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OFFICERS

ELD. J. M. WHITE, MODERATOR, Black Springs, Arkansas  
ERNEST BERRY, CLERK, Sims, Arkansas  
C. C. ROBERTS, TREASURER, Oden, Arkansas

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The next session of the body will be held with the Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, Clagett, Arkansas, beginning at 11 o'clock a. m, Saturday, September 14, 1918. The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Bro. J. B. Liles; C. C. Roberts, alternate. The Missionary Sermon to be preached by Bro. J. O. Butler.

## *Proceedings.*

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The Sixtieth Annual Session of the Caddo River Association assembled with the Baptist church at Oden, September 15th, 1917.

The body was called together by the Moderator, Bro. J. M. White. A song service was led by Bro. C. C. Roberts, followed by prayer led by Bro. H. T. Howell.

Bro. Butler and Bro. Wright being absent, motion and second was made and carried that Bro. George Vandiver preach the introductory sermon.

Taking Luke 11:31-32 as a text he delivered an able sermon. Moderator called the Association to order at 2:30 by singing "Blessed Assurance." Prayer was led by Bro. Carrington followed by singing, "Nearer My God to Thee." Upon call for letters the following churches responded: Oden, Pleasant Hill, Mt. Olive, Providence, Black Springs, Mt. Gilead, Big Fork, Sweet Home, Mt. Ida, Sulphur Springs and Little Hope.

Bro. Hulsey, R. L. Thompson and Bro. Howell were appointed as committee to read the letters. Delegates were enrolled. The body entered into an organization and election. Bro. R. L. Thompson and Bro. Hamp Edwards were appointed as tellers.

A motion was made and carried that the clerk cast a unanimous vote of Association in favor of J. M. White as Moderator. Clerk then cast the vote unanimously in favor of J. M. White.

Votes taken and tellers declared Bro. C. C. Roberts unanimously elected Treasurer and Bro. Ernest Berry, clerk.

The Moderator declared Association duly organized and ready for the transaction of business.

The following were seated as Honorary Members: Bro. H. S. Edwards, Sister Eva Edwards, from 1st Baptist church, Durant, Okla., and Rev. John D. Freeman, of Ashdown. Bro. J. W. Hulsey, Bro. Rizley and Bro. Dilbeck were appointed as Committee on Divine Service to serve with



Pastor C. C. Roberts. Committee reported that Rev. John D. Freeman would preach at the 7 o'clock service

Motion made and carried that this body ask sister associations to seat any visiting Brethern from this Association as corresponding messengers.

Bro. Ernest Berry was elected as messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention from this Association.

Motion made and carried to adjourn the business meeting to 8 o'clock Monday morning.

### SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Service was begun by singing "Amazing Grace." followed by prayer led by Bro. Z. C. Edwards Bro Freeman took charge of the service and preached a powerful sermon on the theme, "What kind of church every Baptist ought to be," basing his remarks on Acts 2:37-41.

The following committees were appointed: Sunday Schools, Rev. J. D. Freeman, John Rowton, W. M. Rizley; Christian Education, C. C. Roberts, E. A. Lewis, F. F. Fryar; Home Missions, H. T. Howell, M. F. Garrett, W. G. Simpson; Associational Missions, J. O. Butler, M. F. Hill, H. T. Howell; Orphan's Home, J. T. Covington, M. A. Batterton, J. W. Dilbeck; Religious Literature, J. B. Liles, J. H. Herring, Rev. John D. Freeman; Obituaries, B. F. Brewer, Z. C. Edwards, J. J. Abee; Nominations, J. W. Herring, M. A. Batterton, L. L. Wilhite; State Missions, J. W. Hulsey, Z. C. Edwards, W. R. Standridge; Finance, J. W. Dilbeck, W. H. Lawrence, O. G. Roling; Ministers Names and Postoffices, B. Cotton, W. H. Lawrence, B. G. Wilhite; Temperance, W. R. Standridge, W. M. Rizley, Geo. Hill; Foreign Missions, H. S. Edwards, J. B. Liles, J. P. Holliday; Woman's, Work J. O. Butler, H. T. Howell, J. B. Liles.

### SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Services were opened by the singing of several old time hymns. This was followed by reading the 1st Psalm by Bro. J. M. White and prayer by Rev. John D. Freeman and the singing of "Jesus Lover of my Soul." Report of Committee of Sunday Schools read and referred to the business on Monday. The report was discussed by the Brethern Rev. John D. Freeman, Ernest Berry, C. C. Roberts and Rev. J. W. Hulsey.

At the 11 o'clock service Bro. J. W. Hulsey took charge of the ser-

vice and preached a powerful sermon from 1st Peter 4-10 on the subject "Stewardship."

At the conclusion of the service a collection was taken for the building of a church house at Oden and the sum of one hundred and eleven dollars and fifty cents was in money and pledges.

### SUNDAY EVENING SESSION

Service was opened by singing "Happy Day," followed by prayer by Bro. C. C. Roberts. Address by Moderator. Address by Rev. J. D. Freeman.

Report on Orphan's Home read and discussed by J. T. Covington, J. W. Hulsey, H. T. Howell and J. M. White. Adjourned to night session.

### SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION

Service was opened by singing "Amazing Grace," after which Bro. M. F. Garrett led in prayer, and Bro. L. L. Wilhite with songs interspersal.

At 8 o'clock Bro. H. T. Howell took charge of the service and preached a soul-stirring sermon from 1st John 5:8 as a text, on the subject, "What is the matter with our Churches?"

Bro. George Vandiver preached at Mt. Olive church.

### MONDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was called together by singing "Sweet By and By" followed by reading 32nd Psalms by the Moderator, J. M. White, followed by prayer by Bro. R. L. Thompson

The Moderator declared the body opened for business. The roll was called and corrected. Report on State Missions read and adopted and ordered placed on minutes. Report on Associational Missions read and adopted.

Brethren J. W. Hulsey and C. C. Roberts were added to Nomination Committee.

Report of Committee on Temperance read and adopted. Report on Foreign Missions read and adopted. Report of Committee on Ministers and their Postoffices read and adopted. Report of Committee on Obituaries read and adopted. Report of Committee on Finance read and adopted. Report of Committee on Sunday School adopted. Report of Committee on Orphan's Home adopted. Bro. J. O. Butler, Bro. H. T.



Howell and Bro. M. F. Garrett were appointed on Committee on Women's Work. On motion Association adjourned to 1:30 p.m.

### MONDAY EVENING SESSION

Services called together by singing "Blessed Assurance" and prayer by Moderator, J. M. White. Bro. White being called home, Bro. H. T. Howell was appointed Moderator pro tem. Report of Committee on Christian Education read and after discussion by Brethren Roberts and Hulsey, was adopted. Report of Committee on Woman's Work read and adopted.

Report of Committee on employing Associational Missionary read and adopted.

### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Jesus charged his disciples to teach all nations to observe the things he had commanded. We believe that it is the duty of His churches to obey his injunction and in order to do so we must have a regular teaching service in our churches. The Sunday School is the teaching service of the church, and no Baptist church can afford not to have one. It gives us an opportunity of teaching all people God's Word, of training our members in handling the Word and of opening up to people its unsearchable riches. We believe that our people must be taught the great truths of the Word, else more and more of them will fall victims of the blighting influences that come from the heretical teachings now going around among us.

We recommend therefore:

1. That pastors study the normal manual and other helps in order that they, who are the leaders, may be able to give counsel and inspiration to their Sunday School workers.
2. That the teachers be encouraged and urged to take up the courses of study that lead to the securing the Sunday School diploma.
3. That the Sunday School in no wise be separated from the church but always be counted as a church service. We suggest that the officers be elected by the church,
4. That we set our hearts on having buildings that will accommodate our schools, and that we secure such charts and maps as will aid the teachers in explaining God's Word,

5. That we insist on using Baptist literature. No better can be secured for both teachers and pupils than that published by our own Sunday School Publishing House at Nashville, Tenn., and we urge all our schools to have this, the best. We heartily disapprove of Union literature for Baptist Sunday Schools.

6. That an annual Sunday School Institute, conducted by the State Teaching Secretary, be held in our Association, and that we urge all pastors, Sunday School officers, teachers and pupils to attend.

W. M. RIZLEY,

JOHN ROWTON,

JOHN D. FREEMAN.

### REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

God, who is a "Father to the fatherless," has provided for the care of the orphans. Visiting the widows and orphans in their afflictions is declared to be "pure and undefiled religion." In accord with God's plan we have been caring for the orphans at the Monticello Home for 22 years. More than 600 of these unfortunate children have shared a place in our Home.

Since January 1, 1916, we have secured homes in good families for more than 160 of these children. We now have 65 children in the Home. We are hoping to reduce the number to 50 by the meeting of the Convention in December.

The debt on the Home July, 1, 1917, was \$12,500. Our campaign to pay the debt by the Convention gives good promises of success. All of the current expenses of the Home amount to about \$750 a month.

The present management of the Home is entirely satisfactory; the farm has been well worked and a fine crop has been produced; the premises are clean and sanitary; and the children are, with probably the fewest exceptions in the history of the Home, well and happy. A strong religious sentiment prevails. Most of the children are Christians, a number of them having been received into the church the past year.

We recommend:

1. Regular monthly offerings in every Sunday School, and the amount forwarded promptly to J. S. Rogers, General Secretary, 410 Donaghey Building, Little Rock.



2. That every church take as large an offering as possible and forward it to Brother Rogers.

3. That every Woman's Missionary Society join in this debt-paying campaign and send their offerings in promptly to the general office.

4. That a cash and pledge of offering be now taken for this purpose. We must not fail to pay this debt. Every Baptist is expected to do his bit for the orphans.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. DILBECK,

J. T. COVINGTON,

M. A. BATTERTON,

### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee on State Missions would report as follows:

The way for a Baptist church to become a "glorious church, not having a spot or wrinkle or any such thing" is for it to be intensely Missionary in doctrine and practice.

State Missions may be defined as the united effort of Arkansas Baptists to get everybody in Arkansas saved and into Baptist churches and then to get them to give proper support to all enterprises of the Kingdom of God, both for Arkansas and all the world. We believe the Great Commission was given to Baptist churches.

There is a great destitution in all the sections of the State. There are a million lost souls in Arkansas. It is perfectly safe to say that sixteen thousand souls go from Arkansas to Hell every year. What an opportunity this affords Arkansas Baptists! They will listen to our preaching. Whenever we send the messengers they do listen. And the obligation rests upon the Christian people of Arkansas to give them the Gospel. No others either can or will do this work.

Last year the churches co-operating through the State Convention put forward State Missions thus:

Missionaries and other workers .....	65
Conversions .....	3,134
Baptisms .....	2,281
Additions .....	3,010
Amount raised for State Missions .....	\$25,598

The present year gives promise of being far better than last year.



The amount of money that we need to raise for State Missions to put us out of debt at the Convention at Jonesboro December 5, is at least \$30,000.

So your Committee urges the following:

1. That every pastor get all possible information about State Missions to his people and endeavor to secure an offering from every church member and every organization in every church.
2. That the pastors and active laymen during the meeting of this Association get together and organize themselves and make plans to reach every church in the Association for an offering to State Missions before December 1.
3. That the churches of this Association do their very best to raise at least the amounts asked of them by the Executive Board.

J. W. HULSEY,  
Z. C. EDWARDS,  
W. R. STANDRIDGE.

## REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We your Committee submit the following report:

1. We believe we can and ought to engage in Associational Mission Work because there are destitute places within our bounds that we could reach and that it would be the best way to bring about a union of the churches in the Caddo Valley Association with us, therefore, we recommend that this Association elect a Missionary at this session, and pledges be taken for Associational Missions. We also recommend that our pastors bring this matter before the churches at once and that we go to work at once. Respectfully Submitted,

M. F. HILL,  
J. O. BUTLER,  
H. T. HOWELL.

## HOME MISSION REPORT.

Our Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Georgia, has the distinction of reporting yearly, more converts and baptisms through the work of its missionaries than have ever been reported by another Home Mission Board in America, though several of these expend more money than our Board does.

Our Board last year reported 37,724 baptisms, 22,945 of which were

creditable directly to Home Missions, while the rest were creditable to co-operative agencies. Last year the total receipts of the Board for all objects were \$474,792, while the administrative costs were \$22,638, or only 4.7 per cent. This suggests great economy in administration. While we applaud a wise economy, we must not forget that efficiency in secular business has nearly always required considerably larger administrative costs than this.

Our Board must not only wisely expend money; it must aid in nurturing and instructing the sources of its supply, which are among nearly 3,000,000 Baptists, most of whom belong to churches with only once-a-month preaching; by absentee pastors. To do this service with any real effectiveness will necessitate some expense. We would encourage our Board in incurring expenses required for efficiency.

We recommend:—

1. That earnest prayer be made for the Home Mission Board and that our pastors be asked to preach at least once during the year upon Home Missions.

2. That our churches be encouraged to form mission study classes in "Baptist Missions in the South" and "Country Church in the South," the two unusually popular mission study books of the Home Board. Also that our churches should order and make a larger use of the full and interesting lot of tracts about each phase of the work of the Board. The tracts are free on application. The books are, each, cloth 60 cents, paper 40 cents. All orders for literature or books should be directed to Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. Howell,  
M. F. Garrett,  
W. J. Simpson.

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, report as follows:

We find the sale and use of intoxicating drinks is a curse to the human family; therefore we urge upon our people that they refrain from its use, and, especially, that we teach our young people the danger of its use.



We urge that our Baptist people show their appreciation of State-wide prohibition by assisting our officers in the control of the undercurrent of illicit whiskey.

W. R. Standridge,

W. M. Rizley,

George Hill.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Last year was the greatest in Southern Baptist history of Foreign Mission achievement. A total of \$961,970.48 was raised, which included \$180,000 debt, amount contributed to Judson Centennial and to current support. This is the greatest advance ever made by any denomination in the South in contributions to Foreign missions in a single year. If Southern Baptists had raised \$38,092.52 more, they would have reached the round million mark.

The above record was made possible both by the large number who contributed and the large gifts of a few who recognized the extreme necessities of our Foreign Mission work.

The expenses of the work were reduced by nearly \$10,000. 90.7 per cent of the money given was applied to the foreign field and only 9.3 per cent was required to meet all home expenditures.

6,347 converts were baptized, 12,930 students were enrolled in our schools, and missionary doctors treated 67,566 patients. We have at present 458 churches with 47,161 members. 115 of the churches are self-supporting. The members contributed last year \$132,371.05.

There is immediate and urgent need of a large number of missionaries for evangelistic, medical, school and other departments of the work. To meet this work the Board was able to send out but twelve missionaries at its Annual Meeting. This number is not one-fourth of the number needed. Of the 458 churches most of them have inadequate houses of worship, and more than one-half of these have no houses at all.

Obedying the wish of the Convention which met in New Orleans in May, the board has been compelled to assume obligations which amount to \$165,000 more than Southern Baptists contributed to current support last year, and this amount leaves more than \$200,000 in urgent needs unprovided for.

States, associations, churches and individuals are earnestly sought greatly to increase their contributions to this work in order to save if

from the peril of growing obligations and enable the Board to enter new fields to which Providence has thrown the door wide open and waving harvests invite us.

Some devoted friends are giving the Board Liberty Bonds which they purchased to help their country, and others are investing in the Board's Annuity Bonds which pay good dividends. Such examples are recommended to all our people.

H. S. Edwards,

J. B. Liles.

### REPORT ON MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

We, your Committee on Ministers and their Postoffices, report as follows:

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES	ADDRESSES
C. C. Roberts .....	Oden, Arkansas
F. F. Edwards.....	Alf, Arkansas
E. Abee .....	Black Springs, Arkansas
J. O. Butler.....	" " "
J. M. White.....	" " "
J. T. Covington.....	" " "
T. J. Wright.....	Fancy Hill, "
H. T. Howell .....	Opal, "
J. B. Liles.....	Big Fork, "
M. F. Garrett.....	Fancy Hill, "
J. W. Hulsey.....	Mount Ida, "
A. F. Smith.....	" " "
S. S. Lee.....	" " "
Phillip Abernathy .....	Mena, "
Sam Sherman.....	Albert, "
S. W. Sherrod .....	" " "
J. T. Jones.....	Fayetteville, "
George Vandiver .....	Waters, "

#### LICENSED MINISTERS.

NAMES	ADDRESSES
G. H. Edwards.....	Alf, Arkansas
S. C. Parish.....	Mount Ida, "
Z. C. Edwards.....	Womble, "



L. L. Willhite.....	Oden,	"
S. S. Singleton.....	"	"

B. Cotton,  
W. H. Lawrence,  
B. G. Liles.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, find there has been two deaths among us this year: Sister F. A. Gillmer, of Providence Church, and Sister Eliza Dillbeck, of Big Fork Church.

B. F. Brewer,  
Z. C. Edwards,  
J. J. Abee.

We, your Committee on Finance submit the following report: We have received from the churches the sum of \$36.55 for minutes and \$2.75 for Orphan's Home. Association Missions \$4.50.

O. G. ROLING,  
J. W. DILBECK,  
W. H. LAWRENCE.

## REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Your Committee on Christian Education would report as below: Without well-equipped Baptist schools all of our Baptist work would suffer and come to a standstill. We look to our Baptist schools for most of our trained workers in pulpit and pew, as well as on mission fields. Ninety-five out of every hundred of our foreign missionaries come from Baptist schools. So Christian Education and its support must be put on the same basis with Missions.

Arkansas Baptists have two great Christian Colleges—Ouachita, for boys and girls, at Arkadelphia, C. E. Dicken, D. D., President; Central, for girls, at Conway, J. W. Conger, LL.D., President. Last year Ouachita had 287 students, and Central had 202. These schools have rendered a service to the Baptist cause in Arkansas the value of which can never be estimated.

We now have two mountain schools. One of these is at Maynard, with W. A. Cummings as principal, and the other at Mountain Home, with H. F. Vermillion as principal.

The education of preachers is one great object in Christian Educa-

tion The denomination that fails to provide for the education of its preachers will die as a denomination. Last year there were 40 young preachers in Ouachita College and several in the Mountain Home and Maynard schools. They receive free tuition, and some help on other expenses when it is necessary. The Bible Department in Ouachita is arranged with special reference to the preachers, but the classes are open to all, and Bible is required of all who graduate.

This committee hopes that all of our preachers will preach often each year on the needs and benefits of Baptist schools, that every church in the Association will make a good offering for our schools and for the education of young preachers this year, and that our people will send their children to our Baptist schools.

J. B. Liles,

J. H. Herring.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your committee, submit the following report: We find that our Baptist Women are doing a great work where organized, from the 29th annual report of the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary at the Southern Baptist Convention. We call attention of our Association to the following. About \$45,000 was raised for foreign missions the past year. We, therefore, recommend that our Sisters in Christ organize themselves for more aggressive work. Some of our churches already have women organizations. Black Springs, Mt. Ida and Womble churches have women organizations, and we hope to see all of our churches have such organizations.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. Liles,

J. O. Butler,

H. T. Howell.

#### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Paul, in writing to Timothy, urges him to study to show himself approved. No more appropriate injunction could be given God's people today than that sent this young preacher. We find on every hand tracts, papers, magazines and books that contain all kinds of damning heresies. Our people are reading them and are being deceived by them. Something must be done to counteract their influences or we are going to suffer mightily as a denomination.

We recommend therefore:



1. That people be urged to read their Bibles more and to test every new doctrine by the new Testament.
2. That every Baptist home have at least three of our denominational publications in it. The Baptist Advance, The Home and Foreign Fields and either the Baptist Standard or the Western Recorder.
3. That our Sunday Schools use the literature published by the School Board.
4. That our children be given such books as, "The Little Baptist," "Pilgrims' Progress," "Annie of Ava" and "Theodosia Ernest," and that all Baptists study such books as Wallace's, "What Baptists Believe" and "McGlothen's Infant Baptism."
5. That pastors keep a supply of free tracts and get their people to read them and in every way indoctrinate these people.

J. B. Liles,  
John Herring,  
John D. Freeman.

#### REPORT ON NOMINATION.

Report of committee appointed to nominate a Missionary beg leave to recommend the following:

1. The Association to elect Bro. J. O. Butler our Associational Missionary.
  2. That his salary be fixed at \$175.
- J. W. Hulsey,  
L. L. Willhite,  
C. C. Roberts,  
J. H. Herring,  
M. A. Batterton.

We, your Committee on Nominations, report as follows:

We recommend that the next session of this body be held with the Baptist church at Sulphur Springs, that the Introductory Sermon be preached by Bro. J. B. Liles; Bro. C. C. Roberts, alternate; that Bro. J. O. Butler preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock a.m., Sunday. That Brethren J. W. Hulsey, H. T. Howell, C. C. Roberts be appointed as Executive Board and Associational Mission Board.

J. H. Herring,  
L. L. Willhite,  
M. A. Batterton.

Resolved that this Association extend its sincere thanks to the Brethren and citizens of Oden and vicinity for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors, and

Resolved, that we especially thank Bro. C. C. Roberts for his untiring efforts for the success of this Association.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount on hand at beginning of 1917 session .....	\$12.00
"    received for minutes and clerk services .....	36.55
"    "    for Associational Missions .....	4.50
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Total .....	\$53.05

C. C. Roberts, Treasurer

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### CONSTITUTION.

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

Article 2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from the churches of the Union and the ordained ministers of the various churches of the Union. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by the several churches before they can take their seats.

Article 3. The messengers 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 session of the Association, and continue in office until their successors shall be chosen.

Article 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 an advisory counsel, 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 messengers from the churches and the ordained ministers, 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 under this constitution.

Article 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 messengers, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored and deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

Article 6 This Association shall have a fund to be supplied by voluntary contributions from the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and be 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.

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

Article 8. The Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and 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.

Article 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 the same to his successor in office.

Article 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.

Article 11. That the Moderator and Clerk be, considered and here-

by are ex-officio members of the Executive and Associational Mission Boards.

Article 12. Visiting brethren shall be eligible as committeemen.

### RULES OF DECORUM.

1. When the messengers 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 messengers be enrolled by the Clerk.

3. When the messengers' 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 persons 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 the discussion of any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the voice of its members and declare the result, a plurality governing in 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 messengers called whenever it is necessary.

10. The Moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members, by calling someone 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 order to seat 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, but 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 Word 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 the 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 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 felicity of the righteous and that 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 but baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's Supper.

12. We believe that the Lord's Day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.