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OF THE

Madison County Association

OF

Missionary Baptists,

HELD WITH

New Hope Church,

Washington County, Ark., Sept. 24 and 25, 1897.

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

•• OFFICERS. ••

*S. S. Graham, Moderator, Spring Valley.*

*Fred J. Berry, Clerk, Huntsville.*

Next year the Association will meet with Symrna Church,  
three miles north of Huntsville, Friday before the  
fourth Sunday in September, 1898.

# Proceedings.

NEW HOPE CHURCH, WASHINGTON CO., ARK.,

Sept. 24, 1897.

On Friday before the fourth Sunday in September the Missionary Baptist Association of Madison County met with New Hope church, Washington county. The introductory sermon was delivered by Bro. R. Bartlett, and his text was taken from the second chapter of Ephesians, 19th, 20th and 21st verses. After the introductory sermon the association convened for business. The moderator, Bro. Graham, called the house to order. Bro. Brent was chosen temporary clerk.

The first thing in order was calling for letters from churches in the association. The following letters were read and received: Forum, Combs, Fritt's Creek, Huntsville, Independence, Liberty, Southern Grove, Pleasant Hill, Spring Valley, St. Paul, White River, Lone Chinquepin, Macedonia and New Hope. Smyrna church failed to send their letter and Bro. Richmond Johnson prepared one which was accepted by the association.

The next thing in the order of business was the call for petitionary letters, and in response to this, letters were presented by the churches at Sunny Hill, Newton county; one from Mt. Hermon church, Franklin county, and Pleasant Home, Madison county. These letters were read and received and the messengers given seats in the association.

The next thing in the order of business was the election of a moderator and clerk for the ensuing year. Bro. Graham was elected moderator and Bro. Fred Berry clerk of the association.

After the election of officers, the constitution and rules of order were read by the moderator, after which Bros. Morris and Turner were appointed as a Committee on Divine Service.

A motion and second to take a recess until 2:30 p. m. was now made and carried, after which Bro. Stanberry offered prayer and Bro. Lester pronounced the benediction and recess was had for dinner.

## MINUTES OF THE

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3. p. m. the association convened again, and after a song, Bro. Barron led in prayer.

The call for letters not yet given in was called for and Marble responded with her letter.

Correspondence was now called for, but there was none.

An invitation was now extended to any visiting brother who might be present to make a few remarks, to which Bro. Clark, editor of the Arkansas Baptist, responded. He made some timely suggestions and introduced his paper to the association, and closed his remarks by saying that he had lost his hair trying to please the Baptists of Arkansas. After Bro. Clark had closed his remarks the moderator appointed the following committees:

Foreign Missions—Bros. J. D. Peters, chairman; H. Williams and J. R. Wood.

Books and Periodicals—Bros. R. S. Bartlett, chairman; C. J. Laster and W. J. Hyders.

State Missions—Bros. Dr. D. U. Hurst, chairman; Sisemore and R. S. Bartlett.

Temperance—Bros. J. H. Boatright, chairman, M. A. Youngman and S. M. Puryear.

Associational Meetings—Bros. D. H. Barron, chairman; S. E. Clark and S. M. Alderson.

Sunday-schools—Bros. Henry Odom, chairman; Richmond Johnson, D. U. Hurst.

These committees were ordered to retire and make their report, which they did. While they were out Bro. Richmond Johnson arose in regard to the next place for the association to meet, suggested Smyrna church and tendered a duplicate copy of his church letter, which was received. The brother delegates from Mt. Hermon church also suggested that place for the next meeting of the association, but on account of a part of the delegates being out on committees, the matter was deferred.

The Committee on Obituaries, which had been overlooked by the moderator, was now appointed and the following brethren were placed on that committee: Bros. J. J. Butler, Jas. W. Brent, chairman, and C. J. Laster.

Moved and seconded that a Committee on Digestive Letters

be appointed, which was carried, and the following committee appointed: Bros. D. H. Barron, chairman; B. E. Ward and J. R. Wood.

A Committee on Finance was now suggested, and the following brothers put on said committee: Bros. M. A. Youngman, Chairman and S. M. Puryear.

Committees not being ready to report, talks were called for, and there were none.

The Committee on State Missions now made their report in the person of Bro. Clark, and after a motion and second to adopt report, discussion was called for, to which Bro. Clark responded and gave some interesting information in regard to State missions. Contributions for State Missions were called for, and the amount collected was \$3.70 which by motion, was turned over to Bro. Clark, for which the clerk has his receipt.

After announcing that Bro. Clark would preach at night, a motion to adjourn was made which carried, and after prayer by Bro. Boatright the association adjourned to meet again at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

S. S. GRAHAM, MODERATOR.

FRED. J. BERRY, CLERK.

#### SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Just previous to adjournment on Friday it was announced that Bro. W. A. Clark would preach that night which he did. He took no text from the Bible, but delivered a sermon from the question, "Do I know I am a Christian?" which was ably delivered and well received.

Saturday, the second day's session, was opened with prayer by Bro. D. U. Hurst, after which came the reading of Friday's minutes which were adopted, Letters were now called for, to which Bro. Jno. White, of Lowell, as corresponding messenger, presented a letter from the Benton County Association. Upon a motion and second the letter was received and Bro. White given a seat in the association. It was also ascertained that Bro. Keen, of the Carroll County Association, was present and desired a seat in the association, which upon motion and second was granted.

Committees which had not previously reported were now called for, and the Committee on Foreign Missions responded in

the person of Bro. Peters. It being read, he moved its adoption, and after a few remarks by Bro. Clark the report was adopted. Contributions for Foreign Missions was called for and \$7 was received for this fund, and by motion and second, which carried, the amount was turned over to Bro. Clark to appropriate as directed, for which the clerk has his receipt.

The Committee on Sunday-schools now made their report in the person of Bro. Odom, who, after its reading, moved its adoption, and after a few remarks by Bros. Bartlett and Clark, who recommended the New Testament for Baptist Sunday-schools, the report was adopted.

The remaining committees not being ready to report, Bro. Clark asked leave to make a proposition in regard to printing the minutes which being granted, he made the following proposition: That he will print 400 copies of the minutes and receipt the association for the balance of \$3.10, which was due on the minutes of 1893, for \$17. A motion and second to accept his proposition was made, and after some discussion the motion was carried.

The Finance Committee now made their report and \$13 85 was received as minute money from the various churches in the association. It was now decided by the association to make up the balance of \$3.15 needed to make \$17, and the following churches subscribed additional money for same: Combs, 50 cents; St. Paul, 15 cents; White River, 20 cents; Macedonia, 10 cents; Huntsville, 30 cents; Spring Valley, 35 cents; Forum, 60 cents; Liberty, 50 cents; Sunny Hill, 5 cents; Smyrna, 20 cents; New Hope, 25 cents; making a total of \$3.20, which added to \$13.85 makes a total of \$17.05; in counting the money it was found there was 30 cents over for which there was no claim, which by unanimous consent was tendered the clerk. By motion, which carried, \$17 was turned over to Bro. Clark and the clerk has his receipt for same.

A motion to adjourn for five minutes was made and carried. and the association adjourned.

After a few moments rest, at 15 minutes of 12 o'clock, Bros. Lester and Taylor occupied the pulpit. Bro. Lester opened the services by reading a lesson from Acts 20: 17. Bro. Lester then offered prayer, after which Bro. Speed Taylor occupied the pulpit

and preached a sermon from Matt. 4:24. Bro. Lester made a few closing remarks, and the association adjourned for dinner until 2:30.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3:25 p. m. the association was called to order. After singing a song and prayer by Bro. S. M. Alderson, it became known that Bro. C. S. Fritts, of the Comanche Association, in Texas, was present and desired a seat in the association, which upon a motion which carried was granted.

Next came the report of the Book and Periodical Committee in the person of Bro. R. Bartlett, who moved its adoption, which carried, and the report was received and adopted.

Next came the report of the Committee on Associational Meetings in the person of Bro. D. H. Barron, who moved its adoption. This report was discussed by Brethren Barron, Lester, Hurst and Bartlett. In the report the committee mentioned no means by which the association was to act and Bro. Hurst suggested that this be done, whereupon Bro. Fred Berry offered as an amendment that the same committee be authorized to make the necessary change and the report was adopted as amended.

Next came the report of the Committee on Associational Meetings for last year in the person of Bro. Whelchel, who moved its adoption, and after some discussion the report was adopted and the committee discharged.

Next came the report of the Committee on Obituaries in the person of Bro. Lester, who moved its adoption, which motion carried and the report adopted.

Next came the report of the Committee on Temperance in the person of Bro. Youngman, who moved its adoption, and after remarks by Bros. Youngman, Hurst, Richmond Johnson, Boatright, Berry and Odom, the report was adopted.

The Sunny Hill delegates asked to be excused from the association, which upon motion was granted, also Bros. Whelchel, Odom and Wood.

Next came the report of the Committee on Digestive Letters in the person of Bro. Barron, who moved its adoption. The report was received and adopted.

*This finished the committees and the next thing in order was selecting the time and place for holding the next association, and the place selected was Smyrna church and the time for convening the association is Friday before the 4th Sunday in September at 11 a. m.*

Next in order was selecting a brother to preach the introductory sermon at that time. A vote for same was taken by ballot and resulted in the selection of Bro. D. H. Barron with Bro. J. R. Wood as alternate.

Next in order was appointing corresponding messengers, which resulted as follows: To the Carroll County Association, Bro. H. Williams; Fayetteville Association, by corresponding letter (said letter to be sent to Bro. H. F. Green at Prairie Grove); Benton County Association (next year), Bro. Richmond Johnson and Bro. Graham.

Next in order was miscellaneous business, to which Bro. Youngman responded by speaking of the Buckeye church and the brethren there and their condition. A call for volunteers was made to go and hold services there for their benefit, to which many brethren responded and agreed to go and hold services there the next 5th Sunday.

Next in order was appointing a Missionary Board and resulted in the selection of Bros. Ward, Youngman, Turner, Sam Puryear and L. E. Clark. A motion was now made that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, which carried.

Minutes of Saturday read and adopted.

The following resolution of thanks was written by the clerk in behalf of the association to the people of the New Hope church and the moderator:

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to our Bro. Moderator for the fair and impartial treatment extended to the delegates in matters pertaining to the association. May God bless him, and may his final reward be a crown of righteousness in heaven.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this association in session at New Hope church, Washington county, that we, as delegates from different parts of the Madison County Association, tender our sincere and heartfelt thanks for their hospitality and generous treatment of which we have been the recipients during our pleasant stay in their midst. May they be blessed in basket and store and have a happy entrance through the pearly gates of the New Jerusalem, and at the dawn of the bright and glorious Millennium may they hear the

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welcome plaudit, "well-done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

FRED. J. BERRY, Clerk, in behalf of association.

The business of the association being finished, prayer was offered by Bro. Barron, after which the association adjourned to meet again at Smyrna. Friday before the 4th Sunday in September. Then we gave the parting hand and the labors of the Missionary Baptist Association of Madison county for 1897 were done.

S. S. GRAHAM, MODERATOR.

FRED. J. BERRY, CLERK.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Bros. Hurst and Barron would preach tonight, which they did.

DELEGATES.

Liberty.....	C. J. Lester	Combs.....	W. C. Rickman
Independence.....	Gus Carter	St. Paul.....	S. A. Riggs
".....	S. T. Welchel	Huntsville.....	J. D. Peters
Macedonia.....	Estill A. Wallace	".....	Sister J. D. Peters
Spring Valley.....	M. A. Youngman	".....	Fred J. Berry
".....	R. C. Vanwinkle	Fritt's Creek.....	D. A. Wood.
".....	R. H. Morris	".....	J. R. Wood
New Hope.....	B. C. White	White River.....	G. W. Sisemore
".....	S. M. Puryear	".....	H. W. Odom
".....	W. O. Davis	Smyrna.....	Richmond Johnson
Pleasant Hill.....	H. Williams	".....	Geo Turner
".....	Bent Southerland	Southern Grove.....	J. Butler
Forum.....	Thomas Harp	".....	S. J. Graham
".....	Jasper Hydan	Pleasant Grove.....	L. E. Clark
" (alternate).....	Ben Ward	".....	J. W. Brent
".....	D. H. Barron	" (alternate).....	J. Worth
Combs.....	D. U. Hurst		

PETITIONARY LETTERS.

Sunny Hill (Newton Co.).....	H. C. Lester
".....	Wm. F. Stansberry
Lone Chenquepin (Franklin Co.).....	Speed Taylor
Pleasant Home (Madison Co.).....	Jesse Helton

CORRESPONDING LETTERS.

Lowell (Benton Co.).....	Jno. White
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**COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

The Committee on Foreign Missions made the following report:

"Go ye into all the world," said Jesus. Arkansas Baptists have six missionaries in the foreign field, and we who are at home should "go" by helping to support our own brethren who have gone to the nethermost parts. The world for Christ is our mission. We show our faith by our works.

J. D. PETERS,  
 H. W. WILLIAMS,  
 J. R. WOOD.

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The following is the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals:

We, your Committee on Books and Periodicals, would recommend, first of all and above all, a prayerful and careful study of the Holy Bible, for the Bible alone is the rule of faith and practice among Baptists, and as helps we would recommend the Baptist Flag, published at St. Louis, Mo., and the Arkansas Baptist, published at Little Rock, Ark., as sound Baptist papers of great value as moral and religious educators. As church history we recommend Ray's Church Succession, published at St. Louis, by D. B. Ray.

R. S. BARTLETT,  
W. J. HYDEN,  
C. J. LESTER.

The Committee on State Missions reported as follows:

Believing that in the plan of salvation Jesus said, "Starting at Jerusalem," we recommend that our association co-operate with the State Convention and that our churches pray for and contribute to the State Mission Board, so we may have a part in taking Arkansas for Christ and his truth.

D. U. HURST,  
G. W. SISEMORE,  
R. S. BARTLETT.

The following is the report of the Committee on Temperance:

The drinking of ardent spirits as a beverage is a great evil, and brings distress, disgrace and poverty to the human family. Our court dockets show that a large majority of the crimes committed in this country are caused by intemperance. We hope the time will soon come when Baptists will not say there is no harm in drinking a dram. Be it

Resolved, That we, as Baptists, use all the means in our power to remove from us that which costs us so much evil and sorrow, and we recommend prohibition and total abstinence from alcoholic beverages in county, State and nation.

M. A. YOUNGMAN,  
J. H. BOATRIGHT,  
S. M. PURYEAR.

The Committee on Associational Meetings made the following report:

We, your committee, recommend that this body elect a minister of this association to labor within the bounds of this association as missionary; also, that the moderator appoint a Missionary Board to secure means for the support of said missionary, and that said missionary labor under the instructions of said board. We further recommend that there be no debt created against this association, that said missionary labor under the direction of said board as means are secured for his support.

D. H. BARRON,  
S. M. ALDERSON,  
S. E. CLARK.

The Sunday-school Committee reported as follows:

Believing that the Sunday-school interest within the bounds of our association is, to some extent, losing its prestige, we recommend that every church establish a Sunday-school. Christ has said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," and we believe that the Sunday-school is one of the mediums by which the young minds are brought into contact with the truths of the Bible. We further recommend

that they use Baptist literature and employ sound Baptists in faith and practice as teachers.

H. W. ODOM,  
RICHMOND JOHNSON,  
D. U. HURST.

The Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

Your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report that our heavenly Father has seen fit in his providence to remove from us since our last association some of our dear members, to-wit: Our dear sister, Sarah Shafer, born in Minerva county, Alabama, September, 1830; died March 1, 1897. She lived a consistent Christian life of the Missionary Baptist church thirty years; also, Sister Tempa Wilson, of Southern Grove, who has passed away to her reward in heaven. Sister Ellen Smith, of Smyrna church, died July 15, 1897. Sister Callie Smith, of Smyrna church, died May 8, 1897. Sister Nettie Powell, of Huntsville church, born July 3, 1879; died August 28, 1897. Sister Barbara Smith, of White River church.

J. W. BRENT,  
C. J. LESTER,  
J. J. BUTLER.

The Committee on Digest of Letters make the following report:

We, your Committee on Digest of Letters, made the following report: We find that the churches are doing comparatively nothing or very little for the cause of Christ and his kingdom and for the spread of the gospel in the bounds of this association. There must be a cause of this declination; no Sabbath-schools and no prayer-meetings. Brethren, where is the fault? Let us wake up to our duty. Brethren, let our light shine that even our children and others may know that we are the people of God.

D. H. BARRON,  
B. E. WARD,  
J. R. WOOD.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

We, as the Committee on Finance, report as follows: For the printing of minutes—White River, \$1; Pleasant Hill, 75 cents; St. Paul, 50 cents; Mt Hermon, 50 cents; Combs, 50 cents; Macedonia, 50 cents; Lone Chinquepin, 60 cents; Pleasant Home, 50 cents; Sunny Hill, 55 cents; Fritt's Creek, \$1.65; Independence, 30 cents; Smyrna, \$1.50; Spring Valley, \$1.50; New Hope, \$1; Southern Grove, 75 cents; Pleasant Grove, 75 cents; Huntsville, \$1; total, \$13.85.

M. A. YOUNGMAN,  
S. M. PURYEAR.

The report of the Committee for Domestic Missions for last year was as follows:

We, your Committee on Domestic Missions at your last meeting, in the absence of the chairman, will say, that we think we collected and the Bro. Chairman paid over to the brother that was appointed to labor within the bounds of this association; we are informed he did labor and preached several sermons, but how much we don't know. All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. T. WHELCHER,  
G. A. TURNER.

## MINUTES OF THE Order of Business.

1. Call for and read the letters—enrollment of messengers.
2. Call for petitionary letters.
3. Election of officers.
4. Call for correspondence.
5. Invite visiting ministers to seats.
6. Appoint committees.
7. Call for reports of Committees.
8. Appoint time and place of next meeting.
9. Elect some one to preach the introductory sermon.
10. Appoint corresponding messengers.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Adjourn.

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## Rules of Decorum.

1. At every meeting of the association business shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Ministers present invited to seats with us may debate on all questions before the association, but shall not vote on any.
3. Those who speak shall rise from their seats and address the moderator and shall cast no personal reflections.
4. No motion shall be discussed without first being seconded.
5. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association unless withdrawn by the person who made it.
6. Any question susceptible of division shall be divided at the request of any member.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless it be so ordered at the time.
8. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the association.
9. All questions brought before the association for action shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
10. No member shall absent himself during business without leave of the moderator or leave before the adjournment without leave of the association. If so, his name shall be left off the minutes.
11. The minutes of each session of this body shall be read and approved before the adjournment of the association and signed by the moderator and clerk.
12. It shall be the duty of the association to arrange for the preaching of two or more sermons on each day during the session.
13. These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after each organization.
14. Alterations or amendments may be made to these rules at any subsequent regular session of this association.

## Articles of Faith.

1. We believe that the Holy Bible, written by men, divinely inspired and full of unmingled truth, is a perfect rule of faith and practice.
2. We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
3. We believe that man, once only, fell by voluntary transgression from that happy state, and is now utterly void of holiness.
4. We believe that sinners are saved by grace alone.
5. We believe that men are justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
6. We believe that salvation is free to all who will accept the gospel.
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.
8. We believe that repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are the duties of every one who hears the gospel.
9. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God by which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.
10. We believe that sanctification began in regeneration and ever progressive is the process by which we are made to partake of God's holiness.
11. We believe in the preservation of the saints—that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.
12. We believe God's law is the only, the eternal and unchangeable rule of his church and moral government.
13. We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, united in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances and obeying the laws of Christ and that its officers are pastors and deacons.
14. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a properly qualified administrator into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
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.
16. We believe that the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath should be devoutly observed and sacredly devoted to religious services.
17. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment and that the governors of states and nations should be obeyed when the laws they seek to enforce are not in conflict with the gospel.
18. We believe in the future resurrection of the dead.
19. We believe in the final judgment, and that in that day the righteous and the wicked will be separated forever.
20. We believe that the righteous will be made happy forever in heaven and the wicked miserable forever in hell.

## MINUTES OF THE ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Speed Taylor.....   | Dutton        | G. W. Williams.....  | Dutton            |
| C. J. Lester.....   | Aurora        | G. E. Moore.....     | Combs             |
| B. O. Coleman.....  | St. Paul      | N. Williams.....     | St. Paul          |
| N. T. Alord.....    | Dutton        | James Martin.....    | Rock House        |
| S. S. Graham.....   | Spring Valley | Matthias Fisher..... | Kingston          |
| D. H. Barron.....   | Forum         | T. J. Harp.....      | Clifty            |
| R. S. Bartlett..... | Venice        | Jake King.....       | Rock House        |
| D. U. Hurst.....    | Combs         | John Russell.....    | Goshen            |
| S. H. Riggs.....    | St. Paul      | H. C. Stanberry..... | Ryker, Newton Co. |
| D. A. Wood.....     | Aurora        | T. J. Ballard.....   | Eureka Springs    |
| J. R. Wood.....     | Aurora        | A. H. Autry.....     | Springdale        |
| N. D. Harper.....   | Huntsville    | Jessie Helton.....   | Hindsville        |

### SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Huntsville—We have a Baptist Sunday-school, with an average attendance of about twenty-five; we use Baptist literature for our studies, and earnestly request that all Baptist churches who do not have already organized Sunday-schools, to do so, when it is possible, and use nothing but the best Baptist periodicals. (This was the only church that reported on Sunday-schools.)

## Constitution.

[Adopted at Brush Creek church Oct. 27, 1887, for the Spring Valley Association.]

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be composed of ministers and delegates, who shall be members of the churches they represent (except such as may be invited to a seat by consent of the body), and shall be styled the Spring Valley Missionary Baptist Association.

ART. II. This Association shall meet annually on Tuesday before the first Sunday in September, at a place previously appointed. After public worship, reading the letters from the churches and acting on those soliciting membership, a moderator and clerk shall be chosen from the delegates by ballot, both of whom shall hold their office until others shall be elected.

ART. III. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make an accurate record of the proceedings of each meeting of the Association, in a book provided for that purpose. He shall also act as treasurer.

ART. IV. The churches shall each send not more than three delegates, who shall present letters certifying their appointment and briefly expressing the state of the churches, their increase and decrease, and their aggregate number. Each church shall send with their letter money for the printing of minutes.

ART. V. Churches wishing to unite with this association may apply by letter and delegates and giving satisfactory information of their being sound in doctrine and correct in practice. They may be received by unanimous vote, in token of which the moderator shall give to their delegates the hand of fellowship in behalf of the association. Churches may be dismissed upon application.

ART. VI. We acknowledge the independence of the particular churches and that no authority or jurisdiction is to be exercised over them by this association. Nor will the association decide in any controversy that may arise in any

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church. Nevertheless they deem it their duty to disown any church belonging to the body which may have essentially departed from the faith.

ART. VII. When a church shall neglect making any communication to the association for three years successively it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us and shall be dropped from the minutes of the association, unless at least two members request their continuance, who shall also engage to inquire into their standing and report at the next meeting of the association.

ART. VIII. This association shall have the right to open and hold correspondence with other associations as may be deemed expedient.

ART. IX. It shall be the duty of the association from time to time to suggest to the several churches such measures as may be deemed wise and proper to promote the interests of the Messiah's kingdom and spread the gospel throughout the world.

ART. X. This association shall have power to regulate its own internal concerns, to appoint the place for the annual meetings, to appoint persons to preach on the occasion and make any other appointments or transact any other business that may be adjudged necessary by the body when convened and shall have power from time to time to make such amendments and alterations in this constitution as experience may dictate except in respect to the Sixth Article which shall remain unchanged.

## Statistical Table.

| CHURCHES.            | PASTORS.             | CLERKS.                | POSTOFFICES.               | Baptized. |           | Received by Letter. |           | Died. | Dismissed by Letter. |    | Present Membership. | Pastor's Support. | Minute Fund. |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|-------|----------------------|----|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|                      |                      |                        |                            | Restored. | Restored. | Excluded.           | Excluded. |       |                      |    |                     |                   |              |
| Huntsville.....      | A. H. Autry.....     | J. D. Peters.....      | Huntsville.....            | 2         |           |                     |           | 2     | 5                    | 1  | 50                  | \$100 00          | \$1 30       |
| Pleasant Grove.....  | D. H. Barron.....    | L. F. Clark.....       | Marble.....                |           | 2         |                     |           | 1     |                      |    |                     |                   | 75           |
| Liberty.....         | J. R. Wood.....      | A. J. Sullins.....     | Aurora.....                |           |           | 1                   | 4         |       |                      |    | 24                  | 6 00              | 50           |
| Pleasant Hill.....   | T. J. Balard.....    | J. M. Johnson.....     | Rock House.....            | 3         |           |                     |           |       | 4                    |    | 36                  | 30 00             | 75           |
| Forum.....           | D. H. Barron.....    | Jas W. Brent.....      | Forum.....                 |           |           |                     |           |       |                      |    | 22                  |                   | 60           |
| Lone Chinquepin..... | Speed Taylor.....    | Geo Karr.....          | Yale, Franklin county..... | 1         |           |                     |           |       |                      |    | 16                  | 5 00              | 60           |
| Sunny Hill.....      | H. C. Stanberry..... | W. F. Stanberry.....   | Ryker, Newton county.....  | 8         |           |                     |           |       |                      |    | 20                  | 5 00              | 60           |
| Fritt's Creek.....   | N. D. Harper.....    | Benton Cook.....       | Huntsville.....            |           |           |                     |           | 2     | 12                   | 22 | 44                  | 30 85             | 1 65         |
| Smyrna.....          | S. S. Graham.....    | Richmond Johnson.....  | Flint.....                 |           |           |                     |           | 2     | 6                    | 12 | 82                  |                   | 1 70         |
| New Hope.....        | S. S. Graham.....    | W. O. Davis.....       | Spring Valley.....         | 3         | 1         |                     |           |       |                      |    | 25                  |                   | 1 25         |
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