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# Proceedings.

### LIST OF MESSENGERS.

ANTIOCH-Eld. A. A. Andrus, Eld. G. R. Cravens. ARGENTA-Eld. Ben M. Bogard, T. J. Echols, Mrs. J. G. Doyle, Mrs. G. M. Woodall, Mrs. A. B. Tapscott.

AUSTIN-(By letter.)

AUSTIN STATION-T. J. Young.

BAIN'S CHAPEL—Eld. John McKinney, J. N. Lee. BALD KNOB—J. S. M. Beaver, Tobe Duke, Mrs. C. K. Morgan.

BARING CROSS—Eld. Jeff Baker, J. R. Askew, A. M. Lee. BAYOU METO—J. E. Tanner, J. G. North, P. L. Anthony.

BOONE'S CHAPEL—Eld. Edward Weber, Mrs. Nora Protho. CABOT—Eld. B. F. Milam, M. W. Bodie, T. M. Couch.

CANEY CREEK—C. W. Turner, J. C. Williams, Mrs. Dola Dicus. CARLISLE—Eld. T. E. Ward, Silas W. Tunis, Wm. J. Hyatt.

CENTER HILL-L. S. Redus, J. C. Harrison, J. N. Brumlow.

DAVIS CHAPEL-T. J. Rooker.

DES ARC-Mrs. E. E. Schnebly, Mrs. Henniss.

ENGLAND-Eld. E. J. A. McKinney, J. Swaim, T. J. Tygart.

EL PASO-(By letter).

FRIENDSHIP-Earnest Granberry, T. J. Lucas. GREENWOOD-Boone Baldwin, E. H. Abbott.

GRIFFITHVILLE-Eld. R. T. Middleton, A. A. Riner, Chas. H.

Rav.

HIGGINSON-A. W. Brown, J. H. Thomas, Mrs. J. A. Brown. HICKORY PLAINS-J. W. Caskey, Miss Nanny Caskey.

IMMANUEL,-(Little Rock.) Eld. J. U. H. Wharton, Eld. Harvey Beauchamp, D. F. Dobbins, J. H. Hammett, Geo. H. Davis, Mrs. Geo. H. Davis.

JUDSONIA-Eld. M. T. Webb, Eld. C. E. Smith, E. C. Bowden.

F. G. Briggs, Mrs. C. E. Smith.

JACKSONVILLE-Eld. L. R. Corder, J. P. Corder, G. M. Robertson.

KENSETT-Frank Coleman, J. K. Whitney, Mrs. Julia Coleman. LANDMARK-(By letter).

LANDMARK-(England). M. W. Izard, I. T. Brown, R. C. Walker.

LIBERTY-J. T. Walker, F. L. Williams, M. E. McBride.

LONOKE-Eld: R. P. Bain, W. P. Fletcher, Mrs. R. P. Bain, Miss Minnie Lou Graham.

MACEDONIA-K. C. Priest.

MCRAE-A. M. Clare.

MT ZION-A. M. Kirkpatrick, C. H. Linder.

NEW HOPE-Walter Baird, Mayberry White, H. C. Thompson. OAK GROVE-J. E. Moran, E. B. Howell, J. H. Duffey, Mrs. Mollie Duffey.

OAK GROVE-(White County). J. A. Brown, Tom Garner.

PECAN GROVE-Carlee Cobb, Mrs. Ruth Cobb.

PLEASANT HILL-O. C. Carroll, J. S. Sexton, J. T. Jordan.

ROSE BUD-P. F. Pearson, S. F. Thomas, J. V. Foreman. SEARCY-Eld. W. A. Crutchfield, R. R. Lewis, Henry Patterson, J. N. Rachels, W. F. Condray.

SECOND—(Little Rock). Eld. John T. Christian, Eld. James P. Eagle, Eld. J. F. McNemer, Eld. A. J. Barton, W. H. Eagle, W. E. Atkinson, H. T. Bradford, June P. Wooten, Mrs. H. T. Bradford, Mrs. Anna W. Voorheis.

SHILOH—J. D. Pannell, J. G. Armstrong, J. E. Strickland. SURROUNDED HILL—Eld. R. M. Best.

TOMBERLIN-J. Q. Cox, S. M. Beard, J. H. Shipley.

WATTENSAS—G. H. Johnson, W. S. McShan, John Barnes. WALNUT PLAINS—Eld. Wade Pharr, T. W. Hackney. ZION HILL—A. J. Boyd, John Earles.

#### SATURDAY MORNING.

Searcy, Ark., Oct. 8, 1904.

The forty-ninth annual session of the Caroline Baptist Association met at 10 o'clock a. m., with the church at Searcy; called to order by the moderator, Bro. W. P. Fletcher. Prayer by Eld. W. T. Amis.

Devotional services conducted by Eld. John T. Christian.

Eld. R. P. Bain, who had been appointed to preach introductory sermon, not being present, Eld. W. T. Amis was selected for that purpose, taking his text from Mark 9:2; "The Transfiguration."

Recess to 1:30 p. m.

Prayer by Eld. R. M. Best.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Prayer by Eld. J. F. McNemer. Association called to order by moderator.

Brethren W. T. Amis and John J. Holland were appointed

reading clerks.

Letters were read from forty-two churches.

Upon invitation, Prof. J. W. Conger, president Ouachita

Baptist College, addressed the association.

Motion carried that the two letters from the church at Beebe be left in the hands of the clerk until permanent organization of the association, then to be acted on.

Motion carried that messengers from Wattensas church be seated, but that the two letters be placed with the clerk until

permanent organization.

Upon motion, clerk pro tem was directed to cast unanimous

vote for Bro. W. P. Fletcher, for moderator.

Upon motion, Eld. E. J. A. McKinney was directed to cast

unanimous vote for Bro. June P. Wooten, for clerk.

Upon motion, clerk was directed to cast unanimous vote for Bro. J. T. Walker, for treasurer.

The following churches sent petitionary letters, and were received as members: Bain's Chapel, Baring Cross, Landmark-(England,) Macedonia.

Moderator appointed delegation from Searcy church a

Committee on Religious Services.

Motion adopted that after sermon on Sunday night, a missionary rally be held.

The following corresponding messengers were enrolled:

From Greenbrier Association, Bro. R. W. Cazort. Little Red River Association, Brethren S. J. Aiken, J. T. Wyatt, J. M. Carter.

The following visitors were recorded present: Eld. John T Christian, representing Foreign Mission Board, S. B. C.; Eld. W. T. Amis, pastor First Church, Hot Springs, and vice president from Arkansas of the Foreign Mission Board, S. B. C.; Eld. C. E. Smith and wife, missionaries to Africa of S. B. C.; Prof. J. W. Conger, president Ouachita Baptist College; Prof. W. W. Rivers, president Central Baptist College; Eld. J. J. Hurt, editor "Baptist Advance;" Eld. G. W. McCarty, representing the General Association of Arkansas.

Committee on Religious Services reported as follows:

Preaching Sunday at 11 o'clock in the Baptist meeting house by Eld. A. J. Barton; Methodist, Eld. John T. Christian; Presbyterian, Eld. W. T. Amis; Cumberland Presbyterian, Eld. B. F. Milam.

At 3 p. m. Baptist, (col.) Eld. G. W. McCarty.

At 7:30 p. m. Baptist, Eld. John T. Christian; Methodist, Eld. A. J. Barton; Presbyterian, Eld. Ben M. Bogard; Cumberland Presbyterian, Eld. H. Beauchamp; Methodist. (col.) Eld. C. E. Smith.

Moderator appointed the following Committee on Associational Missions: J. P. Eagle, M. W. Izard, J. N. Lee, W. A.

Crutchfield, J. Swaim, K. C. Priest.

Upon motion, the moderator appointed the following Committee to investigate the matter of two delegations from Wattensas and Beebe churches: J. P. Eagle, R. P. Bain, J. N. Rachels.

Recess to 7:30 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Eld. F. P. Davis.

## SATURDAY NIGHT.

Prayer by Eld. M. T. Webb. Association called to order by moderator.

Upon invitation, Prof. W. W. Rivers, president Central Baptist College, addressed the association.

The following reports were read:

# ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION BOARD. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND REPORT.

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1904 Oct. 8. By balance due Board

Your Board employed Bro. T. F. Landreth, beginning with the associational year at a salary of \$500 per annum for the time actually employed. He occupied the field four months and eight days for which we are due him \$177.78, and we have paid him that amount. We supplemented Bro. R. M. Best's salary at Surrounded Hill to the amount of \$7.00. On account of sickness, Bro. T. F. Landreth has only been able to serve a short time. The Board made two calls upon the churches during the year for financial aid in payment of their pledges and with the exception of a few churches received no response. We feel quite sure that every church will bring up to the association the amount of pledges. The lack of funds and the further fact that we expected Bro. Landreth to be able to continue in his work the most of his time we did not feel justified in employing other missionaries. The Board procured permission from Lonoke Baptist church to allow Bro. R. P. Bain as their pastor and a member of the Board to do some mission work for the association. He held a meeting at Hanson's School House, supplied Bayou Meto and Landmark, preaching to them in the afternoon. The facts will be more fully set forth in his report. The Board has devoted what time they could reasonably from their other duties to the associational work. We urge the churches in Caroline Association to see the importance of the work needed within the bounds of the association and to allow no other denominational work to absorb that interest other than the individual church work direct. We feel that the associational work should be continued within the bounds of the association in such manner as may be directed by the churches and the association.

> W. P. FLETCHER, Chm'n. G. W. SCRUGGS, Sec'y, and Treas. R. P. BAIN,

R. S. BOYD, A. J. MEADORS,

Respectfully submitted,

Associational Mission Board.

#### MISSIONARY T. F. LANDRETH.

Days of service 128	Miles traveled950
Sermons preached 65	Prayers in homes 79
Homes visited 104	Sunday school lectures 1
Amount collected\$16.37	Baptisms 5
Balance due	By letter 1

#### MISSIONARY R. P. BAIN.

By approval of Lonoke Baptist church, her pastor held a meeting at Hanson School House which was a place of destitution, at which place he preached seventeen sermons, visited twenty-two homes, professions of faith twenty-five, organized church one, membership

sixteen, baptisms five.

Lonoke church also granted her pastor permission to hold meetings with Caney Creek church, also to keep up regular appointments at Landmark and Bayou Meto, whose reports respectively, will be read before this association and by this means the Associational Mission Board has tried to increase what they could the amount of work done during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. BAIN.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your committee to whom was referred the question of Associational Missions, make the following report: Caroline Association has more co-operating churches than any association in the state. It probably covers more territory than any other. We find destitution in many parts of it. There are many weak and pastorless churches, and they seem to be increasing. It also seems that a minority of these are developing into strong, healthy churches. This state of things grows out of the scarcity of active, consecrated preachers. We recommend and urge that all the preachers within our bounds make a special study of the great question of missions and preach frequently thereon to their congregations.

We further recommend that as far as possible, all of our people study this question and the obligations Christ has laid upon us by the washing of His blood, to give to the lost the gospel of life and

salvation.

We further recommend that our Board as soon as possible, hold a great missionary mass meeting, which they should urge our preachers and people to attend. Believing that the failure to hold fifth Sunday meetings is a great loss to this work, we urge their renewal. The scarcity of preachers in our country districts, is greatly to be lamented. Let us pray earnestly that the Lord of the harvest may send more laborers into the vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. EAGLE, J. SWAIM, J. M. LEE, K. C. PRIEST.

On motion, the several reports were adopted.

Recess to 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Prayer by Eld. T. F. Landreth.

#### SUNDAY MORNING.

The Searcy Sunday school met at 9:30 a. m. Superintendent J. A. Kimbrough announced that the regular services would be dispensed with, and that the following would make short talks on Sunday school work: W. E. Atkınson, F. G. Briggs, Ben M. Bogard, Harvey Beauchamp, J. H. Reynolds.

At 11 o'clock association called to order by moderator.

Eld. A. J. Barton preached the missionary sermon from Matt. 28: 18-20; "The Backward and Forward Look of the Commission."

Moderator announced the following Committee on Obituaries: M. T. Webb, J. R. Corder, F. L. Williams, C. H. Linder, Mayberry White, H. H. Thompson, J. A. Brown, O. C. Carroll, J. G. Jordan.

Recess to 3 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Eld. Ben M. Bogard.

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Prayer by Eld. R. P. Bain. Association called to order by moderator.

The following report read and adopted:

#### OBITUARIES.

Since the last meeting of this association, two of our noble and faithful ministers have passed away to the paradise of God, Brethren

J. G. Doyle and S. P. Davis.

Bro. Doyle was a member of Argenta church. He became a Christian at an early age. Died January 29, 1904, at the age of 58 years. He also entered the ministry while quite young, and was faithful to the work of Christ, a bold defender of the Bible truths, fearless, yet humble and sympathetic. He wrote the book, 'Origin of Methodism,' which had a good circulation throughout the state.

Bro. Davis was a member of Austin Station church. He was born in Tippah County, Miss., in 1846; was converted in 1866, and was baptized by P. M. Lowery; moved to Arkansas in 1869. Bro. Davis was regularey in the ministry for eighteen or twenty years. He was fearless, yet meek, kind and truthful, and in every way a worthy man. He died September 26, 1904.

We recommend that a page suitably inscribed be set aside in the

Minutes to their memory.

M. T. WEBB,
J. R. CORDER,
F. L. WILLIAMS,
C. H. LINDER,
MAYBERRY WHITE,
H. C. THOMPSON,
O. C. CARROLL,
J. G. JORDAN.

Recess until after sermon tonight. Prayer by Eld. Ben M. Bogard.

#### SUNDAY NIGHT.

Prayer by Edw. Weber.
Sermon by Eld. John T. Christian. Text, Lev. 17:11;
"The Blood of Christ."

After sermon association called to order by moderator.

The following pledges for Associational Missions were made:

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Antioch \$ 2 50	
Argenta (coll.)	Jacksonville (coll.)
Austin Station 5 00	
Baine's Chapel 5 00	
	Tanumark (Coll.)
Bald Knob (coll.)	Landmark (England)\$10 00
Baring Cross 10 00	Liberty 5 00
Bayou Meto 12 50	
Boone's Chapel 2 00	
Cabot 10 00	Macedonia (coll.)
Caney Creek 2 00	New Hope 10 00
Carlisle 20 00	Oak Grove 10 00
Center Hill 10 00	
Davis' Chapel (coll.)	Rose Bud (coll.)
Des Arc 5 00	
*England 10 00	Second, Little Rock 50 00
Friendship 5 00	
Greenwood (coll.)	Surrounded Hill 2 50
Griffithville (coll)	Wattensas 10 00
Higginson 2 00	
Hickory Plains 2 00	
Immanuel (coll.)	
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\*This pledge afterwards withdrawn by pastor.

Moderator announced the following committees:

State Missions—W. E. Atkinson, R. P. Bain, G. R. Cravens, A. A. Andrus, Tobe Duke, P. L. Anthony, J. C. Williams, Wm. J. Hyatt, Chas. H. Ray, R. T. Middleton.

Home Missions—E. J. A. McKinney, J. U. H. Wharton, John McKinney, T. J. Tygart, Earnest Granberry, Boone

Baldwin, J. T. Lucas, A. A. Riner, A. W. Brown.

Foreign Missions—John T. Christian, R. M. Best, J. T. Brown, J. R. Askew, C. E. Smith, R. C. Walker, J. H. Shipley, J. H. Thomas.

Colleges and Schools—Harvey Beauchamp, J. F. McNemer, J. D. Parnell, J. S. M. Beaver, W. M. Owens, J. H. Reynolds,

G. M. Robertson, Frank Coleman, M. E. McBride.

Ministerial Education—B. F. Milam, D. F. Dobbins, F. G. Briggs, E. C. Bowden, A. M. Clare, A. M. Kirkpatrick, Walter Baird, J. E. Moran, J. H. Duffey, J. F. Carter.

Temperance—R. T. Middleton, D. J. Echols, J. E. Tanner, J. G. North, M. W. Bodie, C. W. Turner, T. E. Ward, Silas

W. Tunis, E. Weber.

Sunday Schools-A. J. Barton, A. L. McKay, P. F. Pear-

son, S. F. Thomas, T. J. Young, L. S. Redus, J. G. Harrison, H. T. Mullins, T. J. Rooker, E. H. Abbott.

Woman's Work—Sisters J. G. Doyle, A. B. Tapscott, G. M. Woodall, Dolly Dicus, E. E. Schnebly, — Henniss, J. A. Brown, C. E. Smith, Julia Coleman, R. P. Bain, Nannie Lou Graham, Mollie Duffey, H. T. Bradford, Anna W. Voorheis, Nanny Caskey, C. K. Morgan, Geo. Dobbins, Anna Kilgrove.

Literature—T. M. Couch, J. E. Tanner, John Barnes, J. E.

Moran, J. A. Brown, J. G. Armstrong, J. W. Caskey.

Correspondence—R. M. Best, J. H. Duffey, P. M. Anthony, J. O. Watson, J. K. Whitney, Geo. Davis.

Orphans' Home—Ben M. Bogard, W. F. Condray, G. H. Johnson, A. M. Lee, R. C. Walker, J. Swaim, J. G. Armstrong,

J. H. Hammett.

Nominations—M. W. Izard, E. B. Howell, R. R. Lewis, J. S. Sexton, J. Q. Cox, S. M. Beard, W. S. McShan, A. J. Boyd, John Earles.

Finance-Henry Patterson, W. H. Eagle, J. T. Walker,

M. W. Bodie.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Eld. Harvey Beauchamp.

#### MONDAY MORNING.

Prayer by Eld. W. T. Amis. Association called to order by moderator. Minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

Upon motion the clerk was directed to prepare a uniform associational letter and to distribute the same among the churches in this association.

Eld. R. G. Lafferty was enrolled as a visitor from Little Red River Association.

The following report was adopted:

#### BOARD ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We repeat our former declaration that this association should encourage our brethren who are preparing for the ministry by giving such aid financially as circumstances demand and we can afford to aid them in securing an education. The association had no associational beneficiary, hence no funds have been expended in that behalf the past associational year.

Bro. Chas. Pears in, applied to the Board soon after the adjournment of the association. He had not been adopted by the association.

hence the Board could render him no assistance.

At the meeting of last association there was due Associational Mission Fund, \$219.13, which had been borrowed from that fund and used in the liquidation of indebtedness due by Ministerial Education Fund. We have collected this year from Lonoke church \$20, and

transferred the same to the Mission Fund and the amount accounted for in the financial statement of the Associational Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. FLETCHER, W. Y. BRANSFORD, J. V. FERGUSON, Board on Ministerial Education.

Following report read:

#### STATE MISSIONS.

Arkansas, as a field for missionary effort, is ever changing as it develops in material resources. We have a vast number of Baptists who are undeveloped in active Christian work. These, taken in the aggregate, contribute little in the great work of world wide evangelization. These, with proper training and teaching, might be a mighty force for the conquest of the world. Our rural districts are being drained of their ministry by the rapidly growing towns and cities of the state, and in many places the supply is now inadequate. There are innumerable weak churches which would soon become strong if properly helped by our missionary forces. The new railroads just built and to be built present a problem to us that is full of difficulties. It is believed that within the next three years there will be not less than 200 new towns in Arkansas, in most of which churches can be founded and sustained only by liberal contributions to state mission work. There are now scores of towns-the sites of mill plants-where thousands of people are gathered, with no Gospel privileges, hundreds of others will spring up in the next few years. If Baptists can be the first to occupy these places, they will save to themselves vast numbers who will go to the first religious organization which seek them. Never in our history has the demand for united, liberal and hearty co-operation of Arkansas Baptists been more important. Growth and greatness are coming to us in population and resources, but they bring to us fearful responsibilities and duties. These should be met with faithfulness, and every Baptist should enlist for service. For the accomplishment of these things, we should mutually "pledge our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor," and should earnestly expect the conquering Christ to lead us to victory. W. E. ATKINSON.

R. P. BAIN,
G. R. CRAVENS,
A. A. ANDRUS,
TOBE DUKE,
P. L. ANTHONY,
J. C. WILLIAMS,
WM. J. HYATT,
CHAS. H. RAY,
R. T. MIDDLETON.

Following amendment to the above report read and adopted by a standing vote of 49 to 28:

We recommend that all the churches take a collection and make them as liberal as possible, and that the churches decide for themselves whether the contribution be sent through the State Convention or the General Association. Contributions intended for the Convention, should be sent to J. F. Love, Corresponding Secretary, and if the contributions are intended for the General Association, they should be sent to W. C. C. Dorough, Sheridan, Ark.

BEN M. BOGARD.

The report as amended was then adopted. Recess to 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Eld. W. A. Crutchfield.

## MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Prayer by Bro. J. G. Armstrong. Association called to order by moderator.

The following report was adopted:

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work of Baptists in foreign lands has been greatly blessed of God. From the beginning, the signal favor of God rested upon foreign mission endeavor, and has continued until this day. The post of honor is at the front, and the annals of our foreign missions

contain some of the most thrilling events of modern times.

Southern Baptists have mission stations in China, Africa, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina. In these fields are 180 organized churches, 1.294 out stations, 135 missionaries, 147 unordained native helpers, 2,076 baptisms, with a total of 9.969 members, 106 houses of worship, 164 Sunday schools, with 5,104 scholars, and 66 day schools, with 1,802 scholars. There was contributed to this work, \$247,629.69 last year. Syria is also a mission field.

We would recommend much prayer for our missionaries and churches abroad, an earnest study of the subject of Foreign Missions,

and liberal contributions to this great branch of endeavor.

JOHN T. CHRISTIAN, R. M. BEST, J. T. BROWN, R. C. WALKER, J. H. SHIPLEY, J. H. THOMAS, C. E. SMITH, J. R. ASKEW.

Following report read and adopted:

#### HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions, in our denominational phraseology, has come to mean that department of missionary operations that is broader than the State and limited by our Southland and Cuba. This is a work by which the stronger states are enabled to help the weaker and the great

burdens of one section may be lightened by help from others.

As an example, we refer to New Orleans with its 300,000 people, and only about 1,000 Baptists, with hardly a church comfortably housed. It is too great a burden to lay the evangelizing of this great destitution on the 40,000 Baptists of that state, when we consider the other destitution in the state. Baltimore, with her half million of people, is too large a burden for the 10,000 Baptists of Maryland. Then, the newly developed West will not be equal for some time to come to care for the work there. New towns are to be developed. Home Missions seeks to put our Baptist faith on the fields at the forefront. These and the various other departments of Home Mission work makes this a work that should receive our earnest and prayerful attention and support. We should seek to put the Baptists in all new towns and countries in the front, and where we are sadly in the rear, we should labor earnestly that our people may have good accommodations for an aggressive campaign for the place they should

occupy. Home Missions stands for this. Shall we not heed the call

the importance of this work demands?

E. J. A. MCKINNEY, T. J. TYGART, JOHN MCKINN Y, BOON BALDWIN. EARNEST GRANBERY, J. T. LUCAS.

## Following report read and adopted:

#### COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS.

Too much stress cannot be laid on the importance of Christian education. The training of the mind and soul cannot be safely divorced. The sharpening of the intellectual faculties without the corresponding developing of the spiritual faculties in the righteous-ness inculcated by God's Word is a calamity rather than a blessing, for it simply puts keener tools in the hands of wicked men with which to do more effective execution on the side of evil. We would urge all churches, pastors and Christian parents to exercise the greatest possible care in the religious education of the children during the period that they are receiving their secular education from the public schools, which in the very nature of the case cannot supply religious education to any considerable degree. This deficiency may be supplied by such methods as parental instruction, the family altar, the Sunday school, the preaching of the Gospel, and the putting of the proper sort of religious literature in their hands. But when a child is sent away from home to attend an academy or college, we should not think of sending them to any schools that are not decidedly and emphatically Christian, and we would lay special stress on the duty and obligation of our people to support our Baptist schools and academies. Because, by their patronage and contribution— First. If we do not support them, no one else will.

Second. These are the only schools over whose religious life we as a denomination have any control and in which we can obtain a

Christian education.

Third. If we expect our Baptist young people to be qualified to take their places credibly and helpfully in our denominational and church work, we cannot do better than educate them in our Baptist schools where they are taught not only to respect but also to believe Baptist doctrines, and where they are brought in touch with denominational agencies and are associated with present and future leaders in denominational life.

We must have these academies, colleges and theological seminaries to afford our young ministers the opportunities of getting a much needed education, and they ought to be supported by all our Baptist people, and we are persuaded will be supported by every

intelligent, loyal Baptist.

We take pride in commending Ouachita and Central colleges, under the efficient management of Principals Conger and Rivers, respectively, as well as Mountain Home, Maynard, Magazine and Bentonville and other academies, each ably manned by a strong teaching force, and which we are glad to report are more prosperous than ever.

Our people have never given these schools the financial support they deserve. These schools are now some \$50,000.00 in debt, and we call attention to the fact that a strong, vigorous effort is soon to be put forth to liquidate these debts and then raise an endowment that will assure the future success of these schools, and we recommend this effort to the favorable consideration of our people. Arkansas Baptists must support Arkansas Baptist schools, or else we must draw upon other states for men who have been educated in Baptist schools and in so doing we are drawing upon the liberalities of other people.

H. BEBUCHAMP,
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J. S. M. BEAVER,
E. L. LEGO.
G. M. ROBERTSON,
J. H. REYNOLDS,
J. D. PARNELL.

## Following report read and adopted:

#### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The committee to make a report on Ministerial education take pleasure in introducing for the prayerful consideration of the Caroline Association the following recommendations:

First. That in the education of our young ministers, much strength would be added to our association. We need to have our fields occupied by men of willing hearts and properly equipped to do our work.

Second. We believe such a move would be an encouragement to poor boys who have an ambition but are too poor to help themselves

to such advantages.

Third. We think it wise to support our own beloved Baptist schools, thereby wedding our young men to state work and encouraging our home schools that are striving to build up the Baptist faith in the state. We would not repudiate or look upon with indifference the fact that we have had within our bounds, and still have, men of great power who have never attended college. But even these noble brethren might have received aid from their brethren and have been strengthened to have done greater things for God.

We recommend and pray that Caroline Association be not in the rear of any other association in Arkansas in fitting her young men of

God to spread the Gospel of Christ over a dying world.

We further recommend Brethren J. E. Strickland, Chas. Pearson, E. Weber and Jack Gunn, to the corsideration of our Ministerial Educational Board as worthy of our aid.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. MILAM, A. M. CLARE, F. G. BRIGGS, A. F. DOBBINS, J. E. MORAN J. H. DUFFEY.

## Following report read and adopted:

#### TEMPERANCE.

We are grad indeed to note the steady growth in the temperance and prohibition sentiment in the state of Arkansas, and that in a majority of the counties of the state there are no saloons. We recommend that our preachers continue to preach temperance and prohibition and that they vote as they preach. We further recommend that all Christians of this association use every effort to keep down this evil and especially to abstain from the use of all intoxicants themselves; and since we are the salt of the earth and the light of the

world, we further urge the erection and maintenance of a family altar in every home, and that prayer be made every day for the riddance of this poisonous viper inasmuch as Divine Writ exhorts us to abstain from the very appearance of evil.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MIDDLETON, J. G. NORTH, EDWARD WEBER, S. W. TUNIS, T. E. WARD.

## Following report read and adopted:

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee feels that it would be difficult to overstate the importance of the Sunday school. The Sunday school has come to be recognized by all thoughtful and intelligent church workers, both pastors and laymen, as a most important service of the church. It is here that the church has its best opportunity for teaching the Word; it is here that we may sow the good seed of Gospel truth in the good soil of young hearts before the briars and brambles of worldly pleasure and personal transgression take possession; it is here that the well equipped and earnest soul winner may make many a powerful personal appeal that will bring its fruit in the salvation of souls; it is here that the saved may come to a clearer and broader view and a firmer grasp if divine truth and to a higher plane of Christian life.

Your committee regards it highly important that the Sunday school shall not be regarded as an institution separate and apart from the church, but rather as an established service of the church. We believe that the officers and teachers ought to be selected by the church directly or indirectly, and that the superintendent ought to make regular reports to the church in its business meetings setting forth the condition of the school. It is our profound conviction that each one of our churches can and ought to have a Sunday school all the year, and that every member of the church ought to recognize his obligation to be present in this service, as much so as in any other service. As a matter of course, our churches ought to use sound

Baptist literature.

Your committee has gone carefully through the letters sent by the churches to this session of your body with the purpose of ascertaining the Sunday school conditions. We are pleased to note that twentysix of the thirty-nine churches represented report evergreen Sunday schools. This gives the goodly proportion of 66 2-3 per cent. The data given is quite incomplete, some letters giving us facts except that the church has a school, while others report only the enrollment, As indicated by the letters, the twenty-six schools reported have 160 officers and teachers, 1,577 scholars enrolled, and an average attendance of 564. In addition to the above one church, Pleasan t Hill, reports a school for six months of the year. Your committee would urge church clerks and the superintendents to see to it that full and complete reports are made to the association each year.

While we rejoice in the goodly number of schools indicated above, we are pained to note that there is yet a great deal of indifference on

the part of a large number of our pastors and churches.

As indicated by the letters the following churches report that they have no schools:

Antioch, Pastor A. A. Andrus: McRae, no pastor.

The following churches failed to report schools, which indicates,

as your committee presumes, that they have none:
Bayou Meto, Pastor R. P. Bain; Boone's Chapel, E. Weber; Caney Creek, no pastor; Center Hill, W. A. Crutchfield; Davis Chapel, L. R. Corder; Jacksonville, L. R. Corder; New Hope, John McKinney; Tomberlin, W. A. Crutchfield; Mt. Zion, John McKinney (recently called); Zion Hill, B. F. Milam.

Your committee would earnestly and lovingly entreat these pastors and churches to fall in line with the advancing hosts of our Captain and join in the warfare against the hosts of ignorance,

darkness and sin.

Since making the above report, we have learned that the church at Bayou Meto has a Sunday school, although it was not so reported in their letter.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. BARTON, A. L. MCKAY. P. F. PEARSON, S. F. THOMAS, T. J. YOUNG, L. S. REDUS. J. G. HARRISON, T. F. ROOKER, E. H. ABBOTT J. M. BRUMLOW.

## Following report read and adopted:

#### LITERATURE.

We, your committee, recommend the careful and prayerful study of the Bible. The Great Apostle of the Gentiles said: "We should be prepared to give a reason for the hope that is within us." Hence, the necessity of close Bible study. We earnestly recommend sound Baptist literature in every Baptist home. We earnestly urge and recommend sound Baptist literature in every Baptist Sunday school within our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. BARNES, J. E. TANNER, J W. CASKEY, J. E. MORAN, T. F. LANDRETH, J. G. ARMSTRONG.

## Following report read and adopted:

#### ORPHANS' HOME.

Our orphanage at Monticello, Ark., is taking care at present of sixty-two unfortunate children, and making them comfortable, just in proportion to the means contributed by the Baptists of Arkansas and their friends. It is a worthy institution and deserving our prayers and individual support. We also recommend that each church take collections during the year for the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. WALKER, J. SWAIM, J F. HAMMETT. BEN M. BOGARD. J. G. ARMSTRONG.

## Following report read and adopted:

#### NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that Pleasant Hill be selected as the next place for the meeting of the association; that it be held on Saturday, before the second Sunday in October, 1905, beginning at 10 o'clock a.m. That Eld. R. P. Bain be selected to preach the introductory sermon, with Eld. M. T. Webb as alternate.

That E.d. J. F. McNemer preach the missionary sermon, with with Eld. W. A. Crutchfield rs alternate.

We recommend for members of the Associational Mission Board, Brethren R. P. Bain, W. P. Flet her and Hamp Ford, of Lonoke church, with Brethren J. A. Kimbrough, Searoy; R. M. Best, Des Arc; J. H. Reynolds, Immanuel Church, Little Rock; J. M. Crow, Landmark Church, England; T. J. Young, Austin; G. R. Cravens, Antioch, as correspondents, whose duty it will be to visit as far as possible and as often as possible, the destitute portions of this territory, and report to the Mission Board the conditions as they find it.

We recommend for members of Board on Ministerial Education, Brethren W. P. Fletcher, Jr., W. Y. pransford and R. P. Bain.

For members of Board on Superanuated Ministers, Brethren T.

J. Young, W. F. Gibson, W. B. Howell.

For representative to Southern Baptist Convention, Eld. James

Fraternally submitted, P. Eagle.

W. M. IZARD, J. S. SEXTON. W. S. McSHAN, A. J. BOYD, JOHN EARLES. E. B. HOWELL, R. R. LEWIS, J. Q. COX.

## Following report read and adopted:

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

We appoint as messengers to the Mt. Vernon Association, Elds. Frank P. Davis, Ben M. Bogard. To the Grand Prairie Association, Elds. R. P. Bain, G. W. Thomason, W. J. Hyatt, W. P. Fletcher, T. E. Ward. To the Green Brier Association, Eld. B. F. Milam, W. E. Atkinson. To the Pine Bluff Association, Elds. S. W. Tunis, James P. Eagle, H. Beauchamp. To the Little Red River Association, R. R. Lewis.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. BEST, GEO. H. DAVIS, P. L. ANTHONY, J. O. WATSON, J. H. DUFFEY.

## Following report read and adopted:

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#### BOARD ON SUPERANUATED MINISTERS.

In account with J. E. Moran, for the care of Bro. J. J. Sawyer, from October 15, 1903, to October 8, 1904, at \$25.00 per month, which this Board agreed should be paid Bro. J. E. Moran for the care of Bro. Sawyer, who is a charge on the care of this Board.

To care of Bro. Sawyer 112 months @ \$25.00	
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Balance due J. E. Moran	

By T. J. YOUNG, Secretary.

Association Treasurer's report read and adopted as follows: TREASURER'S REPORT, 1904.

	THE STOCKER S WELL CHIEF, 1001.		
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Cash received fro	om Association	\$339.22	
Due bill, Lonoke	Church	8.05	
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" J. F. Love,	secretary State Board		5.50
	lner, superintendent Orphans' Home		.50
	burn, secretary Min. Ed. Board		14.80
	Balance on hand		.08
		\$359.27	\$359.27

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. WALKER, Treasurer.

## Following report read and adopted:

#### FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report: We have collected for—

Associational Missions\$255	.60
Orphans' Home	.25
Bro. J. J. Sawyer 38	
Minutes 57	.75
State Missions (Convention)	.00
Total\$350	.55
Amount turned over to Treasurer J. T. Walker \$356	.55

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY PATTERSON, W. H. EAGLE,

J. T. WALKER.

## Following report read and adopted:

#### WOMAN'S WORK.

Your Committee on Woman's Work submits the following report: Through the different members of the various societies we find a growing interest among the women far and near to use every effort to spread the gospel, and extend the Kingdom of God. We find also that most of our sisters realize that we must use scriptural methods to raise money for the Lord's work, if we expect His blessing on our work.

We recommend that when there is a lack of information on the part of our sisters in organizing societies, that the pastors secure literature and lend assistance in organizing and maintaining the work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. G. DOYLE,
MRS. R. P. BAIN,
MRS. G. M. WOODALL,
MRS. ANNA W. VOORHEIS,
MRS. GEO. DAVIS,
MISS MOLLIE DUFFEY.

Recess to 7:30 p. m.

#### MONDAY NIGHT.

Prayer by Eld. J. U. H. Wharton. Association called to order by Moderator.

Instead of adopting report of committee to investigate, motion carried to grant request of messengers from Wattensas church to withdraw their letters, that they might submit their differences to their church.

Committee to investigate matter of two delegations from Beebe church, submitted a report. Motion to limit speeches on Beebe matter to ten minutes, lost. Substitute for report of committee submitted, and laid on the table.

The following resolution was submitted: "Resolved, that we recommend that the Beebe brethren of both factions mutually call a council of brethren to settle their difficulties."—Ben. M. Bogard.

Motion to table, lost. Point of order sustained that the re-

solution is unconstitutional.

A cash collection of \$35.91, and the following pledges were taken for the support of superannuated ministers:

Argenta (coll.)\$	Immanuel (coll.)	
Austin Station (coll.)	Judsonia (coll.)	
Bald Knob (coll.)	Jacksonville (coll.)	-
Bayou Meto (coll.)	Landmark-England	5 00
Baring Cross 5 00	Liberty	2 50
Bain's Chapel (coll.)	Lonoke	10 00

Cabot (coll,)	4 00	New Hope (coll.) Oak Grove	10 00
Center Hill (coll.)		Pecan Grove (coll.)	
Des Arc (coll.)		Pleasant Hill	5 00
England	10 00	Rose Bud (coll.)	
Friendship (coll.)		Second-Little Rock	25 00
Greenwood	5 00	Shiloh (coll.)	
Griffithville (coll.)		Surrounded Hill	2 50
Hickory Plains (coll.)		Wattensas (coll.)	

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that the cordial and grateful thanks of this association be and they are hereby extended to the Searcy Baptist Church and to the community for their generous and gracious hospitality in entertaining the body and to the churches of other denominations for the tender of their houses of worship.—A. J. Barton.

Following resolution read and adopted by a standing vote

of 38 to 20:

Resolved that we amend our present Order of Business, by striking our numbers 2, 3, and 4, in Section 8, relating to State, Home and Foreign Missions.—R. P. Bain.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we extend thanks to our Moderator, W. P. Fletcher, for his fairness and impartiality in his conduct as Moderator of this body.—Ben M. Bogard.

Resolved, That we order 1,500 copies of the minutes to be printed and equitably distributed among the churches, and that \$15.00 be allow-

ed the clerk for his services.—Ben M. Bogard.

While singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," the messengers and visitors present took the parting hand, after which the association was declared adjourned, to meet with the Pleasant Hill church Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1905.

W. P. FLETCHER, Moderator. JUNE P. WOOTEN, Clerk.

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CHURCHES	Pastors	POST OFFICE.	Clerks	Post Office	SUNDAY MEETING
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Oak Grove, White Co	J. W. Clark	G ifflthville	J. A Brown	Griffithville	4th
	W A. Crutchfield				
	J. M. Davis				
	W. A. Crutchfield				
	John T. Christian				
	F. P. Davis				
Surrounded Hill	R. M. Best	Des Arc	W. F. Moseley,	Des Arc	
	Wade Pharr				
	H. Y. Morris				
	B F. Milam				

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Andrus, A. A., Beebe.
Baln, R. P., Lono'e.
Baker, Jeff, Little Rock.
Barton, A. J., Little Rock.
Beauchamp, H., Little Rock.
Best. R. M., Des Arc.
Blancett, W. C., Griffithville.
Bogard, B. M., Argenta.
Christian. Jno. T., Little Rock.
Clark, J. W., Griffithville.
Clark, William. Little Rock.
Co der L. R., Jacksonville.
Cravens, G. R., Antioch.
Daile, W. L., Little Rock.
Davis, F. P., Little Rock.
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Davis, J. M., Austin. Eagle, Jas. P., Little Rock. Garnett, Geo. B., Judsonia Granberry. R. H., Lecont. Kime, W. P., Little Rock. Landreth, T. F., Little Rock. Linder, J. R., Beebe. Love, J. F., Little Rock. Lucado, R. P., Hot Springs, McCarty, G. W., Little Rock. McKinney, J. D., Krupp. McNemer, J. F., Little Rock. Michaels, J. W., Little Rock. Michaels, J. W., Little Rock. Middleton. R. T., Griffithville, Milam, B. F., Cabot.

Morris, H. Y., Hazen.
Norman, G. W., Rose Bud.
Owens, M. W., Bald Knob.
Pearson, Chas., Krupp.
Pharr, Wade, Carlisle.
Richards, J. C., Austin.
Sawyer, J. J., Austin.
Smith, C. E., Ogbomoso, West Africa.
Stringfellow, W. H., Searcy.
Ward, T. E., Carlisle.
Webo, M. T., Judsonia,
Wharton, J. U. H., Little Rock.
Weber, Edward, Little Rock.
White, Frank, Little Rock.
Wright, Wm., Little Rock.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Argenta	CHURCHES	SUPEBINTENDENTS	POST OFFICES.	No. of Teachers	No. Enrolled	Average	Expenses, Etc.
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<sup>\*</sup> No report received this year; figures taken from last one made.

## In Memorium

## ELDER JOHN GILLUM DOYLE

Born in Paducah, Kentucky, December 10, 1846. Died in Argenta, Arkansas, January 29, 1904.

## ELDER STEWART P. DAVIS

Born in Tippah County, Mississippi, in the year 1846. Died in Little Rock, Arkansas, September 26, 1904.

<sup>&</sup>quot;In the midst of their labors they were called Home to receive the reward in store for the faithful."

#### CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the "Caroline Baptist Association," and shall be composed of Baptist Churches representing themselves by accredited Messengers. Its object shall be to

provide missions, education and Sunday Schools.

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

Art. 3. The session of this Association shall be annual, at such

time and place as shall be appointed by the body.

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

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

of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

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

Art. 7. This Association may correspond by letter and Messen-

ger with other representative bodies of our denomination.

Art. 8. In the absence of any officer of this Association his

place shall be filled pro tempore, by viva voce election.

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

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

in favor of the proposed amendment.

Amendment No. 1. This Association may provide means to aid in the support of their aged, infirm, needy and superannuated ministers who have devoted their lives to the ministry, and who have been engaged in their last regular ministerial work for at least one year within the bounds of the Association. The Association may appoint a Board and adopt such by-laws and regulations as will be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this amendment.

## BY-LAWS-

#### FOR DIRECTION OF THE BOARD ON AID TO SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS.

SECTION I. The Association shall appoint a Board on Aid to Superannuated Ministers, consisting of three members, which board shall be located in or near the same locality. Said board shall hold office from the time of appointment until the annual session of the Association. Should a vacancy occur on said board the majority may select a member of any Missionary Baptist Church, a member of this Association in good standing, to fill such vacancy. The board shall organize once a year by electing a president, secretary and treasurer. Said board shall provide such stationery as will be necessary for their use as a board and any other necessary expenses that may be incurred in carrying on the work intrusted to them,

and shall be paid out of the funds in their hands and shall be required to make a report to the Association each year of all moneys

received and disbursed.

Sec. 2. The board provided for in Section 1, of these by-laws, may raise means through the churches of this Association, or raise contributions from other sources and in such manner as will be legitimate. They may purchase lands, make improvements under direction of this Association. The title to such lands shall be made to the Moderator of the Association and his successors in office.

Sec. 3. The Association shall at its annual meeting decide who shall be placed upon the list of Superanuated Ministers and direct what amount of aid shall be furnished by the board, and decide whether or not such beneficiary can labor in the ministry, and if so, to what extent. Provided, that if some minister, within the bounds of Caroline Association, who may come under the provisions of the constitution of this Association, may from continued sickness of himself or his family, or for other good and sufficient causes, become a charge upon the community in which he may at the time reside, the board may render such aid to such ministers as the circumstances may require or their ability will admit of. Provided, further, that for good and sufficient cause the board may discontinue their aid to such ministers and report their action to the Association at its next session.

Sec. 4. The board provided for in Section 1 of these by-laws shall in all cases, where it is possible, work in harmony with the mission board of this Association in supplying and giving work to such infirm or superannuated ministers as they find such ministers are capable of performing. And in no case will this board be permitted to make pledges beyond their financial ability as such board, nor

shall they involve the Association in debt.

Sec. 5. The Board on Ministerial Education shall aid such ministers as are adopted by the Association for education to the extent of the funds in their hands. Loans shall be made to such ministers, and their individual notes taken to the president of the board of education and his successors in office, with interest at 6 per cent from due until paid. The board shall not loan more than sufficient funds to meet the actual needs of such beneficiaries and not more than will be necessary for five months at any one time. They shall divide the funds in their nands in equal proportions as the demands of the beneficiaries may require. And the board shall provide such stationery and printed matter as will be required to carry out the requirements of the Association.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

#### ABRIDGED FROM PENDLETON'S CHURCH MANUAL.

1. We believe that the Holy Bible, written by men, divinely inspired, and full of unmixed truth, is a perfect rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3: 16.

2. We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Gen.

1: 26; 2 Cor. 13: 14.

- 3. We delieve that man, once holy, fell by voluntary transgression, from that happy state, and is now utterly void of holiness. Gen. 1:26; 3: 17.
- 4. We believe that sinners are saved by grace alone. Eph. 2: 8-9.
  5. We believe that men are justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Gal. 3: 6-29.

6. We believe that salvation is free to all who will accept the

Gospel. Isa. 55: 1; John 7: 37; Rev. 21: 6; Rev. 22: 17.
7. We believe that, except a man be renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is not qualified or prepared for the Kingdom of Christ on earth, or to enjoy his glory hereafter. John 3: 3-8.

8. We believe that repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are duties of every one who hears the Gospel.

Matt. 3: 2: Acts 18: 31.

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

We believe that sanctification, begun in regeneration, and 10. ever progressive, is the process by which we are made to partake of

God's holiness. John 3: 6; 2 Thess. 2: 12.

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

We believe that God's law is the only, the eternal and unchangeable rule of His Church and moral government. 2 Tim.

.3: 16-17.

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

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

Romans 6: 3-4.

15. We believe that only such as have been properly baptized and received into the fellowship of a regularly organized Baptist church should partake of the Lord's Supper. Matt. 26: 26-27; 1 Cor. 11: 20-23.

16. We believe that the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath should be devoutly observed, and sacredly devoted to religious services.

Mark 16: 9: Acts 20: 7; 1 Cor. 16: 1-2; Heb. 10: 25.

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, and that the governors of states and nation should be obeyed, when the laws they seek to enforce do not conflict with the Gospel.

18. We believe in the future resurrection of the dead. Dan.

12: 2-1-1; Thes. 4: 16.

We believe in the final judgment, and that, in that day, the righteous and wicked will be separated forever. Acts 17: 31; Matt. 25: 32-33.

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

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

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

We also pledge ourselves to walk circumspectly in the world; to

be honest, just and faithful in our business relations, and, as God

may give us help, we promise to live righteous and holy lives.

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

#### RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The daily session of the Association shall be opened and

closed with religious exercises.

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

3. In case of a tie vote, the Moderator shall give the casting

vote, and he shall not be allowed to vote in any other case.

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

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

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

entitled to the floor.

7. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderstor, and in speaking shall confine himself to the subject under discussion, and no one shall use any disrespectful or discourteouslanguage, calculated to wound the feelings of any member, or to disturb the harmony of the body, and the appellation of "Brother" shall be used in every reference to a member of the Association.

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

reasonable cause.

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

churches.

10. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all moneys accruing to the Association, to pay out the same upon the order of the clerk, or, if Home mission fund, upon the order of the secretary of Home Missions, and to report his receipts and disbursements. But the clerk shall draw no order upon the treasurer except for appropriations previously made by the Association.

11. Committees shall be appointed by the chair, unless other-

wise ordered by the Association.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Opening of the session by devotional exercises and preaching of Introductory Sermon.
 Reading of letters and enrolling names of Messengers.

3. Election of officers.

4. Call for petitionary letters.

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

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

7. Enrolling names of visitors.

8. Appointment of Committees. 1 Associational Missions. Colleges and Schools. 3 Ministerial Education. 4 Temperance. 5 Sunday Schools. 6 Obituaries. 7 Woman's Work. 8 Literature. 9 Correspondence. 10 Orphans' Home. 11 Nominations. 12 Finance. 9. Report of Associational Mission Board.

Report of Missionary. 10.

- Report of Board on Ministerial Education. 11.
- Report of Board on Aid to Superannuated Ministers. 12.

Report of Treasurer. 13.

Reports of Committees in order. 14.

Miscellaneous business. 15.

Resolutions. 16.

Exercises of final adjournment. 17.

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