Mission Board. These errors must be met and these people must have a pure gospel. We have no instrument so potent in this great work as the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. With more than four hundred Missionaries in the field, baptising six thousand converts a year, the work commends itself to us with its increasing demand. There is, perhaps, not a County in Arkansas where the power of this Board is not felt. It is now spending about \$1200 a year in our State. We, therefore, recommend that this work be explained to our churches by the Pastors and regular collections be taken for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. DOYLE, Chairman.

J. T. WALKER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

(Adopted.)

Committee on Schools and Colleges submit the following report: Your Committee, realizing that our people throughout the State are becoming more interested each year in education and the great importance of giving to their children a good christian education, we would urge that our Pastors, throughout this Association, press upon their churches the importance of patronizing and supporting our own

denominational institutions; and that the endowment of our Colleges be pushed as rapidly as possible that they may be placed in condition to more perfectly compete with the cheaper institutions of learning in our State. We would especially recommend Ouachita, Central and Mountain Home Colleges as being in every way deserving of our patronage and financial support. We would also urge upon our State Convention the importance of taking immediate steps, looking to the permanent endowment of a Theological chair in Ouachita College.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. LILE, R. S. FULLER,
D. M. STEWART, R. H. WHITE.

Motion to suspend regular order of business to hear Eld. R. J. Coleman's letter and resolution of Eld. James P. Eagle.

RESOLUTION (ELD. JAMES P. EAGLE.)

(Adopted.)

Whereas, our beloved Brother, R. J. Coleman, has, with one exception, been a constant attendant at our annual meetings for the past thirty years; and whereas illness prevents him from being with us at this meeting:

Resolved, that we extend to him our love and sympathy in his affliction, praying that the father deal kindly and tenderly with him in his present illness and in his declining years, and if in accord with His will to still spare his useful life that he may continue to preach the Unsearchable Riches of Christ as he has done for so many years within our borders and in our State. Under God he has been instrumental in turning multitudes of lost souls into the narrow way that leads to eternal life.

Resolved, further, that we greatly miss his presence and his just and wise counsel in this annual gathering.

Resolved, further, that we desire to express our love to sister Coleman who has so long and so faithfully stood by and supported her noble husband in his many years of efficient labor as a Minister of Christ.

JAMES P. EAGLE.



ELD. R. J. COLEMAN.

Considering Bro. Coleman's age and his most excellent service in our borders, I have the liberty to insert his likeness above.

W. P. FLETCHER, Moderator.]

BRO. R. J. COLEMAN'S LETTER.

Cabor, October 7, 1896.

Caroline Association:

Dear Brethren:—Thirty years ago I became a member of your Association, which embraced twelve churches and five ordained Preachers, viz: B. O. Walker, E. B. Dover, Moses Green, T. P. Boone and R. J. Coleman. Dover and Coleman are all that survive. The others

having long since gone to their reward. I have met with every member of the body except one (1873 I was crippled and flat of my back) I have witnessed its growth from twelve churches to about fifty and from five preachers to twenty odd. At that time there were only two church houses owned by the Baptists in the whole territory; Now there are ten or more. I feel profoundly grateful to Almighty God for what he has done for us. And now that my afflictions are such, and that of my wife, as to confine us to our room and bed, which makes it impossible for me to meet with you; nor do I expect to do so ever again. May God's blessings rest upon you and your work. May he continue to prosper you is my prayer. I know that my work is done and am just waiting at the River to cross over when the Master shall bid me do so. I am a poor sinner saved by grace. Read the first nine verses of the 5th chapter of 2nd Corinthians and you will get my feelings and prospects.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

R. J. COLEMAN.

The Scriptures referred to in Brother Coleman's letter were read by Eld. O. U. Owens to the Association; and then the body, led by Eld. Frank White, sang "Sweet Bye and Bye."

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by Moderator, W. P. Fletcher, and prayer led by Eld. A. G. McManaway.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

(Adopted.)

We, your committee on Ministerial Education, report as follows: While we do not believe in educating men for the Ministry, we believe in educating our Ministers—the men who are called of God to preach the gospel. We have several within our bounds who, if ever properly prepared for their life-work, must have some help from the churches. They are consecrated, worthy young men, deserving any assistance that may be given them. One Hundred Dollars will probably be sufficient to sustain them in College this year. Can the

churches afford to with-hold this amount when the giving of it will result in such great and far-reaching good? We respectfully and earnestly request every pastor in Caroline Association to take a collection for this purpose and forward to the Board at their earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. FAULKNER, JOHN J. ROACH,
G. R. TIDWELL.

Eld. A. G. McManaway, financial agent of the Ouachita College being present, addressed the Association on Ministerial Education.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION
(Adopted.)

Your Board on Ministerial Education would report that owing to the fact that some of the churches sent their contributions direct and on oversight of some others to authorize us to take notes on loans we have not as fully followed the provisions of last year as we should. We, therefore, request all contributions to be sent to the Board that notes may be taken and thus carry out the plan of creating a perpetual fund for ministerial education. We submit the following as an amendment to the by-laws:

ARTICLE V.

The Board on Ministerial Education shall aid such Ministers as are adopted by the Association for education to the extent of the funds in their hands. Loans shall be made to such Ministers and their individual notes taken to the President of the Board of Education and his successor in office, with interest at 6 per cent from due until paid. The Board shall not loan more than sufficient funds to meet the actual needs of such beneficiaries and not more than will be necessary for five months at any one time. They shall divide the funds in their hands in equal proportions as the demands of the beneficiaries may require. And the Board shall provide such stationery and printed matter as will be required to carry out the requirements of the Association.

E. C. FAULKNER, Chairman.

REPORT OF BOARD ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.
(Adopted.)

To the Moderator and Members of Caroline Baptist Association:

Bretheren:—Your Mission Board comes to you this year reporting but little done by it, and as a reason for its failure to push actively the work in the bounds of the Association would submit the following:

Feeling that the best interest of the cause demanded that an active man be put into the field last year, Brother J. D. Fletcher was induced to return to this field from Fayetteville, and was engaged by the Board to do mission work. That he did this work well and faithfully cannot be gainsaid, yet the Association, pledged as it was by the Board to pay him for his services adjourned without either settling the indebtedness or endeavoring to provide for the cancelling same in the future—a circumstance without precedent in the history of the body. However, through the efforts of your Moderator the debt was finally paid.

With this experience before us we hesitated to employ any one for the present year, yet as the months passed and nothing was being done, it was finally decided at a meeting of the Board July 17, to employ Brother George Thomason for one month at a salary of \$40 per month, and also to employ Bro. J. D. Fletcher for two and one-half months for \$75, he to be allowed two Sundays in each month for his regular appointments and to devote the remainder of his time to the Mission work. For an account of their work we would refer you to reports submitted by them.

Feeling a deep interest in the work of our Association, and believing that there is much to be done, your Committee would respectfully urge that steps be taken to so increase the pledges for Associational work that one or more Missionaries may be kept in the field the greater part of the Associational year, and that the various pastors of the Association be urged to lend their help as far as possible to the promotion of the cause.

Respectfully submitted,

O. U. OWENS, Pres. Board,
J. J. DOYNE, Sect. “

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

(Adopted.)

To the Members of the Caroline Association:

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report: We do earnestly urge the members of this Association to do all in their power and bring everything to bear to influence others to work against this great evil. The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is an evil which has attained such proportions as to make it one of the greatest evils of this age. The Bible tells us to abhor that which is evil. Again the Bible says the drunkard shall not enter the *Kingdom of God*. So let us christians (by the Grace of God) appeal to the Congressmen and Senators to help us prevent the sale of such stuff and do away with all saloons in public or private places. We do earnestly urge the notice of the saloon in the basement of the Capitol Building.

J. W. STONE, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

(Adopted.)

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report: That none of our bretheren in the Ministry have been called from this life this year, for which we are very grateful.

W. A. TIPPETT, Chairman,

W. D. LUMPKIN,

R. N. WILKINS,

L. W. HUTSON,

W. E. DOUGLASS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

(Adopted.)

We, your Committee on Woman's Work, most respectfully submit the following report: The work of Woman's Missionary and Aid Societies, in churches where they exist, have been greatly blessed of God and has been of untold benefit to the churches. The opposition a few years ago has been almost entirely overcome. The thorough and cordial endorsement of the Southern Baptist Convention, our own State Convention and many of our Associations is most encouraging and helpful. The indifference of Pastors, who have not yet realized the value of such organized effort, has retarded organization as much more than any opposition we have had to encounter. We would most earnestly recommend that Woman's Missionary and Aid

Societies be formed and encouraged in every church of this Association. That the Foreign Mission Journal, The Home Field and Arkansas Baptist be secured and read at their meetings as sources of missionary information; also that the Prayer Cards and leaflets to be obtained from the State Central Committee be used as helps in the work. We would urge that annual reports of the work of Societies be sent to the State Central Committee and that each Society send delegates to the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the State Convention which convenes annually at same time and place with the State Convention. We would further recommend that each Woman's Society shall undertake the work of organizing and fostering children's Mission Bands in the churches.

*MRS. N.E. HALL,	MRS J. P. EAGLE,
MISS DORA THURMAN,	" E. L. GINGLES,
MRS. S. E. SHIFFLET,	" J. W. LOMAN,
MRS. K. E. BUFFALO.	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.
(Adopted.)

We, your Committee of Religious Literature, regret to say that the Bible, the most important of all literature, is not prayerfully read and obeyed in our homes as it should be. We urge its more spiritual reading. After the Bible a good, sound religious newspaper—The Baptist—"Baptist Literature for Baptists." Our Convention Series and the American Baptist Society Sunday School supplies furnish all needful help for our Sunday Schools. We also recommend the Harvest Bells for music as sound in theology, sweet in spirit. We also recommend that our Sunday Schools procure their literature and books from the Arkansas Baptist Book House at Little Rock.

Respectfully,
J. N. SMITH, J. D. FLETCHER, Chairman,
J. H. VAUGHAN, R. E. BRADFORD,
J. R. WALKER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.
(Adopted.)

We, your Committee on Correspondence, report as follows: We would recommend Bro. J. P. Eagle as Correspondent to the Southern-

* Mrs. Hall was Messenger from Augusta Church.

Baptist Convention and Bro. T. J. Young as Alternate. Association Little Red River—Eld. Sutton, M. T. Webb as Alternate. Grand Prairie—J. J. Doyne, J. W. Stone, alternate. Green Brier—R. W. Confort, J. P. Linden, alternate. Pine Bluff—O. U. Owen, Ben Corn, alternate. Baptist State Convention—Bro. Jack D. Fletcher, M. T. Webb, Frank White, J. G. Doyle and E. C. Faulkner.

R. W. CAZORT, Chairman,
J. J. HOLLINGSWORTH.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

(Adopted.)

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to report as follows: We recommend that the Association meet with Cabot Church, Louoke county, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1897, and Eld. J. G. Doyle preach the introductory sermon with E. C. Lile alternate; and J. P. Eagle preach the Missionary sermon, J. D. Fletcher alternate, and J. S. Thomas as member of State Board; and as Associational Executive Board E. C. Faulkner, E. C. Lile and F. G. Briggs; and as a Board on Ministerial Education, W. P. Fletcher, O. U. Owens and H. T. Bradford; and as a Board on Aid to Superannuated Ministers, J. P. Eagle, W. P. Fletcher and J. J. Doyne. We also recommend Eld. W. P. Kime as a suitable man for Secretary of this Association for the ensuing Associational year.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. THOMASON, N. E. VERSER,
J. G. JORGAN, J. S. HODGES,
C. G. BARRENTINE. H. F. POE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

(Adopted.)

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to submit the following report on finances; from churches:

Minute Fund	\$ 49.45
Associational Missions	139.00
State Missions	27.99
Home Missions	5.01
Foreign Missions	6.10
Superannuated Ministers	3.00
Sunday's Missionary Collection	33.62
From former Treasurer	18.00
	<u>\$282.17</u>

J. Q. TUCKER, J. D. FLETCHER,
T. C. WHITE, J. H. REYNOLDS.

Letter from Harmony Church in regard to Robinson family was referred back to the church with recommendation to get local counsel in the matter, it being a matter over which the Association had no jurisdiction.

Motion carried to divide yesterday's collections, \$10 for Home Missions; \$10 for State Missions, and the balance for Associational Missions.

RESOLUTION BY W. H. TANNER.

(Not adopted)

Whereas there has been placed on our Minutes in the past, without the authority of the Association, various advertisements; and whereas we believe same to have the effect of making merchandising of our Savior's Kingdom: Therefore, be it resolved that we authorize the discontinuation of the same.

W. H. TANNER.

RESOLUTION BY ELD. E. C. LILE.

(Adopted.)

Resolved. That the Baptist Orphans' Home at Monticello is an institution worthy of our sympathy and support. We entreat our brethren to remember, substantially, the fatherless and thus exemplify pure and undefiled religion.

E. C. LILE.

RESOLUTION BY ELD. E. C. FAULKNER.

(Adopted.)

That the printing of Minutes be put in the hands of our Moderator and Clerk; that they be authorized to secure advertisements as was done last year, to supplement the printing fund; that any funds left be used by our Associational Board for Mission work within our bounds.

E. C. FAULKNER.

RESOLUTION BY ELD. G. W. THOMASON.

(Adopted.)

The thanks of this body are tendered to the citizens of England and vicinity for generous and cordial entertainment; and to the

Moderator for prompt, impartial and courteous discharge of duty; and the Clerk is allowed \$15 for his services.

GEO. W. THOMASON.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with the Cabot Baptist church, Boone county, Arkansas, at 10 o'clock a. m., on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1897. Sang "God be with you 'till we meet again." Benediction, prayer led by Eld. F. White.

W. P. FLETCHER, Moderator.

W. F. BLACKWOOD, Clerk.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
J. M. Davis	Conway	E. C. Faulkner	Searcy
B. F. Halford	Bald knob	O. U. Owens	Lonoke
M. T. Webb	Beebe	E. B. Dover	Warsaw
R. J. Coleman	Cabot	J. A. Chamblee	Romance
W. W. Nations	El Paso	J. P. Linder	El Paso
J. G. Doyle	Beebe	J. G. Melton	Cabot
J. J. Sawyer	Austin	E. C. Lile	Judsonia
G. R. Cravens	Butlerville	W. P. Kime	"
W. M. Witherington	Cato	W. A. Tippet	Argenta
G. G. Howard	"	R. W. Canort	Ward
L. L. Boone	Argenta	Frank White	Little Rock
R. H. Granberry	Lecont	W. J. Kirkland	Beebe
R. H. White	Cato	R. E. Suttin	"
W. B. Holland	"	G. W. Goodman	"
J. S. Thomas	Searcy	W. A. Crutchfield	Searcy
L. R. Corder	Jacksonville	C. G. Howard	Cato
J. D. Fletcher	Lonoke	Z. T. Rogers	Little Rock
J. W. Stone	"	W. T. Barnett	"
G. W. Thomason	"	W. M. Kelly	Keo
J. P. Eagle	Little Rock	Ben Cox	Lonoke
W. L. Dale	"	T. F. Landreth	Toltec
J. W. Fletcher	"	E. N. Davis	Cabot

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE.
Austin	T. J. Young	Austin
Beebe	R. C. Walker	Beebe
Cabot	T. M. Couch	Cabot
Carlisle	B. D. Muzzy	Carlisle
England	S. B. Canon	England
1st Argenta	A. M. Lee	Argenta
Friendship	Oscar Granberry	Lecont
Garner	J. D. McMurray	Garner
Hickory Plains	J. W. Caskey	Hickory Plains
Judsonia	F. G. Briggs	Judsonia
Kensett	J. K. Whitney	Kensett
Liberty	B. F. Sherrod	Walker
Lonoke	J. J. Doyne	Lonoke
Mt. Vernon	S. H. Keathley	Mt. Vernon
Oak Grove	W. B. Howell	Austin
Pecan Grove	I. S. Chrisman	Toltec
Pleasant Hill	Reece Swaim	Parnell
Rose Bud	E. A. Robins	Rose Bud
Searcy	J. G. Holland	Searcy
2nd Little Rock	C. E. Taylor	Little Rock
Shiloh	A. T. Rodman	Searcy
Wattensaw	J. Taylor	Wattensaw
Zion Hill	A. J. Boyd	Warsaw

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE	Sunday of meeting.
Antioch	T P Linder	S A Hutchison	Antioch	
Austin	M T Webb	N D Saunders	Austin	2nd
Augusta	Prof Baars	M M O'Neal	Augusta	1 & 3rd
*Baker's Bayou				
Bald Knob	B F Holfard	Mrs Fanny White	Bald Knob	
Beebe	M T Webb	D C Blankenship	Beebe	3rd
*Brownsville				
Boone's Chapel		H Prothro	Argenta	
Bayou Meto		N T Gullick	Lonoke	
*Baugh's Chapel				
Cabot		S R Young	Cabot	3rd
Caney Creek	Jas P Eagle	J A Garlington	Pettus	4th
Carlisle		A H Bacus	Carlisle	2 & 4th
Center Hill	W A Crutchfield	Alfred Mullen	Center Hill	
*Cypress Valley				
*Des Arc				
England	J D Fletcher	J Swaim	England	2 & 4th
*El Passo				
First Argenta	W A Tippet	J L Lee	Argenta	Every
Friendship	L L Boone	J R South	Leconte	2nd
Garner	M T Webb	W T Edwards	Garner	1st
Greenwood	M T Webb	W J Short	Butlerville	1st
Harmony	C G Howard	J w Pate	Cato	2nd
*Higginson				
Hickory Plains	M T Webb	C C Burton	Hickory Plains	2nd
Immanuel, L. R.	Dr Frank White	T H Dugger	Little Rock	Every
Judsonia	E C Lile	Rose Shenstone	Judsonia	Every
Jacksonville	W B Holland	Jas M Stovall	Jacksonville	2nd
Keo	W M Kelly	C Smith	Keo	4th
Kenset	S D Johns	J K Whitney	Kensett	1st
Kentucky Valley				
Liberty	R E Sutton	J R Walker	Beebe	2nd
Lonoke		J V Ferguson	Lonoke	Every
*Lee Grove				
McRae	R W Cozart	J G Owens	McRae	
*Mineral				
Mt Olive			Antioch	4th
Mt Vernon	S P Davis	W C Newell	Mt Vernon	3rd
Mt Pleasant	J M Davis	A J Patton	Cabot	3rd
Mt Zion	J A Chamblee	B C Aclin	Beebe	4th
New Hope	R E Sutton	P H Deal	Wattensaw	3rd
Oak Grove	J M Davis	J H Duffey	Austin	4th
Pecan Grove	T F Landreth	G W Scruggs	Cobb	1 & 3rd
*Plateau				
Pleasant Hill	O U Owens	T P Carroll	Parnell	3rd
*Prospect				
*Panola				
Providence	W M Kelly	C Williams	Keo	1st
Rose Bud	W A Crutchfield	J V Foreman	Rose Bud	2nd
*Royal Hill				
*Richwoods				
*Russell				
Searcy	E C Faulkner	Jno G Holland	Searcy	Every
Second, Little Rock		J E Daniels	Little Rock	Every
Sharon	G G Howard	E N Davis	Cabot	1st
Sherrill	J D Fletcher	P M Gibson	Sherrill	3rd
Shiloh	J A Chamblee	W M Fuller	Searcy	3rd
Tomberlins	O U Owens	J T Harper	Tomberlins	2nd
*West Point				
Walnut Plains	O U Owens	J T Smith	Barrettsville	1st
Wattensaw	O U Owens	J T Barnes	Wattensaw	4th
Zion Hill	W B Holland	A J Boyd	Warsaw	1st

*STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.							FINANCIAL.						
	INCREASE			DECREASE										
	By Baptism	By Letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Died	Present membership	Minute fund	Association al Missions	State Mis-sions	Home Mis-sions	Foreign Missions	Other Purposes	Val. Church Property
Antioch	9	1	1	2	1	1	100	\$ 150	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 300
Austin		2		5			52	1 00	5 00				96 94	600
Augusta		3		4	2	1	15	1 00	2 00				104 85	
Bald Knob				2			35	1 00		1 50				
Beebe	16	16	1	5	1	1	116	1 50		10 00			110 00	800
Boone's Chapel								1 00			2 00			
Bayou Meto		2		1	1		28	50	3 00	5 00				
Cabot	4	1					52	1 00		5 00	6 00	5 00	100 00	800
Caney Creek	3	11					26	1 00	2 00					
Carlisle	6			14			49	1 00	2 50	10 00	7 50	7 50	251 00	1570
Center Hill	17	7	5	10	1	1	159	1 50		2 64		1 00		300
England	4	1				2	51	1 50	10 00				367 50	
El Paso								2 00						
First Argenta	7	10		6		3	85	1 00		3 90	2 31	1 60	231 00	1200
Friendship	13	2	2	2			68	1 00						
Garner	6	8	1		4		42	1 00						
Greenwood		5			3	2	108	1 00		4 60			350 00	500
Harmony	8	4	1	5			97	1 50	6 90	2 00				700
Hickory Plains				8	1		38	1 00		6 12			89 10	100
Immanuel, L. R.	48	43	1	23	8	1	280	65		1 50	6 33	8 90	1 356 49	5500
Judsonia	19	6		6	2	4	250	2 50	10 00		1 85	10 00	694 23	4000
Jacksonville	7	1	3				14							665
Keo	3	2	1	7	3	1	19	50						
Kensett	20	4	1	2			60	65					57 50	
Liberty	19	5		7	1	4	133	1 50		17 00		8 80	16 90	500
Lonoke	6	5		12	3	1	271	3 00	25 00			18 00	990 00	5000
McRae		2			3		35	1 00						
Mt. Olive							39	50						
Mt. Vernon	3	1	2	5		1	90	1 00		5 00		1 00		400
Mt. Pleasant	9	1		2		1	43	1 00	2 60				550 00	500
Mt. Zion	7	10		2			51	1 00						
New Hope	3	2	1	2	4	1	100	1 00						600
Oak Grove	20	3	3	2	7		129	1 00	5 00				140 00	1000
Pecan Grove	2		2	3			60	1 50	10 50		2 60		16 50	300
Pleasant Hill	10			2	2	4	127	1 00	9 00				6 00	750
Providence	10	3	2				31	1 09	1 75				19 50	
Rose Bud	1	1		4	10	1	108	1 50	4 00	5 85			12 00	600
Searcy	16	4		11	1	6	198	2 00	5 00	18 00	17 21	17 72	743 66	2500
2nd Little Rock	15	20		24	2	4	469	3 00	10 00	86 10	62 60	123 66	2 481 28	14000
Sharon		1		15	2	2	49	50		1 00	20		20 00	250
Sherrell		1					11	50		5 00			28 70	
Shiloh			3	4	1	3	59	1 00	6 00				50 00	350
Tomberlin	13	5	1	1		2	26	1 00	7 25				30 00	650
Walnut Plains	13	1		3	1	1	62	1 00	5 00			1 00		1000
Wattensaw	1	1					70	65	5 00					
Zion Hill	15	3		5	1	1	120	2 00	2 50	2 25		2 50	50 00	900
Totals	353	198	31	206	67	48	4021	50 95	140 00	194 92	108 50	201 68	8 356 21 46	835 2250

Grand total amount collected \$9,052.2

*[Baker's Bayon, Brownsville, Baugh's Chapel, Cypress Valley, Des Aro, Higginson, Kentucky Valley, Lee Grove, Mineral, Plateau, Prospect, Panola, Royal Hill, Richwoods, Russell, West Point, not reported.]

APPENDIX.

Constitution.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the "Caroline Baptist Association," and shall be composed of Baptist Churches representing themselves by accredited Messengers. Its object shall be to provide missions, education and Sunday schools.

Art. 2. Every Church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to three Messengers, and every Church having over one hundred members shall be entitled to an additional Messenger for each additional fifty members over one hundred.

Art. 3. The session of this Association shall be annual, at such time and place as shall be appointed by the body.

Art. 4. Any Baptist Church of the same faith and practice may be admitted as a member of this Association, upon expressing a desire through Messengers and letters, to work in fellowship with us.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at each annual session, and continue in office until their successors are elected. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

Art. 6. This Association has no power to control or in any way interfere with the independence or rights of the Churches, but may advise, when asked by a Church through its letter to the Association, and it may withdraw its fellowship from any Church known to walk disorderly.

Art. 7. This Association may correspond by letter and Messenger with other representative bodies of our denomination.

Art. 8. In the absence of any officer of this Association his place shall be filled pro tempore, by viva voce election.

Art. 9. The Association may, from time to time, adopt such rules and by laws for its government as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

Art. 10. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session by the vote of two-thirds of the Messengers present in favor of the proposed amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1.

This Association may provide means to aid in the support of their aged, infirm, needy and superannuated ministers who have devoted their lives to the ministry, and who have been engaged in their last regular ministerial work for at least one year within the bounds of the Association. The Association may appoint a Board and adopt such by-laws and regulations as will be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this amendment.

By-Laws.

For Direction of the Board on Aid to Superannuated Ministers.

SECTION I.

The Association shall appoint a Board on Aid to Superannuated Ministers, consisting of three members, which Board shall be located in or near the same locality. Said Board shall hold their office from the time of their appointment until the annual session of the Association. Should a vacancy occur on said Board, the majority may select a member of any Missionary Baptist Church, a member of this Association, in good standing, to fill such vacancy. The Board shall organize once a year by electing a President, Secretary and Treasurer. Said Board shall provide such stationery as will be necessary for their use as a Board and any other necessary expenses that may be incurred in carrying on the work intrusted to them, and shall be paid out of the funds in their hands; and they shall be required to make a report to the Association each year of all monies received and disbursed.

SECTION II.

The Board provided for in Section I of these by-laws, may raise means through the Churches of this Association, or raise contributions from other sources, and in such manner as will be legitimate. They may purchase lands, make improvements under direction of this Association. The title to such lands shall be made to the Moderator of the Association and his successors in office.

SECTION III.

The Association shall at its annual meeting decide who shall be placed upon the list of superannuated ministers and direct what

amount of aid shall be furnished by the Board, and decide whether or not such beneficiary can labor in the ministry, and if so, to what extent. Provided, that if some minister, within the bounds of Caroline Association, who may come under the provisions of the constitution of this Association, may, from continued sickness of himself or his family, or for other good and sufficient causes, become a charge upon the community in which he may at the time reside, the Board may render such aid to such minister as the circumstances may require or their ability will admit of. Provided, further, that for good and sufficient causes the Board may discontinue their aid to such ministers and report their action to the Association at its next session.

SECTION IV.

The Board provided for in Section I of these by-laws shall in all cases where it is possible work in harmony with the Mission Board of this Association in supplying and giving work to such infirm or superannuated ministers as they find such ministers are capable of performing. And in no case will this Board be permitted to make pledges beyond their financial ability as such Board, nor shall they involve the Association in debt.

SECTION V.

The Board on Ministerial Education shall aid such Ministers as are adopted by the Association for education to the extent of the funds in their hands. Loans shall be made to such Ministers and their individual notes taken to the President of the Board of Education and his successors in office, with interest at 6 per cent from the time until paid. The Board shall not loan more than sufficient funds to meet the actual needs of such beneficiaries and not more than will be necessary for five months at any one time. They shall divide the funds in their hands in equal proportions as the demands of the beneficiaries may require. And the Board shall provide such stationery and printed matter as will be required to carry out the requirements of the Association.

Articles of Faith.

Abridged From Pedleton's Church Manual.

1. We believe that the Holy Bible, written by men divinely inspired, and full of unmixed truth, is a perfect rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3: 16.
2. We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Gen. 1: 1, 2; 1 Cor. 13: 14.
3. We believe that man, once holy, fell by voluntary trans-

gression from that happy state, and is now utterly void of holiness. Gen. 1: 26, 3: 17.

4. We believe that sinners are saved by grace alone. Eph. 2: 8-9.

5. We believe that men are justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Gal. 3: 6-29.

6. We believe that salvation is free to all who will accept the Gospel. Isa. 55: 1; John 7: 37, Rev. 21: 6; Rev. 22: 17.

7. We believe that, except a man be renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is not qualified or prepared for the Kingdom of Christ on earth, or to enjoy his glory hereafter. John 3: 3-8.

8. We believe that repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are the duties of everyone who hears the Gospel. Mat. 3: 2; Acts 16: 31.

9. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, by which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners. Rom. 8: 30.

10. We believe that sanctification, begun in regeneration, and ever progressive, is the process by which we are made to partake of God's holiness. John 3: 6, ch. 17; 2 Thes. 2: 13.

11. We believe in the preservation of the saints; that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. 1 Peter 1: 5.

12. We believe that God's law is the only, the eternal and unchangeable rule of His Church and moral government. 2 Tim. 3: 16-17.

13. We believe that a Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, united in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances and obeying the laws of Christ; and that its officers are pastors and deacons. Acts 2: 41-47; 1 Tim. 3: 2-8.

14. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, by a properly qualified administrator, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Matt. 28: 19; Mark 16: 16; Romans 6: 3-4.

15. We believe that only such as have been properly baptized and received into the fellowship of a regularly organized Baptist Church should partake of the Lord's Supper. Matt. 26: 26-27; 1 Cor. 11: 20-33.

16. We believe that the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath should be devoutly observed, and sacredly devoted to religious service. Mark 16: 9; Acts 20: 7; 1 Cor. 16: 1-2; Heb. 10: 25.

17. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, and that the governors of states and nations should be obeyed, when the laws they seek to enforce are not in conflict with the Gospel. Roman's 13: 1-5.

18. We believe in the future resurrection of the dead. Dan. 12: 2-3; 1 Thes. 4: 16.

19. We believe in the final judgment; and that, in that day, the

righteous and wicked will be separated forever. Acts 17: 31; Matt. 25: 32-33.

20. We believe that the righteous will be made happy forever in heaven, and the wicked miserable forever in hell, Matt. 25: 34-46.

Thanking God for the light we have received, and for the revelation of Jesus which we now enjoy; and hoping that God for Christ's sake, has pardoned our sins and having been baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ Jesus into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, we do, this day, before God and the world, and with deep joy and great solemnity, enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We therefore covenant and agree, that, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, we will walk together in love and Christian fellowship. We promise to labor for the advancement and final triumph of the Church; to sustain her worship by attending the house of God and supporting the ministry; to guard her ordinances, enforce her discipline, and defend her doctrine.

We also pledge ourselves to walk circumspectly in the world; to be honest, just and faithful in our business relations; and, as God may give us help, we promise to live righteous and holy lives.

We further promise to watch over each other in brotherly love; to visit the sick; to pray for each other and the world; to aid the poor and needy, and to perform such other kind offices as may be well pleasing in the sight of God.

Rules of Decorum.

1. The daily sessions of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

2. All exceptions to the decision of the Moderator shall be by appeal to the body, whose decision as expressed by a majority of the vote, viva voce given, shall be final.

3. In all cases of a tie vote, the Moderator shall give the casting vote, and he shall not be allowed to vote in any other case.

4. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speaking as other members, but when rising to speak shall call some other member to the chair.

5. No member shall speak but once on the same subject, more than twenty minutes at a time, except by leave of the Association, provided the mover shall have the privilege of opening and closing the debate on his motion or resolution.

6. But one member shall speak at a time, and if more than one rise to speak at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

7. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the

Moderator, and in speaking shall confine himself to the subject under discussion, and no one shall use any disrespectful or discourteous language, calculated to wound the feelings of any member, or to disturb the harmony of the body, and the appellation of "Brother" shall be used in every reference to a member of the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall absent himself without leave of the chair, and the chair shall grant no such leave except for reasonable cause.

9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make and present faithful records of the proceedings of the Association, and to procure and supervise the printing and distribution of the same among the Churches.

10. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies accruing to the Association, to pay out the same upon the order of the Clerk, or, if Home Mission fund, upon the order of the Secretary of Home Missions, and to report his receipts and disbursements. But the Clerk shall draw no order upon the Treasurer except for appropriations previously made by the Association.

11. Committees shall be appointed by the chair, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

Order of Business.

1. Opening of the session by devotional exercises and preaching of introductory sermon.

2. Reading letters and enrolling names of Messengers.

3. Election of officers.

4. Call for petitionary letters.

5. Appointment of Committee on Religious exercises; which committee will be allowed to report at any time.

6. Enrollment of names of Corresponding Messengers from other bodies.

7. Enrolling names of visitors.

8. Appointment of Committees: (1) Associational Missions, (2) State Missions, (3) Home Missions, (4) Foreign Missions, (5) Colleges and Schools, (6) Ministerial Education, (7) Temperance, (8) Sunday Schools, (9) Obituaries, (10) Woman's Work, (11) Literature, (12) Correspondence, (13) Nominations, (14) Finance.

9. Report of Association Mission Board.

10. Report of Missionary.

11. Report of Board on Ministerial Education.

12. Report of Board on Aid to Superannuated Ministers.

13. Report of Treasurer.

14. Report of committees in order.

15. Miscellaneous business.

16. Resolutions.

17. Exercises of final adjournment.