

PROCEEDINGS.

ARKANSAS COUNTY, September 30th, 1869.

The Mt. Vernon Baptist Association met this day, with the Rising Sun Church, according to its adjournment.

Eld. J. M. Cox appointed for that purpose at the last meeting, preached the introductory sermon from 1st Tim. iii. chap: v. verse—"But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." After which an intermission of ten minutes was announced.

1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The delegates to compose the association assembled for business—the former Moderator in the chair. Prayer by Eld. J. H. Robert. The letters from the churches which are constituent members of this body were called for and read, and names of delegates enrolled to-wit:

Helena Church—Elds. W. D. Mayfield, J. G. A. Davis.

Trenton Church—Eld. W. H. Robert, S. H. King.

Salem Church—J. F. Jarrett, W. H. Henderson.

New Hope Church—Lewis Wells, Eld. J. K. Murphy, Moderator.

Spring Creek Church—H. P. Slaughter.

Liberty Church No. 2—E. T. Mitchell, W. E. Jeffress, S. Downs.

Oak Grove Church—R. J. Bickerstaff, H. McCrary.

Rising Sun Church—W. R. Marshall, A. B. McDowell, J. Ragan.

Lynn Grove—John Walker, F. M. Powell, J. R. Walker.

Big Creek Church—G. W. Gardner, J. M. Bunyard, R. H. Tier.

Shiloh Church—Eld. W. M. Raper, J. R. Capshaw, J. H. McLaughlin.

De Witt Church—E. Ireland, A. H. Reynolds, J. H. Merrett.

Philadelphia Church—A. J. Wyatt.

Pleasant Grove Church—T. B. Carrol.

Mt. Gilliad Church—W. H. Dinkin.

Point DeLuce Church—Eld. J. T. Marshall, W. W. Chambers, W. P. Debolt.

Ash Grove Church—Eld. J. M. Cox, no Letter.

New Hope Church No. 2—D. W. White, J. C. Bell.

Bible Union Church—Peter Parker.

The association then proceeded to the election of officers for the present year, which resulted in the choice of Bro. H. I. Slaughter, Moderator; S. H. King, clerk; W. D. Mayfield, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

The Moderator then extended an invitation to visiting brethren to take seats with us, and aid us by their counsel—accepted by Eld. Chambers, of Kentucky. Petitionary letters were received from, and the following churches received members of the association, to-wit:

Pleasant Grove Church, Cotton Plant, Woodruff County, Arkansas.

Mt. Gilliad Church, Clarendon, Monroe County, Arkansas.

By request of the members the constitution of the association was read by Eld. W. H. Robert.

On motion, Moderator appointed a committee on religious exercises, consisting of brethren Thomas McAdams, J. Ragan, R. J. Bickerstaff, W. W. Chaney, J. W. Bunyard. Reported as follows: To-night, at candle-light, Eld. J. K. Mayfield; to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, Eld. W. D. Mayfield.

After spending a short time in devotional exercises the association adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. W. M. Raper. Minutes read and adopted. Committee on Finance appointed, consisting of brethren J. H. Merrett, E.

McNeill, and W. E. Jeffrees. Bro. Barnett invited to sit with us. Called for report on Education, when none of the committee pointed at the last meeting being present, except Bro. Marshall, further time was allowed, and brethren W. H. Robert and K. Murphy added to the committee.

Committee on Domestic Missions appointed—consisting of brethren J. M. Cox, W. M. Raper, and W. W. Chaney.

Further time allowed Bro. Cox to report on Temperance.

Report on Sunday Schools submitted by Bro. W. D. Mayfield, accompanied by an earnest appeal to the Association to build up Sunday Schools throughout its bounds. Other appeals were made urging upon this body the importance of the subject. Report received and adopted. See Appendix A.

The following members pledge themselves to organize Sunday Schools: Eld. J. K. Murphy, at Mariana; W. E. Jeffrees, Liberty No. 2; J. T. Marshall, Point DeLuce; Bro. Ragan, Rising Sun; New Hope No. 2, D. W. White and Bro. W. Raper at Shiloh.

Adjourned for services by Bro. W. D. Mayfield, who preached from 1st Cor. 16th chap. xx verse: "If any man love the Lord Jesus Christ let him be Anathema Marantha.

12½ O'LOCK, P. M.

Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Chambers. Bro. Mayfield moved to appoint ten delegates to the State Convention, to assemble at Helena, the 11th day of November next.

The following delegates were appointed: Brethren J. M. Cox, W. M. Raper, J. T. Marshall, W. H. Robert, Jas. Wyatt, P. Slaughter, A. H. Reynolds, J. A. Gibson, L. Wells, S. King.

The church at DeWitt was selected as the next place for the meeting of this body. Introductory by Eld. W. D. Mayfield; J. W. H. Robert, Alternate.

The clerk was instructed to have Constitution and Articles of Faith as published in 1866, published in the next minutes of Association. The clerk was further instructed to have the same printed wherever he could get it done the cheapest.

Moved and adopted that the clerk be allowed ten dollars for his services. Moved to adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Eld. J. T. Marshall.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Jas. Wyatt.

Moved to suspend reading of minutes until evening.

Bro. Raper moved to divide the Association into four Districts, and a committee for that purpose was appointed, consisting of Brethren J. M. Cox, W. D. Mayfield, W. M. Raper, W. H. Robert, J. T. Marshall.

The following resolution was introduced by Bro. W. D. Mayfield:

Resolved, That this Association be divided into four Districts, and that each District have a meeting on every fifth Sabbath during the year, to which the churches are requested to send delegates, and the ministers to attend.

The following resolution was introduced by Bro. W. DeBolt:

Resolved, That the churches be requested to report at the next session of this body, the amount that each may have raised during the Associational year for any and all the objects claiming their attention, including the support of their Pastors and the erection or improvement of worship. Resolution received and adopted.

Eld. J. M. Cox, Chairman of Committee on Domestic Missions, made report. See Appendix B. After much discussion by brethren Mayfield, Davis, Cox, Robert, Barnett and Marshall the report was adopted. Adjourned for preaching by Eld. W. H. Robert.

SATURDAY EVENING, 2 O'CLOCK.

Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. J. T. Marshall.

Eld. J. M. Cox, Chairman to Committee divide the Association into Districts reported as follows:

* 1st. District—Rising Sun, DeWitt, Big Creek, New Hope No. 2, Point DeLuce, Liberty No. 2.

2nd. District—New Hope, Helena, Spring Creek, Grove, Blackfoot, Trenton, Salem.

3rd. District—Shiloh, Bethel, Linn Grove, Philadelphia, Ash Grove, Mt. Gilliad, Pleasant Grove.
 4th District—Mt. Vernon, Hopewell, Bible Union, Forrest City, Liberty.

The following places were selected for 1st District meeting:

1st. District—DeWitt, 5th Sabbath in October.

2nd. District—Trenton, “ “ “ “

3rd. District—Shiloh, “ “ “ “

4th. District—Mt. Vernon 5th “ “ “

J. T. Marshall, Chairman Committee on Education, submitted report. See Appendix C. Report received and adopted.

Moved and carried that the subject of “feet washing,” be dropped.

The following Executive Committee was appointed: H. P. Slaughter, S. H. King, W. D. Mayfield, T. M. Jacks, J. Q. Taylor.

Moved and carried to appoint one from each church to correspond with the Executive Board:

<i>Rising Sun</i> —Thomas McAdams.	<i>De Witt</i> —A. H. Reynolds.
<i>Big Creek</i> —J. M. Buryard.	<i>New Hope No. 2</i> —J. C. Bell.
<i>Paid Delue</i> —J. T. Marshall.	<i>Liberty No. 2</i> —E. T. Mitchell.
<i>Noe Hop</i> —C. W. Hickey.	<i>Helena</i> —J. G. A. Davis.
<i>Spring Creek</i> —E. L. Black.	<i>Oak Grove</i> —R. J. Bickerstaff.
<i>Blackfoot</i> —A. G. Jarman.	<i>Trenton</i> —Dr. J. C. Robert.
<i>Sabb</i> —J. F. McLaughlin.	<i>Rebels</i> —Rev. E. Holland.
<i>Lin Grove</i> —John Walker.	<i>Philadelphia</i> —Jas. Terntin.
<i>Ash Grove</i> —Richard Hood.	<i>Mt. Gilliad</i> —Thomas Mathes.
<i>Mt. Vernon</i> —Jas. Thompson.	<i>Hopewell</i> —George Blassit.
<i>Bible Union</i> —Peter Parker.	<i>Forest City</i> —R. P. Davant.
<i>Liberty</i> —A. E. Lockhart.	<i>Salem</i> —J. F. Jarrett.
<i>Pleasant Grove</i> —Thomas Webb.	

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be returned to the members of this church and community generally for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association during its present session, and that this resolution be read at 11 o'clock services Sunday morning.

Resolved, That we recommend the *Baptist*, Eld. J. R. Graves, Editor Memphis, Tennessee, can now be had at \$3 per annum; also the *Central Baptist*, and the *Home and Foreign Journal*.

Standing Committees to report next session.

On Education—W. H. Robert, E. Holland, S. H. King.

On Sabbath Schools—J. K. Murphy, L. Wells, H. McCrary.

On Temperance—W. D. Mayfield, J. G. A. Davis, E. L. Black.

On Domestic Missions—J. T. Marshall, A. H. Reynolds, W. M. Raper.

Committee on Finance beg leave to report: Received delegates for minutes, \$78 25, which was over paid to Bro. W. D. Mayfield, Treasurer.

W. H. Robert was appointed to write articles deceased ministers to be published with these minutes.

Moved to increase the allowance to the Clerk to \$15 00.

The Clerk was instructed to have five hundred copies of the minutes published.

Adjourned to meet with the DeWitt Church, in Arkansas County, on Thursday, before the first Sabbath in October, 1870.
Prayer by Bro. Cox.

H. P. SLAUGHTER, Moderator.

S. H. KING, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

[A.]

Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report that, after hearing the letters read, and making ourselves acquainted with the facts as best we could, there is but little done in our bounds to promote this great interest. Only one church in every five has a school. This fact will serve to show the extent of the indifference on this subject, and we now urge that a Baptist School shall at once be established in every church; and that some delegate now present pledge himself, with God's help, to build up such a School in his church.

We urge this because we think scarcely anything will contribute more to the growth of the church; and because in this way, with the right sort of teachers and books, our precious and peculiar principles may be fixed in young minds in such a manner as never to be swept away. But most of all we urge the establishment of Schools in our midst, because it is a duty we owe to the young. It is the least we can do to train up our children in the way they should go; or if not the least thing we can do, we certainly cannot be willing to do less than this for our dear ones. Let our motto then be—*A Sunday School for every Church*, and may God guide and bless us in this great work.

W. D. MAYFIELD, Chairman.

[B.]

Report on Domestic Missions.

Your Committee on Domestic Missions would offer the following as their report:

While we are thankful to our Heavenly Father, for putting into the hearts, as we humbly trust, of some of the heralds of the cross to locate in our bounds, our hearts are gladdened to hear that a large portion of Phillips County is now supplied. And that portion of St. Francis County, between the St. Francis

and L'Anguille Rivers, is destitute, except the labors of B. F. Thomas; and all that tract of country lying west and north-west of L'Anguille, through the Bayou De View, along Cache River, then all of Arkansas County, except the labors of Bro. J. T. Marshall. We are of the opinion that if our ministers in our bounds were to make a good and faithful effort to induce ministers to locate among us, in a few years, there would be no need of reports on destitution in our bounds.

J. M. Cox, Chairman.

[C.]

Report on Education.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report: That the instruction of the young and rising generation demands the earnest consideration of every reflecting christian in the land.

Infidelity, Romanism, and all the systems of the world have studiously labored to make their impressions on the young. Voltaire wanted the earlier years of the children to make France as Infidel as he was himself, and a certain writer once said "Let me write the ballads and nursery songs, and I care who may write the laws of a country."

"Take this child and raise it for me and I will give thee wages." was said by the King's daughter to the mother of Moses; and the same is taught by reason and scripture to every parent in the land—"as you train your child, so he will go."

It is the parent's duty to teach his child; and hence while that relationship exists he is bound to the community, to the destiny of our country in the future to see to it that this instruction be done on correct principles.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure of the determination of the church at Trenton to carry out the original plan of this Association, in the establishment of a Baptist H. School at that place.

Resolved, That we commend heartily that School to the patronage of the community generally, and especially the Baptists who have children to educate.

Resolved, That the Association appoint annually a board of five Visitors, who will visit said School and make their report at the sessions of this body.

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to published the
 ice of said School on the cover of the Minutes.

J. T. MARSHALL, Chairman.

List of Visitors Appointed—H. P. Slaughter, W. H. Halli-
 rton, Lewis Wells, Capt. Dunn, Dr. Jeffices.

A LIST OF MINISTERS IN MT. VERNON ASSOCIATION.

Isid.	Postoffice.	Ordained.	Postoffice.
W. D. Mayfield, - -	Helena.	Elder James Wyatt, -	Clarendon.
J. K. Murphy, -	Helena.	" E. Holland, - -	Trenton.
J. G. A. Davis, -	Helena.	" B. F. Thomas, -	Madison.
W. H. Robert, -	Trenton.	" J. T. Marshall, -	DeWitt.
J. M. Cox, -	Des Arc.	LICENTIATE.	
W. M. Raper, -	Clarendon.	W. P. Debolt, - - -	DeWitt.

OBITUARY.

Eld. THOMAS S. N. KING, oldest son of Andrew and Elizabeth King, was born in Iredell county, N. C., October 25, 1804. He emigrated to Madison, Ga., in January 1821, in his seventeenth year, where he resided with his Uncle, J. Nisbit, who treated him as a son, and whose memory he always cherished with grateful emotions. He made a profession of religion in 1824, and was baptized by Rev. Adiel Sherwood, Jr. 19th, 1830, and united with the Indian Creek Baptist Church Morgan county, Ga.

He married Mrs. Margaret Battle, daughter of Maj. Olin Porter, on the 12th of March, 1827, who died Dec. 24th, 1832.

On the 1st day of November, 1832, he was again married to Miss Julia F. Smith, a daughter of Francis Smith, late Baldwin county, Ga., who having lost her parents in early life, was raised and educated by Mr. James Boykin, of Columbus, Ga.

In December, 1833, he left Georgia and moved first Rankin county, and then to Warren county, Miss., and in January, 1846, he came to Phillips county, Ark., where his days were spent in building up the cause of the dear Redeemer and warning sinners "to flee from the wrath to come."

Our brother was licensed to preach by the Mt. Pleasant Church, in Rankin county, Miss., on the 17th of July, 1838, and received ordination in Brandon, Miss., on the 6th day of January, 1839; Rev. Newell Roberson and Rev. L. B. Holloway acting as Presbytery. He aided in the Constitution of the Vernon Association, and at least three of churches in this body.

Helena, New Hope, Blackfoot and Trenton Churches remember his labors as pastor, and hundreds who sat under his ministry remember him with feelings of pleasure.

Always at his place in the Association unless providential hindered, he served either as Moderator or Clerk at every session he attended until the war.

Returning to our midst in 1863, he was again in our country preaching the word and directing our course by his wisdom and experience. Full of years, "he rests from his labors, and his work to follow him."

"Servant of God well done;
Rest from thy blest employ;
Thy battle o'er, thy victory won,
Enter thy master's Joy!"

W. H. ROBERT.

Order of Business.

1st. Called together by the Moderator for the purpose of hearing the Introductory Sermon.

AN INTERMISSION.

Delegates re-assemble, Moderator and Clerk at their seats.

2nd. Letters read and Delegates enrolled.

3rd. Election of officers for ensuing year.

4th. Petitionary Letters.

5th. Call for Correspondence.

6th. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.

7th. Committees Appointed—Domestic Missions.

8th. " " Education.

9th. " " Sabbath Schools.

10th. " " Colportage.

11th. " " Temperance.

12th. " " Colored Population.

13th. " " Finance.

14th. " " Religious Exercises.

15th. " " Correspondence and

Messengers to sister Associations.

16th. Committees Appointed—Contributions from churches received.

17th. Committees Appointed—Determine place of next Annual Meeting.

18th. Committees Appointed—Resolutions and propositions in order.

19th. Appoint a brother to preach the Introductory.

20th. Executive Board nominated.

21st. Report of Committees.

22nd. Report of Board.

23rd. Printing of Minutes, and number determined.

24th. Reading of Minutes before adjournment.

25th. A parting address by the Moderator.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This confederation of Churches shall be known and called by the name of "MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

2. The object of this Association shall be to promote the glory of God on earth, by the preaching of the gospel of his Son Jesus Christ, our Savior; the universal spread of the Bible, the word of the true and living God, and by other appropriate means.

3. This Association shall consist of Messengers from the Churches now forming this Union, and such other Baptist Churches as may hereafter be received as constituent members thereof.

4. Every Church shall be entitled to three representative, without regard to the number of their members respectively; and to an additional one for every fifty members exceeding fifty: *Provided*, That no Church shall ever be entitled to more than five. A certificate of appointment, letter from their respective churches, shall be evidence that they have been so delegated.

5. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, a Clerk or Clerks, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot, by a majority of the members present, immediately after the names of the delegates enrolled; which officers shall perform all the duties, respectively, usually devolved on such officers, and continue to exercise their respective functions until they shall be superseded by a subsequent election.

6. The Clerk shall preserve a regular record of the Association, and have it present at the meeting of the body; and when they vacate their office, deliver the same, with all other books and papers relative to said office, to their successors.

7. The Association shall regard the churches as independent bodies in all their internal affairs, and exercise no ecclesiastical jurisdiction or claim any legislative or judicial prerogative over them; nevertheless, the Association may exercise authority over its own members, the representatives of the churches, and power to withdraw from, and disown churches which may depart from the Gospel as understood and held by this body, by becoming either heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice; and should, therefore, regard all the churches united in the Association with a vigilant eye for good; and may give, at its own discretion and in its own way, advice or information when sought, to any church connected with it.

8. It shall be the duty of the Association to ascertain the general condition of its constituent churches; devise means to promote their harmony, and increase their spirituality and efficiency to promote the cause of truth and righteousness.

9. The Association shall hold annual sessions, to convene on the Thursday before the first Lord's day in October, in each year, and not adjourn until all of the business shall have been regularly finished, except circumstances imperiously demand. The place of meeting shall be determined at each previous session and published in the minutes.

10. Baptist Churches not before united in the Association, or those dismissed from other Associations, may be admitted as members into this Union, on application by a written petition or letter, presented by one or more messengers duly appointed by such church or churches; *Provided*, They give satisfactory evidence that they are orthodox in faith, and correct in the practice of the Gospel ordinances.

11. Every minister of the Gospel (either ordained or licenciate) whose membership is in, or who may be a Pastor of, any church belonging to this body, shall be ex-officio a member of the Association, with the privilege of offering resolutions and speaking, but not of voting, unless specially delegated by some church.

12. When in session, the Association shall be governed by such rules of decorum as it may adopt for itself.

13. It shall be the duty of the churches respectively, annually to report to the Association their general condition; the number of members in fellowship; the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored, and dead during the year; and the names and post-office address of all ministers, whether ordained or licensed, designating each—and also the name and address of their Clerks. They shall also report on any special matter required, and send up such contributions as they may willingly contribute to aid the body to disseminate more widely the truth as contained in the Holy Scriptures, and the establishment of the Redeemer's kingdom on the earth.

14. The neglect or failure of a church to be represented by a Messenger or Messengers in the Association for three consecutive years, shall be cause to withdraw from such churches at the discretion of the Association.

15. This Association may correspond by letter and Messengers with any other religious body of the same faith or order.

16. A board consisting of five members, any three of whom to constitute a quorum, shall be elected at each annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to devise means to carry forward the benevolent objects of the Association; and the officers of this Association shall be ex-officio officers of the Association.

17. The minutes of the Association shall be publicly read and corrected if necessary, and then signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

18. Any amendment may be made to this Constitution at any meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; *Provided*, The same shall have been published in the minutes of the preceeding year.

Declaration of Faith.

I.—OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe that 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 centre of christian union,|| and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions, should be tried?

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

* 2 Tim. iii, 16 17. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Also, 2 Pet i, 21; 2 Sam xxiii, 2; Acts i, 16; iii, 21; John x, 35; Luke xvi, 29, 31; Ps. cxix, lxxi; Romo. iii, 1, 2.

† 2 Tim. iii, 16; Able to make thee wise unto salvation. Also 1 Pet. i, 10, 12; Acts xi, 14; Rom. i, 16; Mark xvi, 16; John v, 36, 39.

‡ Proverbs xxx, 5, 6. Every word of God is pure. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. Also, John xvii, 17; Rev. xii, 18, 19; Rom. iii, 4.

§ Rom. ii, 12. As many as have sinned in the law, shall be judged by the law. John xii, 47, 48. If any man hear my words—the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. Also, 1 Cor. iv, 3, 4. Luke x, 10, 16; xii, 47, 48.

|| Phil. iii, 16. Let us walk by the same rule; let us mind the same thing. Also, Ephes. iv, 3, 6; Phil. ii, 1, 2; 1 Cor. i, 10; 1 Pet. iv, 11.

¶ 1 John iv, 1. Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God. Isaiah viii, 20. To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. 1 Thess. v, 21. Prove all things. 2 Cor. xiii, 5. Prove your own selves. Also, Acts xix, 11; 1 John iv, 6; Jud. iii, 5; Ephes. vi, 17; Ps. cxix, 56, 60; Phil. i, 9, 11.

II.—OF THE TRUE GOD.

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth;* inexpressibly glorious in holiness,† and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love,‡ that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, 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.¶

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

* John iv, 24. God is a spirit. Ps. cxlvij, 5. His understanding is infinite. Ps. lxxxiii, 18. They whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the Most high over all the earth. Heb. iii, 4; Rom. i, 20; Jer. x, 10.

† Ex. xv, 11. Who is like unto Thee—glorious in holiness? 1 Pet. i, 15, 16; Rev. iv, 6, 8.

‡ Mark xii, 20. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and

with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. Rev. iv, 11. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honor, and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Mat. x, 37; Jer. ii, 12, 13.

* Mat. xxviii, 19. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. John xv, 26. When the Comforter is come, whom I will send you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me. 1 Cor. xii, 4, 8; 1 John v, 7.

† John x, 30. I and my Father are one. John v, 17; xiv, 23; xvii, 5, 10. Acts v, 3, 4; 1 Cor. ii, 10, 11; Phil. ii, 5, 6.

‡ Ephes. ii, 18. For through him (the Son) we both have an access by one Spirit unto the Father. 2 Cor. xiii, 14. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Rev. i, 4, 5; Comp. iii, 7.

III.—OF THE FALL OF MAN.

We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker;* but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy 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, positively inclined to evil; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin,|| without defence or excuse.¶

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT—

* Gen i, 27. God created man in his own image. Gen i, 31. And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good. Eccles. vii, 29; Acts, xvii, 26; Gen. ii, 16.

† Gen. iii, 6, 24. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise; she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat. Therefore the Lord God drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden, Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life. Rom. v, 12.

‡ Rom. v, 19. By one man's disobedience many were made sinners. John iii, 6; Ps. ii, 5; Rom. v, 15, 19; viii, 7.

§ Isa liii, 6. We have turned, every one to his own way. Gen. vi, 12; Rom iii, 2, 13.

|| Eph ii, 1, 3. Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath even as others. Rom. i, 18. For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness. Rom i, 32; ii, 1, 16; Gal iii, 10; Mat. xx, 15.

¶ Ez xviii, 19, 20. Yet say ye. Why doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? The soul that sinneth it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. Rom i, 20. So that they are without excuse. Rom iii, 19. That every mouth may be stopped and all the world may become guilty before God. Gal. iii, 22.

IV.—OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace;* through the Mediatorial offices of the Son of God;† who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin;‡ honored the Divine law by his personal obedience,§ and by his death made a full atonement for our sins;|| that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven;¶ and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection. He is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Savior.**

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

* Eph ii, 5. By grace ye are saved. Mat. xviii, 11; 1 John iv, 10; 1 Cor. iii, 5, 7; Acts xv, 11.

† John iii, 16. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. John i, 1, 14; Heb. iv, 14; xii, 24.

‡ Phil iii, 6, 7. Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. Heb. ii, 9; ii, 14; 2 Cor. v, 21.

§ Isa xlii, 21. The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness sake; He will magnify the law and make it honorable. Phil. ii, 8; Gal. iv, 4, 5; Rom. iii, 21.

|| Isa. liii, 4, 5. He was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. Mat. xx, 28; Rom. iv, 25; iii, 21, 26; 1 John iv, 10; ii, 2; 1 Cor. xv, 1, 2; Heb. ix, 13, 15.

‡ Heb i, 8. Unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever. Heb i, 3; viii, 1; Col. iii, 1, 4.

** Heb viii, 25. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the utmost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Col. ii, 9. For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Heb. ii, 14. In that he himself hath suffered, being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted. Heb. vii, 26; Ps. xiv.

V.—OF JUSTIFICATION.

We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ* secures to such as believe in Him is Justification,† that Justification includes the pardon of sin,‡ and the promises of eternal life on principles of righteousness;§ that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood;|| by virtue of which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God;‡ that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.**

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

* John i, 16. Of his fullness have all we received. Eph iii, 8.

† Acts xiii, 39. By him all that believe are justified from all things. Isa. lii, 11, 12; Rom. viii, 1.

‡ Rom v, 9. Being justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Zach. xiii, 1; Mat. ix, 6; Acts x, 43.

§ 2 Rom v, 17. They which receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness, shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Titus iii, 5, 6; 1 Pet. iii, 7; 1 John ii, 25; Rom. v, 21.

|| Rom. iv, 4, 5. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Rom. v, 21; vi, 23; Phil. iii, 7, 9.

‡ Rom. v, 19. By the obedience of one, shall many be made righteous. Rom. iii, 24, 26; iv, 23, 25; 1 John ii, 12.

** Rom. v, 1, 2. Being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Rom. v, 3. We glorify in tribulations also. Rom. v, 11. We also joy in God. 1 Cor. i, 30, 31; Mat. xi, 33; 1 Tim. iv, 8.

VI.—OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

We believe 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, penitent and obedient faith;† and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own determined depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel;‡ which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation,||

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

- * Isa lv, 1. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters., Rev xxii, 17. Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Luke xiv, 17.
 † Rom xvi, 26. The Gospel—according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith. Mark i, 15; Rom i, 15, 17.
 † John v, 40. Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. Mat xxiii, 37.
 Rom ix, 32; Prov i, 24; Acts xiii, 46.
 † John iii, 19. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Mat ix, 20; Luke xix, 27; 2 Thes i, 8.

VII.—OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again; * that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; † that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with Divine truth; ‡ so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; § and that its proper evidence appears in the fruit of repentance and faith and newness of life. ¶

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

- * John iii, 3. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. John iii, 6, 7; 1 Cor. i, 14; Rev viii, 7, 9; xxi, 27.
 † 2 Cor v, 17. If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Ez xxxvi, 26; Deut xix, 6; Rom vi, 28, 29; v, 5; 1 John iv, 7.
 ‡ John iii, 8. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearst the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. John i, 13. Which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. James i, 16, 18. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth. 1 Cor i, 30; Phil ii, 13.
 § 1 Pet i, 22, 25. Ye have purified your souls by obeying the truth through the Spirit. 1 John v, 1. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God. Eph iv, 20, 24; Col iii, 2, 11.
 ¶ Eph v, 9. The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth. Rom viii, 9; Gal v, 16, 22; Eph iii, 14, 21; Mat iii, 8, 10; vii, 20; John v, 4, 8.

VIII.—OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; * whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ; † we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy; ‡ at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on Him alone as the only and all sufficient Savior. §

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

- * Mark i, 15. Repent ye, and believe the Gospel, Acts xi, 18. Then hath God, also, to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. Ephes ii, 8. By grace ye are saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. 1 John v, 1. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.
 † John xvi, 8. He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. Acts ii, 37, 38. They were pricked in their heart and said, "men and brethren what shall we do?" Then Peter said unto them, "repent, and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins." Acts xvi, 30, 31.
 ‡ Luke xviii, 13. And the publican smote upon his breast, saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Luke xv, 18, 21; James iv, 7, 9; 2 Cor vii, 11; Rom x, 12, 13; Ps ii.
 § Rom x, 9, 11. If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thy heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Acts iii, 22, 23. Heb. ix, 14; Ps ii, 6; Heb i, 8; viii, 23; 2 Tim ii, 12.

IX.—OF GODS PURPOSE OF GRACE.

We believe that Election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which He graciously 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 free, wise, holy and

unchangable;† that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, 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 may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the Gospel;‡ that it is the foundation of Christian assurance;** and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves the utmost diligence.††

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

* Timt. 1, 8, 9. Be thou not therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner; but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel, according to the power of God who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. Eph 1, 3, 14; 1 Pet 1, 1, 2; Rom xi, 5, 6; John iv, 16; Hos xii, 9.

† 2 Thess. ii, 13, 14. But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved, of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth; whereunto he called you by our Gospel to the obtaining of the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts xiii, 48. John x, 16. Mat xx, 16. Acts xv, 14.

‡ Ex. xxxiii, 18, 19. And Moses said, I beseech thee, show me thy glory. And He said, I will cause all my goodness to pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee, and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. Matt. xx, 16. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with my own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? Eph 1, 11. Rom ix, 23, 24; Jer xxxi, 3; Rom xi, 28, 29; Jam 1, 17, 18; 2 Tim i, 9; Rom xi, 32, 36.

|| 1 Cor iv, 7. For who maketh thee to differ from another? And what hadst thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it? 1 Cor 1, 26, 34; Rom vii, 27; iv, 16; Col iii, 12; 1 Cor iii, 5, 7; xv, 10; 1 Pet v, 10; Acts 1, 24; 1 Thess ii, 13, 1 Pet ii, 9; Luke xvii, 7; John xv, 16; Eph i, 16; 1 Thess ii, 12.

‡ 2 Tim ii, 10. Therefore I endure all things for the elects' sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal Glory. 1 Cor ix, 22. I can make all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. Rom viii, 28, 30; John vi, 37, 40; 2 Pet i, 10.

|| 1 Thess i, 4, 10. Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God, for our Gospel came unto you, not in word only; but in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance, etc.

** Rom viii, 28, 30. Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Isa xliii, 16; Rom xi, 29.

†† 2 Pet i, 10, 11. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall; for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Phil iii, 12; Heb vi, 11.

X.—OF SANCTIFICATION.

We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness,* that it is a progressive work,† that it is begun in regeneration,‡ and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means—especially, the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.¶

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* 1 Thess iv, 3. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification. 1 Thess v, 23. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly. 2 Cor vii, 1; xiii, 9; Epis J. 5.

† Prov iv, 18. The path of the just is as the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day. 2 Cor iii, 18; Heb vi, 1; 2 Pet i, 5, 8; Phil iii, 12, 16.

‡ John ii, 29. If ye know that he [God] is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. Rom viii, 5. They that are after the flesh, do mind the things of the flesh, but they that are after the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. John iii, 6; Phil 1, 9, 11; Ephes i, 13, 14.

¶ Phil ii, 12, 13. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do, of his good pleasure. Ephes iv, 11, 12; 1 Pet ii, 2; 2 Pet iii, 18; 2 Cor xii, 6; Luke xii, 32; ix 23; Mat xxvi, 41. Ephes vi, 18, iv, 30.

XI.—OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end;† that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors;‡ that special Providence watches over their welfare;† and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.¶

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

* John viii, 31. Then said Jesus—If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples to-
 † 1 John ii, 27, 28; iii, 9; v, 18.
 ‡ 1 John ii, 19. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us,
 they would no doubt have continued with us; but they went out that it might be made mani-
 fest that they were not all of us. John xiii, 18; Mat xiii, 20, 21; John vi, 66, 69; Job xvii, 9.
 § Jer viii, 25. And we know that all things work together for good unto them that love
 God, to them who are called according to his purpose. Mat, vi, 30, 33; Jer xxxii, 40; Ps cxxi, 3;
 Eccl, ii, 12.
 ¶ Phil i, 6. He who hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus
 Christ. Phil ii, 12, 13; Jude 24, 25; Heb xiii, 5; 1 John iv, 4.

XII.—OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL.

We believe that the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule
 of His moral government;* that it is holy, just, and good;† and 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 the visible church.¶

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

* Rom iii, 31. Do we make void the law through faith? God forbid. Yea, we establish
 the law. Mat v, 17; Luke xvi, 17; Rom iii, 20; iv, 15.
 † Rom vii, 12. The law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. Rom vii,
 14, 22; Gal iii, 21; Ps cxix.
 ‡ Rom viii, 7, 8. The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of
 God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. Josh xxiv,
 1; Jer xiii, 23; John vi, 44; v, 41.

¶ Rom viii, 2, 4. For the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ hath made me free from the law
 of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God,
 sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh, that
 the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the
 spirit. Rom x, 4; 1 Tim i, 6; Heb viii, 10; Judge 20, 21; Heb xii, 14; Mat xvi, 17, 18; 1 Cor xii, 8

XIII.—OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptised
 believers,* associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gos-
 pel;† observing the ordinances of Christ;‡ governed by his laws;¶ and
 exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by his word;||
 that its only scriptural officers are Bishops or Pastors, and Deacons,§
 whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to
 Timothy and Titus.

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

* 1 Cor i, 1, 13. Paul—unto the church of God which is at Corinth. Is Christ divided? Was
 Paul crucified for you? Or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? Mat xviii, 17; Acts v, 11;
 xii, 1; xi, 31; 1 Cor iv, 17; xiv, 23; 3 John 9; 1 Tim iii, 5.

† Acts ii, 41, 42. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized, and the same day
 there were added to them about three thousand souls. 2 Cor viii, 5. They first gave their own-
 selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. Acts ii, 47; 1 Cor v, 12, 13.

‡ 1 Cor xi, 2. Now I praise you, Brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the
 ordinances as I delivered them unto you. 2 Thes iii, 6; Rom xvi, 17, 20; 1 Cor xi, 23; Mat
 xiii, 15, 20; 1 Cor v, vi; 2 Cor ii, vii; 1 Cor iv, 17.

¶ Mat xxviii, 20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.
 John xiv, 15; xv, 12; 1 John iv, 21; John xiv, 21; 1 Thes iv, 2; 2 John vi; Gal. vi, 2; All the
 Epistles.

|| Ephes iv, 7. Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of
 Christ. 1 Cor xiv, 12. Seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. Phil i, 27. That
 I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for
 the faith of the Gospel. 1 Cor xii, xiv.

§ Phil i, 1. With the Bishops and Deacons. Acts xiv, 23; xv, 22; 1 Tim iii; Titus i.

XIV.—OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a
 believer,* into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost;† to
 show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified,
 buried, and risen Savior, with its effect, in our death to sin and resur-

rection to a new life,† that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper,‡ in which the members of the church by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ || preceded always by solemn self-examination.‡

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

* Acts viii. 36, 39. And the eunuch said, see here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Phillip said, if thou believest with all thy heart thou mayest. And they went down into the water, both Phillip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. Mat iii. 5, 6; Joh iii. 22, 24; iv. 1, 2; Mat xxviii. 19; Mark xvi. 16; Acts ii. 38; viii. 12; xvi. 32, 34; xviii. 8.

† Mat xxviii. 19. Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Acts x. 47, 48; Gal iii. 27, 28.

‡ Rom vi. 4. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also, should walk in newness of life. Col ii. 12; 1 Pet iii. 20, 21; Acts xxii. 16.

§ Acts ii. 41, 42. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized, and there was added to them, the same day, about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Mat xxviii. 19; Acts and Epistles.

¶ 1 Cor xi. 23. As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come. Mat xxvi. 26, 29; Mark xiv. 22, 24; Luke xxii. 14, 20.

|| 1 Cor xi. 28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. 1 Cor v. 1, 8; x. 16, 22; John vi. 26, 71.

XV.—OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

We believe 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 sinful recreations:‡ by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private§ and public;¶ and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.‡

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

* Acts 20. 7. On the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached to them. Gen ii. 3; Col ii. 16, 17; Mark ii. 27; John xx. 19; 1 Cor xvi. 1.

† Ex xx. 8. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Rev i. 10. I was in the spirit on the Lord's day. Ps cxviii. 24. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

‡ Isa lviii. 13, 14. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord honorable; and shalt bear him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words, then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord, and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob. Isa lvi. 2, 8.

§ Ps cxviii. 15. The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous. Heb x. 24, 25. Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is. Acts xi. 26. A whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught many people. Acts xiii. 41. The next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. Lev xix. 30; Ex xvi. 30; Luke iv. 16; Acts xvii. 2, 3; Ps xvi. 8; lxxviii. 2.

¶ Heb iv. 3, 11. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest.

XVI.—OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

We believe 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 only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ,‡ who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.¶

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

* Rom xiii. 1, 7. The powers that be are ordained of God. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Dent xvi. 18; 2 Sam xxiii. 3; Ex xviii. 22; Jer xxx. 21.

† Mat xxii. 21. Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's. Titus iii. 1; 1 Pet ii. 13; 1 Tim ii. 1, 8.

‡ Acts ix. 28. We ought to obey God rather than man. Mat 10. 28. Fear not them who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul. Dan iii. 15, 18; vi. 7, 10; Acts ix. 18, 29.

¶ Mat xxii. 19. Ye have one master, even Christ. Rom xiv. 4. Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? Rev xix. 16. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. Ps ii; Rom xiv. 9, 13.

XVII.—OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

We believe that there is a radical and essential 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 our 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.¶

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

* Mal iii, 18. Ye shall discern between the righteous and the wicked; between him that fears God and him that serveth him not. Prov xii, 26; Isa v, 20; Gen xviii, 23; Jer. xv, 19; 1 Pet. i, 3, 4; Rom vi, 16.

† Rom i, 17. The just shall live by faith. Rom vii, 6. We are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held, that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. 1 John ii, 29: If ye know that he is righteous; ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. 1 John iii, 7; Rom vi, 18, 22; 1 Cor xi, 32; Prov xi, 31; 1 Pet. iv, 17, 18.

‡ 1 John v, 19. And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness, Gal iii, 10. As many as are of the works of the law, are under the curse. John iii, 35; Isa lvii, 2; Ps x, 4; Isa lv, 6, 7.

¶ Prov xiv, 32. The wicked is driven away in his wickedness, but the righteous hath hope in his death. See, also, the example of the rich man and Lazarus. Luke xvi, 25. Thou in thy lifetime receivest thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and thou art tormented. John viii, 21, 24; Prov x, 24; Luke xii, 4, 5; ix, 23, 26; John xii, 23, 26; Eccl iii, 17; Mat xii, 13, 14.

XVIII.—OF THE WORLD TO COME.

We believe that the end of this world is approaching;* that at the last day Christ shall 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.‡

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

* 1 Pet iv, 7. But the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer. 1 Cor vii, 29, 31; Heb i, 10, 12; Mat xxiv, 35; 1 John ii, 17; Mat xxviii, 20; xiii, 39, 40; 2 Pet iii, 12.

† Acts i, 11. This same Jesus which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into Heaven. Rev i, 7; Heb ix, 28; Acts iii, 21; 1 Thes iv, 13, 14; v, 1, 11.

‡ Acts xxiv, 15. There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. 1 Cor xv, 12, 50; Luke xiv, 14; Dan xii, 2; John v, 28, 29; vi, 40; xi, 25, 26; 2 Tim i, 10; Acts x, 42.

¶ Mat xii, 40. The angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just. Mat xiii, 37, 43; xxvi, 29, 31; xxv, 31, 33.

|| Mat xxv, 35, 41. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Rev xxii, 11. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still. 1 Cor vi, 9, 10; Mark ix, 43, 45; 2 Pet ii, 9; Phil iii, 19; Rom vi, 22; 2 Cor v, 10, 11; John iv, 30; 2 Cor iv, 18.

‡ Rom iii, 5, 6. Is God unrighteous, who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man.) God forbid: for how then should God judge the world? 2 Thes i, 6, 12. Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you, and to you who are troubled, rest with us—when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe. Heb vi, 1, 2; 1 Cor iv, 5; Acts xvii, 31; Rom ii, 2, 16; Rev xz, 11, 12; 1 John ii, 28; iv, 17.

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God? 2 Peter iii, 11, 12.

Churches.	Delegates.	Post Office.	Pastors:	Baptized.....	Received by Letter.....	Restored.....	Dismissed by Letter.....	Ex-cluded.....	By J.....	Wives in Fellowship.....	Backs in Fellowship.....	Train Fellowship.....	Station Fund.....	Day of Meeting.....
Rising Sun.....	W. R. Marshall, J. A. Ragan, — McDowell...	Crockett's Bluff.....	J. T. Marshall.....	1	1	2	4	...	30	1	31	\$ 5 00		
DeWitt	E. Ireland, A. H. Reynolds, J. H. Merritt.....	DeWitt	J. T. Marshall.....	1	1	...	1	...	51	...	51	5 00		
Big Creek.....	G. W. Gardner, J. M. Banyard, R. H. Parker	St. Charles.....	J. T. Marshall.....	10	5	...	1	3	61	...	61	4 50		
New Hope No 2.....	D. W. White, J. C. Bell.....	DeWitt	J. T. Marshall.....	...	5	...	1	...	20	...	20	2 50		
Point Deluce	J. T. Marshall, W. P. DeBolt, W. W. Chaney	DeWitt .....	...	...	2	...	...	...	14	...	14	2 00		
Liberty No 2.....	E. T. Mitchell, W. E. Jeffrees, S. K. Downs..	Aberdeen.....	A. M. Russell.....	...	7	...	...	...	1	19	19	6 00		
New Hope.....	Lewis Wells	Helena.....	J. K. Murphy.....	5	3	...	...	...	70	...	70	8 00		
Helena.....	W. D. Mayfield, J. G. A. Davis.....	Helena	W. D. Mayfield..	15	4	...	7	...	...	...	...	5 00		
Spring Creek.....	H. P. Slaughter.....	Sylarsville.....	W. H. Barksdale	...	...	...	...	...	19	3	22	5 25		
Oak Grove.....	R. J. Bickerstaff, H. McCrary.....	Sylarsville	E. Holland .....	...	...	...	1	...	24	3	27	3 00		
Blackfoot	Not Represented.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Trenton.....	W. H. Robert, S. H. King.....	Trenton	W. H. Robert.....	7	9	...	1	2	46	...	46	4 00		
Salem	J. F. Jarrett, W. H. Henderson.....	Trenton	James Wyatt.....	2	...	...	3	1	30	...	30	3 00		
Shiloh.....	W. M. Raper, J. R. Capshaw, — McLaughlin	Clarendon.....	W. M. Raper.....	8	2	...	18	2	49	3	52	5 00		
Bethel	Not Represented.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Linn Grove.....	J. Walker, F. W. Powell, J. R. Walker.....	Duncan Prairie.....	.....	6	4	...	...	3	32	...	32	5 00		
Philadelphia.....	A. J. Wyatt.....	Clarendon	James Wyatt ..	10	...	3	12	5	40	...	40	5 10		
Ash Grove.....	J. M. Cox.....	Cotton Plant.....	J. M. Cox.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mt. Gilliad.....	W. H. Dinkin.....	Clarendon .....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	11	3 25		
Mt. Vernon.....	Not Represented.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hopo Well.....	Not Represented.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bible Union.....	Peter Parker.....	Madison.....	B. F. Thomas.....	...	...	6	1	3	37	1	38	...		
Forest City.....	Not Represented.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Liberty	Not Represented.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pleasant Grove..	T. B. Carrol.....	Cotton Plant.....	J. M. Cox.....	...	...	...	...	...	43	...	43	3 00		
Total.....				64	43	4	52	18	16	396	11	607	\$70 50	