

MINUTES

OF THE

23D ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Concord Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

— **UNION GROVE CHURCH, LOGAN COUNTY, ARKANSAS.** —

September 23, 24 and 25, 1893.

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Officers:

MODERATOR—P. C. MAYS, Lavaca, Arkansas.

CLERK—R. A. ROWE, Greenwood, Arkansas.

TREASURER—JOHN H. HOLLAND, Greenwood, Ark.

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Announcements for Next Meeting.

The next session will be held with Bloomer Church, Sebastian County, commencing Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1894. Introductory sermon, J. F. O'NEAL; alternate, H. L. BEEN. Missionary sermon, J. W. NOBLES.

PROCEEDINGS.

Concord Association convened in its 23d annual session with Union Grove church, Logan county, Arkansas, September 23, 1893. The hour of 11 having arrived and F. P. Turner not being present, the introductory sermon was preached by the alternate, D. C. Yeargin, after which the moderator, P. C. Mays, called the Association to order and on motion adjourned until 2 o'clock, p. m.

At 2 p. m. the Association was called to order by the moderator. F. P. Turner, C. H. Howe and A. H. Autrey were appointed reading clerks. Letters were read from the following churches, represented by the following delegates: First Baptist Church, Fort Smith—W. A. Thrognorton and J. Ingle, Mrs. A. J. and J. S. Meek.

Boomer—A. M. Head, Joseph Herrimon, S. B. Dearmore.
Booneville—H. N. McCaslin, J. D. Corley, J. B. Weddle.
Center Valley—J. W. Nobles, A. J. Henson, Nathan Kanev.
Cynth—W. B. Mills, C. L. Gibson.
Hulksville—Thomas Rabon, Sr.
Grand Prairie—G. W. Tigner.

Greenwood—D. C. Yeargin, C. H. Howe, R. A. Rowe.
Huntington—G. W. Rodden, J. A. Finney, J. J. Alexander.
Hinson—J. W. Whittaker.

Hill Creek—A. F. Lawrence, B. F. Sumner, J. W. Rice.
H. Hope—H. F. Moseley, J. F. O'Neal.

H. Zion—A. B. Scott, T. Raburn.
H. Nebo—F. M. Blaylock, F. L. Smith.
H. National Springs—F. P. Turner.

H. New Harmony—E. A. McCall, C. Brewer, Wm. Floyd.
H. Oak Bend—W. N. Burk, E. J. Wiggins, G. T. Staton.

H. Oak Bower—A. L. Brown, W. H. Pence, P. C. Mays, H. G. Johnson.
H. Oak Grove—H. L. Been, J. A. Carter, T. Been.

H. Oak Valley—J. A. Winfred.
H. pilgrim's Rest—J. B. Flynn, Z. L. Richardson, Joseph Streeter.

H. Pine Mountain—G. W. Clevenger, John Whitiker.
H. Pauter—A. J. Williams, E. S. Murphy.

H. Prairie View—W. R. Powell, James Vaughan.
H. Ephrath—T. A. Rippey, T. C. Gee, H. G. Morrison.

H. Spring Hill—A. J. Watson, H. L. Newman, T. C. Moore.
H. Siloh—J. T. Evans, Henry Karr, W. J. Kincannon.

H. Union Grove—L. Acuff, Robert Mayhan, Jas. H. Yarbrough.
H. Westa—John Nesbitt.

C. C. Mays was elected Moderator, R. A. Rowe clerk, and J. H. Holland, treas. Moderator appointed A. J. Henson, J. A. Finney, G. W. Tigner, Jas. Penning and the deacons of Union Grove church a committee on Divine service.

Petitionary letters from the following churches represented by the following delegates were read:

Arnyville—J. J. McAllister, W. P. Martin, Wm. Crow.
Arm Vale—Samuel Thompson, Wm. Crossnoe.

Arion—J. B. Francis, J. H. Clark, R. W. Powell.
Churches admitted and the hand of associational fellowship extended the strangers.

Appointed finance committee—J. S. Meek, C. H. Howe and Alex McCall.
Report of Divine service committee for to-night: Booneville—R. C. Medaris;

Union Grove—F. P. Turner; Hickory Grove—A. J. Henson. Union Grove, W. Thrognorton at 11 a. m. and R. C. Medaris at 3 p. m.

P. Manning, A. H. Autrey, D. Hewitt, R. C. Medaris, J. W. Truelove and

M. S. Buckley were admitted to seats.

On motion moderator was given until Sunday morning to appoint the committees and the Association took up miscellaneous business.

The following corresponding delegates were appointed to the following conventions and associations, State Convention: W. P. Throgmorton, D. C. Yeargin, A. J. Henson, J. T. Evans. Alternates: H. L. Been, P. C. Mays, F. P. Turner, J. A. Finney. W. P. Throgmorton is appointed corresponding messenger and is recommended as a member of the state board. Southern Baptist Convention: W. P. Throgmorton, alternate: P. C. Mays. Associations: Dardanelle, F. P. Turner and H. L. Been. Clear Creek: J. T. Evans, Buckner: T. A. Rippy, J. N. Pennington.

D. Hewitt was allowed time to represent the Arkansas Baptist and other papers. Adjourned till Monday morning 8 o'clock.

SUNDAY.

W. P. Throgmorton preached the missionary sermon at the request of A. J. Henson. Text, Matthew 24, 14. Missionary collections: \$17.45. Usual committees announced by moderator as will appear from names to respective reports. It was announced by the committee that J. W. Truelove would preach at Union Grove.

MONDAY.

At 8 the body was called to order, prayer by A. L. Brown, opening, usual form, F. M. Merchant of Dardanelle association and L. J. Burt of Charleston association were seated as visitors. On motion John H. Holland, John Nesbitt and J. A. Finney were appointed a committee on constitution. On motion the Clerk was ordered to have printed 1,000 copies of the minutes and that the clerk be allowed the remainder of the minute fund. A resolution was offered to divide the associational district which after discussion was tabled. R. C. Medaris was selected to preach at 11. Report of Committees adopted.

WOMEN'S WORK.

Your committee on women's work report as follows: The following churches have women societies: Booneville, Enterprise. Ft. Smith, Huntington and Greenwood. We recommend that these societies be encouraged and that others be formed in those churches without them, we suggest to those societies to specially aid associational missions, W. P. Throgmorton and G. T. Staton.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We your committee on religious literature beg leave to submit the following: First we believe the Holy Bible the inestimable gift of God to man, and that it should be prayerfully searched by our brotherhood, since it alone must be the rule of their faith and practice. Second: We recommend that the convention series published at Nashville be adopted as far as possible by our Sunday schools and that every Sunday School have a regular circulating library full of books that present our claims to the church of Christ. Third: Believing that our strength lies in our co-operative work and that the Arkansas Baptist is the chain that will unite us as so many links and give us that sympathy and knowledge of each others work and necessities and of the destitute parts of our field as will stimulate us to the greatest efforts, we deem it eminently worthy of our confidence and patronage. Fourth: We recommend Harvest Bells because we believe it to be the Gospel in song as the best hymn book, F. P. Turner, H. G. Johnson, H. F. Mosley and L. Acuff. Roll read and corrected. At 11 the association adjourned for preaching and R. C. Medaris, owing to the pressure of business before the association, was excused.

NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on nominations would recommend J. F. O'Neal to preach the introductory sermon and H. L. Been alternate, J. W. Nobles to preach the

Missionary sermon on Sunday.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

W. P. Throgmorton, John W. Mashburn, C. H. Howe, H. L. Been and W. A. Marshall. We recommend that the next session be held at Bloomer, Sebastian county, J. J. McAllister, chairman.

HOME MISSION.

Your committee on home missions beg leave to say that the home board is making great effort to send the gospel to all places of destitution. 368 missionaries baptized 5,274. Total additions to the churches under their charge 11,247. This is enough to stimulate us. We recommend that a collection for home missions be taken up from all the churches. The Macedonian cry is heard but the laborers are few. Can we afford to stand by and see other associations and states do the work? No, let us come to the front with our money and prayers and carry the gospel to every place. We recommend the "home field." A. J. Benson, J. J. Alexander and C. Brewer.

FOREIGN MISSION.

Your committee on foreign mission submit the following: We are impressed with the duty, as the church of Jesus, to give the gospel to "all the creations" by a number of imperative facts. First: It is a fact that Jesus commanded it to be done. Second: It is a fact that he and the apostles, and the first church, exemplified the sublime importance, and the true method of performing it. Third: It is a fact that the World—many of every nation are in eminent need of the Gospel. Fourth: It is a fact that Baptists having embraced the whole world are most solemnly charged with its proclamation. There are other facts due to encourage us, many nations hitherto bitterly and stubbornly resisting the introduction of the gospel, have in the last few years, opened their doors, and are encouraging and securing our missionaries against perils to life and liberty and invites his people into every field and to occupy the same. Wm. Carey was a missionary ninety-five years ago. Now there are fifty missionary societies with more than 2,000 missionaries. The Sandwich Islands until 1820 devoted to idolatry, enjoys the gospel to a larger per cent than many of the civilized nations. Twenty-five per cent of its population being converted within the seven years of the introduction of the gospel. The eighty Fiji Islands thirty years ago were cannibals. Population 200,000, 100,000 attend churches. Largest population is on Hawaii Islands, 4,500, Indies 250,000,000 christians 700,000, Persians 35,000,000 christians 15,000, Siam 8,000,000 christians 3,000, Tartary 20,000,000 christians 100,000, Persians 7,500,000 christians 5,000, to these add 100,000 christians in the American mission field. Isles of the sea 400,000 the result of 100 years labor and the investment of \$24,100,000 the conversion of 100,000. In 1783 nothing in the way of an organized effort was done for evangelizing the world. In 1808 \$100,000, in 1828 \$1,000,000, in 1842 \$2,000,000, in 1868 \$10,000,000, in 1870 \$6,000,000, in 1878 \$10,000,000 were raised for this work. It is estimated that of 1,500,000,000 people in the world one-third are nominally christians. Of these 500,000,000 Chinese 75,000 are christians. We recommend that the churches make collections periodically for this cause and that they take the "Foreign Mission." W. A. Powell, A. M. Head, T. P. Manning.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Your committee on Sunday Schools submits the following. We regard the study of the Bible the most important of all studies and the Sunday school as the best place to teach it, we urge the ministers and members of every church to sustain a Baptist Sunday school, the last state convention organized a state Sunday school work and appointed a state Sunday school and bible board of five members who reside at Jonesboro Arkansas which appointed R. C. Madaris Secretary and Evangelist who is carrying on the work throughout the state and we recommend first: that our executive board in connection with the state

evangelist hold one or more Sunday school conventions within the association the ensuing year. Sec.: That the churches contribute liberally for the support of the state Sunday school work. Third: That we invite the missionaries of the state Sunday school board to visit and labor in our field and we recommend that in so doing they have the hearty sympathy and support of all our churches, H. L. Been, A. J. Ingle, John Nesbitt and W. H. Pence.

R. C. Madaris presented plans of Sunday schools and took up \$80 subscription. Adjourned till 1:30.

AFTERNOON.

House called to order. Your committee on state missions report as follows: The statistical table appended to our minutes for this year shows that our churches have done a little for the state work, and the state board has done but little, which is deplorable, but we hope for better things, if we would do our part we must make contributions to the state, backed by sympathy and prayers, we recommend that our association continue to co-operate with the state convention, and that every church take at least one public collection during the month of December, and that every pastor explain frequently the state mission work to his people. D. C. Yeargin, J. B. Flynn and J. W. Truelove.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Brown, A. L., Lavaca,	Little, R. T., Booneville,
Brewer, J. F., Alina,	Moore, D. L., Greenwood,
Been, H. L., Greenwood,	McLendon, D. H., Lavaca,
Boydston, R. D., Charleston,	Mays, P. C., Lavaca,
Caldwell, Wm., Hackett,	Nobles, J. W., Auburn,
Evans, J. T., Pauline,	O'neal, J. F., Etna,
Flynn, J. B., Charleston,	Renfro, S. M., Lavaca,
Fowler, H. R., Burnville,	Reed, —, Enterprise,
Greenlee, Wm., National,	Rippy, T. A., Greenwood,
Herndon, W. B., Witcherville,	Throgmorton, W. P., Ft. Smith,
Henson, A. J., Auburn,	Turner, F. P., National Springs,
Hartsfield, J. J., Excelsior,	Truelove, J. W., Caulksville,
Johnson, H. G., Lavaca,	Watson, J. T., Greenwood,
Jackson, A. S., Etna,	Watson, A. J., Chismville,
Karr, Henry, Webb City,	Yeargin, D. C., Greenwood.

FINANCE.

Your Committee on finance beg leave to submit the following:

Amount collected for minutes	\$38.40
Amount collected for Associational missions	28.00
Amount collected for State missions	9.60
Amount collected for Home missions	2.05
Amount collected for Foreign missions	9.05
Total amount paid by delegates	87.10
Sunday collections	17.45
Total from all sources	104.55
Amounts collected and paid to W. B. Herndon by churches:	
Fort Smith church	42.50
Judson, \$15.00, Sulphur Springs \$1.05	16.05
Total	58.55
Amount paid A. J. Henson in the field	27.65
Amount paid by board	7.55
Total	35.20
Amount paid State board	64.05
Amount paid Home mission, Atlanta Ga.	34.80
Amount paid Foreign mission, Richmond Va.	58.70
Total	157.55

RECAPITULATION.

Total collected for State missions.....	\$73.69
Total collected Home missions.....	36.85
Total collected for Foreign missions.....	67.75
Total collected for associational missions.....	122.05
Total paid out on State missions.....	\$61.05
Total paid out on Home missions.....	34.80
Total paid out on Foreign mission.....	58.70
Total paid out on associational missions....	93.75
Total on hand State mission.....	9.60
Total on hand Home mission.....	2.05
Total on hand Foreign missions.....	9.05
Total on hand associational missions.....	28.30
	\$300.30 \$300.30
Total paid treasurer for missions and minutes.....	\$87.10
Sunday collection.....	17.45
Total paid treasurer.....	\$104.55

J. S. Meek, L. A. McCall and C. H. Howe

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

This is an age of thought and men who engage in earthly pursuits are trained to think, and this is because men recognize that knowledge is power. If it is necessary in worldly matters, is it not important our men who preach the gospel be trained to think? Our people are being educated and unless our ministers are educated they cannot expect our people to attend upon their ministry. There is no excuse for our ministers failing to educate themselves, for all can secure a Bible, of which they are to have a clear, comprehensive knowledge, and God is willing to give every servant of His the Holy spirit to lead him. The Baptists of Arkansas have two first-class colleges—Ouachita and Mountain Home—where their ministers can acquire an education. We recommend those desiring to attend these colleges to write, J. W. Conger, Arkadelphia, Ark., or W. S. Johnson, Mountain Home, Ark. We also recommend that all our ministers who can attend for one or more sessions the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Write W. H. Whitsitt concerning it. Respectfully submitted, R. C. Medaris, J. W. Whittaker, J. D. Corley, A. P. Scott.

Resolution that the clerk buy 500 copies of associational letters and mail to every church clerk two months before next association. Adopted.

Constitution amended to place missionary sermon in hands of committee on Divine Service.

Resolution passed that missionary money be sent to the boards as collected.

Resolution passed that next 5th Sunday meeting be held at Mt. Nebo and that D. C. Yeargin, C. H. Howe and G. N. Spradling get up the programme.

CONSTITUTION.

Your committee on Constitution recommend that it be so amended as to require it to be printed in the minutes every year. John H. Holland, John Nesbit, J. A. Finney.

OBITUARIES.

Your committee on obituaries report fourteen of our brethren and sisters have fallen asleep since the last meeting of this body. Mary A. Summers, of Mill Creek church departed this life, April 15, 1893. E. Russell, of Bloomer church, January 23, 1893. A. J. Hays and Emily _____, of Prairie View church, February 14, 1893. F. M. Floyd, of New Harmony church, Sept. 14. Sister Ray, of Oak Bower church, Jan. 13, 1893. Sisters Ulmer and Powell, of Fort Smith church. Bro. Mayfield, of National Springs church, Aug. 23, 1893. Sister Martha McDaniel, of Oak Grove church, Sept 1, 1893, and Eld. G. W. Allen, of Greenwood church. We regret that names and dates of death of all are not given. We

recommend that hereafter every church send names and date of deaths in their letters, of their deceased members. J. F. O'Neal, John H. Holland, Samuel Thompson, F. M. Blaylock.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Executive Board report: That shortly after the last Association we employed W. B. Herndon as missionary for all the district lying west of Big Creek for what he could raise in the field, the Board not agreeing to pay him any salary. A. J. Henson was employed in the territory east of Big Creek for what he could raise on the field from April 15 to July 1st, after which the Board agreed to pay him \$25 00 per month. He reports: Days labored 105; sermons preached, 80; Sunday school addresses, 3; miles traveled, 637; religious visits, money received from all sources, \$35.20. As he has received since July 1st only \$17.85 we find a balance due him of (which is paid) \$52.15. Respectfully submitted, F. P. Turner, R. A. Rowe, C. H. Howe, L. H. McClendon, H. H. Townley.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your committee on ministerial support find many of the churches acting nobly, but the majority are not doing what they should in sustaining their pastors. We, therefore, recommend that the deacons of every church become responsible to the pastors for their salary, and that the churches co-operate with their deacons in the support of the gospel everywhere. J. A. Finney, Henry Karr, W. R. Powell.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount received from finance committee.....	\$87.00
Sunday collection.....	17.40
Balance from last year.....	1.00
Total.....	\$105.40
By amount paid clerk for minutes.....	\$38.10
By amount on hand to balance.....	66.45

JOHN H. HOLLAND, Treasurer

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on temperance report: Resolved, That this association is unalterably opposed to the whiskey traffic as one of the worst evils the church has to contend with. We recommend that the body carry out the following resolution: Resolved, That we urge our churches to discontinue in fellowship any person who publicly advocates the licensing of drinking saloons, or who invests money in the saloon business, or who allows his property used for it in any way. J. H. Nobles, T. A. Rippy, L. Been.

ROMANISM.

Resolved, that we view with alarm the constant encroachments of Romanism against the institutions of our country, and that we specially denounce the recognitions given by our government by various departments to the claims of the Pope and his representatives.

HOSPITALITY.

Resolved that we tender our thanks to the Union Grove church and community, and adjacent neighborhood, for their generous hospitality in entertaining this body.

In view of the great need of increased missionary work in our association bounds: Therefore be it resolved; That we pledge ourselves as pastors, singers and representatives of the churches of the association that we will urge our respective churches to take up a special collection during this fall and place it in the hands of the Executive Board that good work may be done.

Farewell address by moderator, prayer by Henry Karr, Song and parting hand. On motion adjourned to meet with Bloomer church, Sebastian county, Arkansas, Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1894.

R. A. Rowe, Clerk.

P. C. MAYS, Moderator

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the North Concord Association of Western Arkansas.

Art. 2. It shall be composed of messengers from Baptist Churches known to be in good standing. Each church with fifty members or less shall be entitled to three messengers. Each additional fifty members shall entitle the church to one additional messenger.

Art. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session and shall continue in office till their successors are chosen.

Art. 4. Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage.

Sec. 2. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings, attend to the publication of, and distribution of the minutes. Keep a regular file of the printed minutes of the body, and deliver the same to his successor in office.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Association, holding them subject to order from the Association or its executive committee, render an account of the same to the annual session of this body.

Art. 5. The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship among the churches: to secure unanimity of faith: to encourage concert in operation and especially to cultivate the piety of the churches and to aid in this last object several days of each session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

Art. 6. Sec. 1. This Association shall in no case interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but will act as an advisory council whenever it shall be necessary.

Sec. 2. It however, claims authority over its members, the messengers from the churches and will withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact, by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

Art. 7. Newly organized churches or churches dismissed from other Associations may be admitted into this body upon application by letter and messengers at our annual meeting, and subscribing by their messengers to the abstract of principles herewith published.

Art. 8. Churches may be dismissed from the Association, upon application at an annual meeting, for the purpose of joining a new association but any church departing from us without being regularly dismissed shall be regarded as disorderly.

Art. 9. Sec. 1. There shall be an executive committee consisting of the officers of this body with five members chosen by the Association at each annual meeting.

The duty of this committee shall be to superintend the missionary operations of the associations and represent it in all matters requiring their attention when the association is not in session.

This committee shall report annually at each meeting to this association. Three members of said committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business upon the appointment of said committee, they shall come together and arrange their meeting and take such other step as may be to the interest of the cause of Christ.

Sec. 2. The regular committee of this association shall be a committee on associational missions who shall report the mission work of the missionaries of this body and make such suggestions pertaining thereto as they may deem appropriate.

A committee on foreign missions to make such report and suggestions as may further the cause of foreign missions. A committee on documents to report any request etc. presented to this association. A committee on religious liter-

ature to recommend such literature as may best promote the cause of truth. A committee on ministerial support, to suggest means and plans for the support of the Gospel Ministry. A committee on Sunday schools, to report the Sabbath school work of the churches, and make suggestions for the furtherance of the Sabbath school interest. A committee on ministerial education to report what may have been done and suggest means for the education of our young ministers. A committee on nominations, to nominate brethren to preach the introductory and missionary sermons, and recommend a place for the succeeding meeting of the association. A committee on temperance to report on same. A committee on obituaries. A committee on Queries, to report on queries presented to this association. A committee on finance, to look after the finances of the association and report the same to the association.

Art. 10. It shall be the privilege of the association, in addition to its power already granted, to conduct missionary operations within its limits, and for this purpose to choose a missionary or missionaries as means may allow and designate the fields of labor and pay them quarterly through their treasurer, out of any funds to be sent up along with the funds for publishing the minutes to every annual meeting.

Art. 11. The annual meeting of the association shall embrace the Lord's day, and shall begin at 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday before the second Lord's day in October at which time the introductory sermon shall be preached. On each succeeding day the association shall adjourn at 11 o'clock, a. m., for preaching.

Art. 12. This constitution may be altered or amended, except as to Art. 6, section 1, at any regular meeting of the association, by the two-thirds vote of the members who are in attendance.

Amendment 1, Art. 13. No person shall serve as moderator of this body more than two terms in succession. Amended 1882.

Amendment 2. The constitution shall be published annually in the minutes of this association. Amended 1893.

Amendment 3. Missionary sermon is placed in hands of Divine service committee.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe there is one, and only one true and living God, Jehova, and that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments are the Word of God, constituting the only and all-sufficient standard of faith, doctrine and discipline or practice.

3. We believe that election is the sovereign exercise of that Eternal Love by which God hath, according to his infinite wisdom, chosen his people in Christ before the world was, and has predestinated them unto the adoption of children through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, and doth keep them by his power through faith unto salvation.

4. We believe that man was created holy, but by wilful violation of the law of his maker he fell into a state of sinfulness and brought death upon his race, who being by natural descent in the unholy image of Adam and children of wrath by nature and without natural or spiritual power to live a holy life or attain to a happy state.

5. We believe that sinners are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ and no other way.

6. We believe that, in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration is effected by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, and the proper evidences thereof are repentance, faith and obedience unto God.

7. We believe that such only are believers as endure unto the end in holiness of life and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

8. We believe the scripture teaches that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating spirit of God.

9. A Christian church is a congregation of immersed believers who meet statedly, and have covenanted together to maintain the ordinances of Christ, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges in the New Testament appertaining to the church of Jesus Christ.

10. The only proper officers of Christian churches are bishops or pastors and deacons.

11. Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit by a regularly ordained Baptist minister in good order.

12. The Lords Supper is a positive commemoration ordinance of Jesus Christ to be observed in the church as such, in remembrance of Christ, and to show forth his death till he comes.

13. The first day of the week is the Lord's-day and should be observed as a day of rest from common labor and all worldly business and devoted to religious duties.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment and that the felicity of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call of Association to order by former Moderator, or, if absent, by the Clerk or Moderator pro tem.
2. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers.
3. Election of Officers, by ballot.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committees on divine service.
6. Call for letters and messengers from corresponding Associations.
7. Visiting brethren invited to seats.
8. Appointment of committees.
9. Appointment of corresponding messengers.
10. Miscellaneous.
11. Calling the roll.
12. Call for reports of committees.
13. New business.
14. Appointment of place for next meeting.
15. Reading the minutes.
16. Valedictory, by Moderator; prayer and parting hymn.

Total No Churches, 32

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. An introductory, an missionary sermon shall be preached by ministers, chosen by ballot at the preceding association. In case of absence or failure of a minister, a sermon on either to be preached by an alternate chosen at the same time in the same way. Some brother shall also be chosen to deliver a temperance address.
3. A committee of arrangements consisting of five members; beside the moderator and clerk, who shall be members ex-officio, shall be appointed by the association, to arrange and report the order of business.
4. Visiting brethren who are in good standing may be invited to seats but not to vote.
5. A member not satisfied with any decision of the moderator may make an appeal to the association on the same day, but at no other time.
6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise, address the moderator, and upon obtaining leave shall then proceed.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or uses words of personal reflection, and then by the moderator.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, unless withdrawn by him who made it. Every case taken up shall be decided or withdrawn before another is introduced.
9. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the moderator shall take the voice of the association by yeas or nays or otherwise.
10. A member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the moderator.
11. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without the permission of the association.
12. The appellation of "brother" shall be used in the association, by the members in their addresses one to another. Letters that are unknown to the members, such as "Rev.," "Parson," and the like shall not be employed or upon the minutes.
13. The names of members shall be called as often as the association meets.
14. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time he shall not vote on any question unless the association is equally divided.
15. Any member violating these rules may be reproved by the moderator at his discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.
16. These rules may be amended or altered at any regular meeting of the association by a majority vote of the members present.

