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OFFICERS.

ELDER J. O. BUTLER, Moderator
Black Springs, Arkansas.

H. L. KING, Clerk
Womble, Arkansas

R. M. REECE, Treasurer
Womble, Arkansas

The next session of this body will be held with Black Springs Church, Montgomery County, Arkansas, beginning at 11 o'clock a. m. Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1915. The introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. S. W. Sherrod; Rev. Elijah Abee, alternate. Missionary sermon to be preached by Rev. J. W. Hulsey. Sunday at 11 o'clock.

PROCEEDINGS

The fifty-seventh annual session of the Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association assembled with Big Fork Church, Polk County, Arkansas, at 11 o'clock on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1914, in harmony with its adjournment at Pleasant Hill Church.

The appointees, Brother J. O. Butler and Brother J. B. Liles being present, Brother Butler preached the introductory sermon from Matt. 1:21, and Brother J. B. Liles, the alternate, concluded the service.

Dismissed to meet at 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 the body was called together by singing. The Moderator, Brother J. O. Butler, read the 103rd Psalm. Prayer by Brother Parish.

The Moderator declared the body in regular order, and open for pursuance of business.

The Clerk being absent, the first business to come before the body was the appointment of a Clerk, and H. L. King was appointed Clerk pro-tem.

First—Called for the letters from the churches.

Second—Brethren Parish, Brakefield and Smith were appointed to read the letters.

Third—Letters from the following churches were read, and the following messengers enrolled.

Macedonia—A. T. Hill, Willis Bass.

Mt. Olive—M. F. Hill, T. F. Fryar, I. P. Fryar.

Black Springs—J. O. Butler, Charley Roberts.

Sweet Home—S. H. Duke, E. L. Ledbetter, O. E. Smith.

Womble—R. M. Reece, H. L. King, G. I. Vandyke.

Big Fork—H. A. Standridge, J. M. Howell, J. A. Lawrence.

Mt. Gilead—J. F. Jeffery, J. M. White, Mrs. J. F. Jeffery.

Brushy Creek—John Fryar, Zack Hill.

Little Missouri—S. W. Sherrod, Joe Shaw.

Pleasant Hill—J. B. Liles, J. W. Dilbeck, E. A. Lewis.

Sulphur Springs—E. Abee, W. M. Edwards, O. J. Mahon.

Fourth—Called for petitionary letters and received two, one from Mt. Ida Church, and seated messengers, W. A. Brakefield, S. C. Parish, C. S. Laird, and one from Providence Church, and seated messengers, Z. C. Ed-

wards, W. M. Reece.

Fifth—Election of officers resulting as follows:

Moderator—J. O. Butler.

Clerk—H. L. King.

Treasurer—R. M. Reece.

Sixth—Called for visiting ministers; none.

Seventh—Called for corresponding ministers, and on motion seated Brother H. T. Howell from Caddo Valley Association.

Eighth—On motion seated Brother G. H. Wasson as visiting minister from Liberty Church.

Ninth—Motion carried to take a short recess.

Tenth—During recess Brethren W. A. Brakefield, R. M. Reece and O. E. Smith, with the deacons of Big Fork Church were appointed a committee on Divine Services, and Brethren S. C. Parish, H. A. Standridge and S. W. Sherrod a committee on Sunday Schools.

The body came together by singing "And Must This Feeble Body Die."

Eleventh—Called for report of Divine Service Committee, with following results: Preaching Saturday night in Methodist Church at Cherry Hill by Brethren H. T. Howell and E. Abee, and at Big Fork Church by Brethren J. B. Liles and Charley Roberts, and Sunday School Rally at 9:00 a. m., Sunday to be led by Brother Parish.

Twelfth—Motion carried to hear from Brethren of Caddo Valley Association, with regard to that of a consolidation of Caddo River Association and Caddo Valley Association, resulting in a very brotherly discussion.

Thirteenth—Motion carried that Caddo River Association hold an adjourned session with Caddo Valley Association which meets at Liberty Church on Friday, September 25, 1914, and extend an arm to the said Caddo Valley Association with the view of receiving it into the Caddo River Association in case it (Caddo Valley Association) so decides.

Fourteenth—Motion carried that a representative delegation be appointed to represent Caddo River Association in the adjourned session with Caddo Valley Association, and O. E. Smith, E. Abee, R. M. Reece, G. I. Vandike, H. A. Standridge, with the Moderator and Clerk compose said committee.

Fifteenth—Motion carried to adjourn until Monday morning, the congregation uniting in prayer with Brother E. Abee.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

Preaching at Big Fork Church by Brother Charley Roberts from St. John 3:3.

Also at Cherry Hill from St. Luke 11:22 by Brother H. T. Howell, and

at the close of the sermon about twenty, in response to an invitation, came forward and asked to be remembered in prayer.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Moderator conducted devotional service. At 10:00 a. m. the congregation assembled by singing "In the Resurrection Morn." Prayer by Brother Liles.

Motion carried to hear report of the Sunday School Committee, followed by a discussion led by Brother S. C. Parish, with good and visible effects, and by Brethren Sherrod, Standridge, Howell and Roberts. Motion carried unanimously adopting report of Sunday School Committee, which is as follows:

Dear brethren, we your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report:

The function of the church as an institution is to teach the Word, win souls to Christ, develop christian character and spread the gospel to those who have it not. The principal function of the Sunday School is to teach. The Sunday School plants, the preacher waters and God gives the increase. The Sunday School strengthens every department of church work. The pastor is the ex-officio, the advisory head of the Sunday School, and should assist in the organization, selection of officers, teachers and literature, and in planning and directing the actions of the school. The Sunday School aids in soul winning, and in the edification of Christian life. This admitted it follows that every church should have a good Sunday School. The letters from the churches of this Association show only a small part of them with Sunday Schools. They are falling short of their highest possibilities. We therefore recommend, urge and plead with our pastors and messengers to take immediate steps toward organizing and maintaining Sunday Schools in all churches that do not now have them; and we urge all members of our churches to become members and active workers in them. We recommend that our Sunday Schools use our convention literature. We further recommend all our pastors to take the Convention Sunday School Training Course, and encourage some of their church workers in doing the same. We further recommend that our Association hereafter devote one day at each Association meeting to Sunday School institute work.

S. C. PARISH.

H. A. STANDRIDGE.

S. W. SHERROD.

Motion to take a fifteen minute intermission.

At 11:00 o'clock the congregation was called together by singing, "Where the Angels Wait." Brother Howell read a part of Romans 1st, for Scripture lesson, after which the congregation united in prayer with Brother

Jones. The appointee, Brother J. T. Jones, being present, preached an able missionary sermon from the text, "I am debtor both to the Greeks and the barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise," to a large and attentive congregation. Brother Howell concluded the service during which time a collection for missions was taken, amounting to cash \$5.55, and a pledge from Mt. Ida Church of \$10.00.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE.

Services opened by singing, "Homeless Here the Soul May Rove," Scripture lesson, Matt. 3rd, prayer by Brother Parish and sermon by Brother Sherrod, concluding prayer by Brother Roberts.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

At Cherry Hill conducted by Brethren J. M. White and E. Abee. At Big Fork Church, a song, prayer, experience and testimony service, followed by sermon from Isaiah, 40th chapter, 30th, 31st verses, by Bro. H. T. Howell.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Prayer by Brother White.

First—Called for the reading of Saturday's and Sunday's minutes, and after reading and making a necessary correction, motion to adopt carried.

Second---Calling of the roll.

Third- -Moderator called for report of committees.

Fourth—Reponse of Committees as follows:

Fifth---Report of Committee on Denominational Schools read and adopted as follows:

Dear brethren, we, your Committee on Denominational Schools, submit the following report:

The tendency to banish the Bible from our public schools calls for increased emphasis on Christian education. Our denomination should give a larger patronage to our Baptist Colleges at Arkadelphia and Conway, and should give them liberal financial support. We recommend that our young ministers in the country prepare themselves to teach in the public schools, that being more in line with preaching than farming. We request the Ouachita College to lend all possible assistance in training young preachers for such a combination of these vocations.

S. C. PARISH.

W. A. BRAKEFIELD.

O. J. MAHON.

Sixth---Report of Committee on State of Religion adopted as follows:

We your Committee on State of Religion, find from the reading of the letters from the different churches, that some of the churches have had a great

revival, while others have not been so prosperous. We therefore recommend and urge that our pastors, who have spare time, visit these weak churches, and try to bring about a better spirit and oneness among the membership. We further recommend that our pastors visit the homes of their members and talk and pray in the homes where they go.

ELIJAH ABEE.

J. W. DILBECK.

J. E. FRYAR.

Seventh—Home Mission Committee's report read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee, beg leave to report that our Home Mission Board aids and assists in the work of spreading the blessed gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and aids the weak churches to keep men in the field to do the work that the Lord Jesus Christ commissioned his Church to do.

First—We, your Committee recommend that each pastor preach a sermon on Mission Work once a year, and take a collection for Home Missions.

Second—The Home Mission is aiding in the Mountain districts of Georgia, Arkansas, Kentucky, New Mexico and other places.

Third—As for the district report, we have no access to the annual of the last meeting, and can not give the financial report for this year

S. W. SHERROD.

S. H. DUKE.

J. F. JEFFREY.

Eighth—Report of Committee on Associational Missions read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, beg to report that the Mission Board employed Brother C. C. Roberts for two months work. We find that he did thirty-seven days work, with good results, but still we find that more work could have been done. We recommend that the churches co-operate with our Mission Board, and help to raise means to keep a man in the field at least three months in the year. We also urge our pastors to educate our people on this line of work.

Respectfully,

J. M. WHITE.

Z. C. EDWARDS.

S. W. BASS.

The following was pledged for Association Missions:

Black Springs Church, \$10.00; Womble Church, \$10.00; Sulphur Springs Church, \$5.50; Little Missouri Church, \$5.00; Big Fork Church, \$10.00; Mt. Gilead Church, \$5.00; Providence Church, \$5.00; Sweet Home Church, \$3.00; personal pledges, W. M. Tackett, \$2.50; J. W. Dilbeck, \$1.00; I. P. Fryar,

\$1.00; S. W. Bass, \$2.50; C. V. Hamrick, \$10.00; J. B. Liles, \$1.00; cash, \$3.50.

Ninth—Report of Committee on Duty of Pastors to Churches, and Churches to Pastors read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Duty of Pastors to Churches, and Churches to Pastors, report as follows:

We find the Scripture enjoins on the pastors the duty of feeding the flock over which the Holy Ghost has made them overseers, and again to preach the Word. Thus we see that the pastor has a great duty resting upon him. He is to minister to the church in spiritual things; and we urge that pastors place more stress in their preaching of the importance and necessity of the churches giving and contributing to mission work, and to the spreading of the gospel. Admitting then that the duty of the pastors to the churches is great, it must be admitted that the duties of churches are equally as great; and in as much as he that ministereth in things spiritual, is to be ministered unto in things temporal. The duty of the church to the pastor then is to see that his temporal needs are supplied. To respect, assist and encourage in every way possible, to help whenever and wherever help is needed to spread our Lord's gospel.

JOE SHAW.

J. B. LILES.

T. F. FRYAR.

Tenth—Report of Committee on Ministers' Names and Postoffices read and adopted as follows:

Ordained—J. O. Butler, Black Springs, Ark.; J. M. White Black Springs, Ark.; J. T. Covington, Black Springs, Ark.; Elijah Abee, Black Springs, Ark.; A. A. Bates, Waters, Ark.; F. F. Edwards, Clagett, Ark.; J. B. Liles, Big Fork, Ark.; Philip Abernathy, Big Fork, Ark.; A. T. Hill, Oden, Ark.; J. T. Jones, Womble, Ark.; Charley Roberts, Womble, Ark.; H. H. Thomas, Womble, Ark.; S. W. Sherrod, Albert, Ark.; Alf. Smith, Mt. Ida, Ark.; J. W. Hulsey, Mt. Ida, Ark.

Licensed Ministers—M. F. Hill, Oden, Ark.; Joe Shaw, Albert, Ark.; Z. C. Edwards, Womble, Ark.; G. I. Vandyke, Womble, Ark.

Visiting Ministers—G. H. Wasson, Caddo Gap, Ark.; H. T. Howell Caddo Gap, Ark.

H. A. STANDRIDGE.

A. T. HILL.

J. F. JEFFREY.

Eleventh—Temperance Committee's report read and adopted as follows: We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following:

We find that intoxicating drink is a curse to the human family. We therefore recommend and urge that all our Baptist people abstain from its use, and that they use their influence and vote against the sale of it. We also commend the State Legislature for passing the prohibition law.

E. ABEE.

W. M. EDWARDS.

S. H. DUKE.

Twelfth---Report of Associational Mission Board was read and adopted as follows:

Dear brethren, your board would submit the following report; We held our first Fifth Sunday Meeting at Mt. Gilead; members of the board present, O. E. Smith, W. M. Rizley and J. O. Butler. Our next meeting was at Little Hope Church; members present, J. O. Butler. Our third meeting was held at Sweet Home Church; members present, O. E. Smith and J. O. Butler. At the third meeting we employed Brother Charley Roberts to do mission work in our bounds at \$25.00 per month. Brother Roberts reports as follows: Days labored, 37; miles traveled, 72; sermons preached, 52; conversions, 21; baptized, 10; received by letter, 1; total additions, 22; churches organized, 1; addresses, 3; total sermons and addresses, 55; collected on field, \$2.00, for which we paid Brother Roberts \$30.00.

J. O. BUTLER.

O. E. SMITH.

Thirteenth---Foreign Mission's Committee report read, discussed, re-read, corrected and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg to submit the following report:

The Board conducts work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Japan, China and Africa. In these countries we have 380 churches, with 833 out-stations, 30,000 church members, and 542 Sunday Schools, with 22,000 scholars enrolled. We also have 9,376 students in mission schools, 420 of whom are in the theological seminaries and training schools, seeking specific preparation for Christian work. The present force of workers embraces just 300 home sent missionaries and 635 native workers. 5,252 converts were baptized last year; gifts to the advanced, \$44,000 last year over the previous year. We find that just four of our churches contributed to this work: Black Springs Church, \$13.50; Womble Church, \$1.60; Sulphur Springs Church, \$1.10; Little Missouri Church, .25; total contribution, \$16.45. We urge each church to take some part in this great work which the Lord has enjoined upon us to do.

C. C. ROBERTS.

O. E. SMITH.

Fourteenth—Financial Committee's report, read, corrected and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Finance submit the following report:

Sent by churches for minutes, \$25.10; Associational Missions, \$12.45; Foreign Missions, .25; Home Missions, \$5.65; State Missions, .50; Balance in Treasury from last year, \$15.26; Total, \$59.21.

G. I. VANDIKE.

E. L. LEDBETTER.

W. M. EDWARDS.

Fifteenth—Report on Orphans' Home read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home submit the following report:

We find that there were about 175 children in the Home last year, and from the different church letters we see that only five churches contributed to this fund viz: Mt. Gilead Church, \$3.95; Black Springs Church, 6.15; Womble Church, \$25.50; Missouri River Church, .25; Sweet Home Church, \$1 45; Total, \$37.30. We think that the failure on the part of some of the churches to make a donation for the support of these dependent children is because there has been no personal appeal made to them. We would recommend that all the churches in this Association take this matter into serious consideration, and take the necessary steps to collect and send what amount they can to the next assembly of this body, and thereby assist in the support of these dependent children.

R. M. REECE.

S. W. SHERROD.

Z. C. EDWARDS.

Sixteenth—Report of Committee on Religious Literature read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Religious Literature report the following:

We recommend that the Bible, which is the book of all books, be read and studied in preference to all other books. We also recommend the religious literature of books and papers published by the Missionary Baptist publishing firms.

JOE SHAW.

J. M. HOWELL.

J. W. DILBECK.

Seventeenth—Report on Obituaries read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Obituaries make the following report:

Womble Church—Brother J. R. McAfee.

Macedonia Church --Sister S. M. Hill.

Sweet Home Church—Sister Bagley.

Black Springs Church—Sister Delia Peppers.

Big Fork Church—Brother P. M. Standridge, Sister Saphrony Chambers.

A. T. HILL.

J. A. LAWRENCE.

ZACK HILL.

Eighteenth—Motion to adjourn until one o'clock.

Nineteenth—At the appointed hour the body was called together by singing "I Would Not Be Denied," reading of the 116th Psalm by the Moderator, and prayer by Brother J. T. Jones, after which the Moderator declared the house opened in regular order for business.

Twentieth—Treasurer's Report read and adopted as follows:

Received from churches for minutes, \$25.10; Sunday's collection after sermon, cash, \$5.55; Mt. Ida Church, pledged by Brethren W. A. Brakefield and S. C. Parish, \$10.00; received from former treasurer, \$15.26; by donations on Monday morning, sent in by the churches for Associational Missions, \$3.50; for Orphans' Home, \$6.65; amount of cash on hand, \$59.21.

R. M. REECE, Treasurer.

Twenty-first—Motion carried to send Brother J. T. Jones as correspondent to Caddo Valley, and also to Pike County Associations.

Twenty-second—Motion carried to send Brother W. R. Standridge as correspondent to Ouachita Association.

Twenty-third—Motion carried to send Brother S. W. Sherrod as messenger from Caddo River Association to attend the Southern Baptist Convention.

Twenty-fourth—Report of Committee on Nominations read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Nominations recommend that the next session of this Association be held with the Black Springs Church, beginning at 11 o'clock on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1915. Brother S. W. Sherrod to preach the introductory sermon, Elijah Abee, alternate. Missionary sermon to be preached at 11 o'clock Sunday by Brother J. W. Hulsey. We appoint Brethren J. O. Butler, H. L. King and Z. C. Edwards as the Association Mission Board, and we recommend that each church send a man to assist the Board. We also recommend that the first Board Meeting be held with the Womble Church.

C. C. ROBERTS.

Z. C. EDWARDS.

J. M. WHITE.

Twenty-fifth—Report on State Missions read and adopted, as follows: We, your Committee on State Missions make the following report: We are unable to make an accurate report of what was done this year, but we are sure that conditions are such as to justify the claim that a great work is greatly needed here in Arkansas, and we beg each church to help with their prayers and means.

J. M. White,
C. C. Roberts.
S. H. Duke.

Twenty-sixth—Report of Committee on Divine Services read and adopted, as follows: Preaching by Brother H. T. Howell at the Methodist Church at Cherry Hill Saturday night, and at Big Fork Church by Brethren Chas. Roberts and J. B. Liles. Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at Big Fork Church, Sunday School Rally led by S. C. Parish. Sunday evening at the church at 3 o'clock, preaching by S. W. Sherrod. Sunday night at Cherry Hill by Brother J. M. White and E. Abee. At Big Fork Church, by Brother H. T. Howell.

R. M. REECE, Chairman.

Twenty-seventh—Report of Camp Ground Committee read and adopted, as follows: Dear brethren, we appointed Brethren H. T. Howell and J. T. Jones to conduct the camp meeting which began on Friday night before the third Sunday in August. Brethren Howell and Jones report a good meeting with three conversions and two restored; interest and attendance very good.

J. O. BUTLER.
R. M. REECE.
J. M. WHITE.

Twenty-eighth—Resolved that the clerk have 300 copies of minutes printed and that he have ten dollars for his services, adopted.

Twenty-ninth—Resolved that we tender our heart-felt thanks to the church and people at Big Fork for their hospitality and courtesy during our stay with them, adopted.

Thirtieth—Resolved that we, the Missionary Baptists of Caddo River Association assembled with Big Fork church, Polk County, Arkansas, do this day, Sept. 21, 1914, raise our united voice in one solemn protest and condemnation of the cruel, inhuman and brutal treatment in Denver, Colorado, of our brother, Dr. Otis L. Spurgeon, a Baptist preacher, by the supposed Roman Catholic mob, and order a copy of these resolutions to be spread on the minutes, and a copy be sent to the "Liberator" and "Menace" for publication. By order of Association; written by the clerk.

Thirty-first---Reading of the minutes and after some corrections, minutes adopted.

Thirty-second---Motion carried to adjourn to meet with Caddo Valley Association at Liberty church Sept. 25th, 1914, and then adjourn to meet with Black Springs church at 11 o'clock on Friday before the third Sunday in Sept. 1915.

A very appropriate and fitting admonition by the moderator, and prayer by Brother Roberts, after which the congregation stood and sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and took the parting hand.

Thus ended the fifty-seventh session of the Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association.

Rev. J. O. BUTLER, Moderator.

H. L. KING, Clerk.

Minutes of adjourned session held with Caddo Valley Association at Liberty Church: In harmony with its adoption to hold an adjourned session with Caddo Valley Association, a representative delegation met with said Caddo Valley Association at Liberty Church. Session was called to order by the moderator. Motion carried that the Caddo Valley Association is not yet in condition to be received by the Caddo River Association. Motion carried to continue the former Camp Ground Committee consisting of Brethren J. O. Butler, J. M. White and R. M. Reece. Motion carried that the present holder of Camp Ground Deed turn said deed over to the Moderator of Caddo River Association. Motion carried to adjourn to meet in next annual session with the Black Springs Church at 11 o'clock on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1915.

J. O. BUTLER, Moderator.

H. L. KING, Clerk.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Appointment of clerk pro tem.
3. Call for letters from the churches.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Election of officers.
6. Call for visiting ministers.
7. Call for correspondence.
8. Appointment of committees.
9. Recess.
10. Report of Divine Service Committee.
11. Hearing of propositions for an Associational merger.

SECOND DAY.

1. Reading minutes.
2. Roll call.
3. Call for reports of committees.
4. Call for resolutions.
5. Appointments of next session.
6. Reading of the minutes.
7. Exhortation and closing prayer.
8. Parting song and parting hand.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Caddo River Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the churches of the Union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by the several churches before they take their seats.

Art. 3. The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual Association, and continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Art. 4. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent in matters of internal government, and shall act as advisory council assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the nature of the compact. It, nevertheless, claims authority over its members, the delegates from the churches, or evidently im-

plied by the nature of the compact. It nevertheless, claims authority over its members, the delegates from the churches, and in justice and propriety, must have power to withdraw from and disown, all churches which depart from the spirit of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practices. It should, therefore, regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God, by extending the kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of preaching the gospel, and the means in accordance with the gospel to cultivate fellowship and union with all churches of Christ, especially those united in this constitution.

Art. 5. Newly constituted churches, and churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Union by sending three delegates, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

Art. 6. This association shall have a fund to be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the committee on finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the association and present annually for inspection in the minutes a clear and distinct statement of receipts and expenditures.

Art. 7. This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

Art. 8. The Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulties between the churches unless they have perused the 18th chapter of Matthew and have not been able to settle them; then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its own discretion.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

Art. 10. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of this Association by the concurring voice of two thirds of the members present, provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches comprising the Association.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the session of the Association, the Moderator shall open business with praise and prayer in person or by proxy. If the former Moderator or Clerk be absent, the Association shall appoint one pro tem.

2. Immediately after opening the session the church letters shall be read by persons the Moderator may appoint and the names of the delegates be enrolled by the Clerk.

3. When the delegates' names have been enrolled and called by the Clerk, the Association shall elect by ballot a Moderator and Clerk the plurality of votes governing the election.

4. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they can be entertained by the Moderator. When motions or amendments to motions are made, the last one made shall be first in order and so on in inverse order, to original motion, but mover may at any time withdraw his motion.

5. Any person wishing to make a motion or speak on any matter before the Association shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the Moderator, and if he be in order, the moderator shall signify it by calling the name of the person; and no one thus in order shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject, or for personal reflections; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association or to explain a former remark.

6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for discussion of any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association and declare the result, a plurality governing all cases except those provided for.

7. No member may vacate his seat without the consent of the Moderator, while the body is in session.

8. When one member shall speak to or of another he shall call him "brother."

9. The Moderator shall have the names of the delegates called whenever it is necessary.

10. The Moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members by calling some one else to fill his seat while he is speaking; but not until all others have spoken who desire to speak.

11. The Moderator may invite visiting members in good order to seats in the council who may speak but not vote.

12. The minutes of the Association may be read as may be necessary.

13. The Moderator shall be judge of the order, the objector may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in a true and living God.
2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the Words of God and the Only Rules of our faith and practice.
3. We believe in the Doctrine of Election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin by the fall of Adam.
5. We believe in man's inability of his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.
6. We believe that the sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.
7. We believe that the Saints shall be Preserved in Grace and never fall finally away.
8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of Baptism, and that Immersion is the Apostolic mode.
9. We believe in the Resurrection of the Dead and in the General Judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the Wicked shall be Eternal.
10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who has been regularly Baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hand of the Presbytery.
11. We believe that none except Baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's Supper.
12. We believe that the Lord's Day shall be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.