

Minutes of the Twenty-Third  
Annual Session of the Greenbrier  
Baptist Association Held With  
the Pleasant Grove Church  
October 25, 26 and 27, 1906

The Next Session to be Held  
with the OAK BOWERY  
CHURCH, Commencing  
Thursday Before the Fourth  
Sunday in October, 1907 § In-  
troductory Sermon by Elder G.  
M. Ford. § Missionary Ser-  
mon by Brother to be Selected

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. F. Adams	J. M. Bryant	F. C. Flournoy
G. M. Ford		W. W. Lovil

G. M. FORD, Moderator,  
*Greenbrier*

R. F. ADAMS, Clerk,  
*Wooster*

W. W. LOVIL, Treasurer,  
*Holland*

W. E. ROBERTS, Missionary,  
*Vilonia*

## Proceedings.

The Twenty-Third Annual Session of the Greenbrier Baptist Association met with Pleasant Grove Church, October 25, 1906. The Moderator being absent, Rev. W. T. Box was elected Moderator pro. tem.

Letters from the church were called for and were read by Bros. R. F. Adams and G. E. Hilliard.

The Association went into permanent organization by electing Elder S. M. Ford Moderator and R. T. Adams Clerk.

Brother Ford made a brief address, thanking the brethren for the honor they had conferred upon him.

After reading the rules of decorum, petitionary letters from new churches were called for. There was no response.

Privileges of the body were extended to all visiting brethren.

Order of business as prescribed by previous session read and made the order of this body.

Corresponding messengers from sister Associations called for. Rev. W. T. Box, of Russellville Association, responded and was invited to a seat in the body.

The Association then adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The body met at 1:30 and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. E. J. A. McKinney.

Correspondence again called for, Bro. Box responded from United Association.

Rev. O. T. Finch, representing Baptist Orphans' Home at Monticello, and Rev. E. J. A. McKinney, editor of the Baptist Advance, greeted the Association. They were invited to seats in the body.

The Moderator announced the following committees: Orphan's Home, R. F. Adams, John J. Hurt and

John R. Wright. Foreign Missions, Bros. G. E. Hilliard, G. T. Kilpatrick and J. M. Bryan.

The regular order was then suspended and Bro. O. T. Finch was invited to preach, which he did, preaching from the 51st Psalm. Bro. Finch is a strong preacher, and his sermon was a feast to the audience.

The committee on Orphan's Home made the following report:

#### ORPHANS HOME.

Whosoever loveth the Lord Jesus must love those whom Jesus loved. Jesus loved children, and received them unto himself. He is the friend of the fatherless and has promised to care for them. The Baptist Orphans' Home of Arkansas was established to give a home, education and Baptist training to the fatherless and motherless. There are at present about 70 such children in our home at Monticello. It takes a goodly sum of money to care for this large family. There are 1599 Baptists in this Association and yet all of us together gave last year to this work only \$6.51. We did not do our duty, and therefore we, your committee recommend, 1st. That a collection be taken at this meeting. 2nd. That all our churches increase their offerings to this work of God, next year.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN R. WRIGHT,  
JOHN J. HURT,  
R. F. ADAMS,  
Committee.

After being discussed by Bros. Hurt, Finch, Box and McKinney the report was adopted and a collection of \$4.25 was taken for the Home.

The Devotion committee announced preaching to-night at 7:30 o'clock by Rev. G. T. Kilpatrick.

The body then adjourned.

The Association reassembled at 7:30. Bro. G. T. Kilpatrick preached a very able sermon from Col. 2-6, after which an adjournment was taken to 8:30.

#### FRIDAY MORNING.

The body was called together by the Moderator, who read from the 5th chapter of Galatians. Prayer by Bro. Kilpatrick.

The Moderator announced the following committees:  
State Missions, G. T. Kilpatrick, H. C. Price, H.

R. Riffle. Associational Missions, J. R. Wright, F. C. Flownoy. R. A. Clements. Home Missions, W. E. Roberts, J. T. Williams, A. S. Sowell. Finance, W. W. Lovil, J. A. Crye, C. B. Martin. Obituary, J. W. Smith, J. A. Metzger, E. J. Herron. Old Ministers' Relief, W. F. Thomas, F. C. Flournoy. Publications, J. R. Wright, G. E. Hilliard, W. M. Grable. Sunday School, B. F. Lackey, J. W. Wilson. Education, J. J. Hurt, R. F. Adams, W. W. Lovell.

Elder E. W. Roberts read the following report on home missions, which was adopted without discussion:

#### HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Home Missions, beg leave to submit the following report: 1st. We would recommend a hearty support of Home Missions, both by our prayers and the giving of our means, for this is a great work through which many souls are being reached with the Gospel of the Son of God. The Greenbrier Association last year only contributed \$31.90 to this great work.

2nd. We would recommend that each individual contribute through either of the great Baptist bodies as they see proper.

3rd. We would recommend that each church in this Association take a special collection during the next Associational year for this work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. ROBERTS,  
J. T. WILLIAMS,  
A. S. SOWELL,  
Committee.

The committee on Foreign Missions made the following report, which was read by Bro. Hilliard:

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Every prayer offered, every sermon preached, every offering made, means to the world that Jesus saves.

The Missionary enterprise originated in the eternal purpose of God prompted by infinite love. For the spirit of Missions is none other than the spirit of Christ. "All honor is given unto me in Heaven and on earth, go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." This commission was given to the church through the Apostles, and the obligation to preach the gospel to every creature rests upon the churches.

As individuals and as churches we are solemnly bound to do what we can to promote the cause of Christ at home and abroad. We were converted and are kept on earth for that very purpose and though we may neglect the duty we cannot escape the obligations. Necessity is laid upon us and woe is unto us if we neglect to hold



forth the word of life to the perishing millions of our race. Every Baptist is a Missionary for life. Every Baptist church is a Missionary society and every Baptist minister is both an Agent and Missionary as were Paul, Titus and all the early ministers of Christ. We beg every pastor to instruct and urge the people of his charge to adopt the divine plan of benevolence, to give to the cause of Missions *habitually, systematically and statedly* as the Lord prospers them from year to year—thus we can all be fellow-helpers to the truth. Oh for the spirit of Cury or a Druella. Much has already been accomplished—far more than is apparent to human view and the morning light is breaking. In the providence of God all nations are open to the gospel and the knowledge of the Lord shall soon fill the whole earth. Ere long we shall witness the universal triumphs of the gospel, when the kingdom and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heavens shall be given to the people of the Saints of the Most High whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. KILPATRICK,

G. E. HILLIARD,

J. M. BRYANT,

Committee.

Bro. Hilliard led in the discussion and was followed by J. R. Wright, B. F. Lackey and W. T. Box. The report was adopted.

A motion prevailed to appoint a committee on old ministers' relief.

The Moderator called Bro. Wright to the chair and retired to consult with the Devotional committee.

The Devotional Committee announced preaching by Bro. Box today at 11 o'clock, and tonight at 7:30 by E. J. A. McKinney.

Bro. Hilliard moved that the statistics of Sunday schools be reported to the Association in the church letters. The motion carried.

At 11 o'clock Bro. Box preached an able sermon from Isaiah 40-31, after which the body adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The report of the committee on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. B. F. Lackey, as follows:

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools beg to make the following report: We see some improvement on Sunday Schools and

we recommend a continuance of the same and we recommend that parents take more interest in Sunday Schools, by going with their children and see that their children are taught the word of God and not so much formality. We also recommend that the Bible be taught in the Sunday School.

B. F. LACKIE,  
J. W. WILSON,  
Committee.

After a brief discussion by Bros. Wright, Hilliard and Lackey the report was adopted as read.

Bro. Wright read the report of the committee on publications, which was discussed by E. J. A. McKinney, editor of the Baptist Advance, and W. T. Box, representative of the Arkansas Baptist, each pleading the merits of his paper. The report was adopted as follows:

#### PUBLICATIONS.

The basis of permanent work is education. Teaching them is the language of the Son of God. We need and we have great agencies for instruction in the things concerning the Kingdom and should use them wisely and be thankful.

We commend the work of publication societies in giving the word of God to the peoples of the world in about four hundred "tongues." Baptists cannot afford to neglect the study of the Book. Loyalty to the word demands that we search the Scriptures and circulate them as widely as possible.

We recommend our excellent denominational weeklies. Good Baptist papers should be in all our Baptist homes.

Make places for the use of Baptist Sunday School Literature and then use it. The very best may be obtained from the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn., and the Baptist Publishing Co. of Little Rock.

Our Home and Foreign Mission journals and tracts should be sought after and read by all.

JOHN R. WRIGHT,  
G. E. HILLIARD,  
WM. GRABLE,  
Committee.

At 4 o'clock, regular order was suspended and Bro. G. R. Bowers preached a grand sermon on the subject of Gifts, Wages and Reward. The Association then adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

At 7:30 we listened to another able sermon by Bro. McKinney, who took for his text Acts 19-30.

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m. Saturday.

#### SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association opened with prayer by Bro. Roberts.

The following report on State Missions was read by Bro. G. T. Kilpatrick:

#### STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee on State Missions, submit the following report: It was the spirit of missions that brought our Saviour to earth, and to teach that spirit that kept him three and a half years, and in his farewell message he said to his disciples: "Be witnesses of me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth," and in our own beloved state there are more than one million souls that are lost. Notwithstanding this appalling fact, the churches within our bounds are doing scarcely anything to carry the message of love to those that are perishing for the bread of life. Brethren, the command of our Savior and King is to preach the gospel to every creature. Therefore we recommend that each church in our Association contribute of their means to State Missions. We recommend that the pastors of our churches present this work to their people and urge them to support this worthy cause.

As to the method of carrying on this work, we would humbly and earnestly recommend that this Association retain her rights and privileges which she has maintained in the past and leave the churches free to exercise their God-given rights to contribute in any way that they think best.

G. T. KILPATRICK,  
H. R. RIFFLE,  
H. C. PRICE,

Committee.

Bro. Kilpatrick led the discussion of report, followed by Bros. Crye, Roberts, Thomas and Bro. Moderator. After being fully discussed by these brethren the report was adopted.

Bro. Flournoy read the report on old ministers, which was adopted. The report is as follows:

#### OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

We, your committee on Old Ministers' Relief, beg leave to make the following report: We recommend that the Association aid any old minister that is not able to support himself.

F. C. FLOURNOY,  
W. F. THOMASON,  
J. A. CRYE,

Committee.

A motion prevailed to suspend the regular order and select next place of meeting. Bro. A. S. Sowell nominated Oak Bowery. Bro. Crye nominated Needs Creek. Oak Bowery was selected, the body taking a standing vote.

The Devotional committee announced preaching at 11 o'clock by Bro. Wright.

Bros. G. M. Ford, R. F. Adams, F. C. Flournoy and J. M. Bryant were elected as the Executive Com-

mittee (Bro. Lovil becoming a member by virtue of his office as treasurer.)

Bro. Hurt moved that the 11 o'clock services be devoted to the discussion of Associational Missions. Carried and report on same read by Bro. Wright:

#### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We recommend. 1st. That preachers, pastors of churches and evangelists *preach* Missions—tell what the *Bible* says about preaching the gospel to all peoples and in all places, at home and abroad.

2nd. That collections be taken on every meeting day in our churches, for Missions.

3rd. That an Associational Missionary be put in the field for full time.

4th. That the election of this Missionary be left to the Executive Committee and that they get any financial assistance possible from outside sources.

JOHN R. WRIGHT,  
F. C. FLOURNOY,  
R. A. CLEMENTS,  
Committee.

Discussed by Bros. Hurt, Wright, Clements, Roberts and Kilpatrick. Bro. Hurt offered as substitute to his amendment that a committee be appointed to select the missionary. Pending action the body adjourned to 2 o'clock.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Body met at 2 o'clock.

Consideration of report on Associational Missions resumed. Bro. Hurt withdrew his amendment. Bro. Roberts offered an amendment to the effect that the body elect the missionary. Carried. The report was then adopted as amended.

The committee on Obituaries submitted the following report, which was adopted:

#### OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on Obituaries, submit the following report: We find by reference to the various church letters that there have been twenty-one deaths among our members since we last met. We should feel thankful to God for his mercies and kindness to us.

JOHN T. METZGAR,  
E. J. HERRON,  
J. W. SMITH,  
Committee.

The Moderator read the following report of the Executive Board, which was accepted:

## EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Dear Brethren:—Immediately after the Association one year ago your Executive Committee met at Conway and laid out the work for this year. Your Missionary, Bro. Roberts, was present and agreed to give three Saturdays and Sundays in each month until the middle of July and after that to give his whole time to Missionary work and your committee agreed to pay him \$175 for his labor. Our Missionary has done faithful service and we have done the very best we could in collecting his salary and he has received to date \$145.31, leaving unpaid a balance of \$29.69 and we recommend that this body make some provision to raise this amount. Furthermore, at the 5th Sunday meeting in July at Conway our Missionary stated that he could not possibly do the work that needed to be done and asked that we get some one to assist him and at that time the good and noble sisters of the Ladies Aid Society of Conway church agreed that if we could get some one to take the field for two months that they would give \$40 on his salary, so the chairman of your committee, together with Sisters J. R. Donnell and E. D. Vann as the Ladies' Aid Society's Committee induced Elder J. R. Wright to take the field for two months at a salary of \$25 per month the Board becoming responsible for the remaining \$10 which amount has all been paid.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. F. ADAMS, Clerk.  
G. M. FORD, Chm.

Missionary Roberts read his report, which was accepted:

### REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY.

To the Greenbrier Baptist Association:—

As your Missionary I respectfully submit the following as my report:

I met with the Executive Board on Nov. 4th, 1905. As I had already accepted the Pastorate of Cadron Ridge church the Board allowed me to pastor said church independent of the Mission work.

Days of actual labor.....	82
Miles traveled.....	900
Sermons preached.....	89
Religious addresses.....	17
Total sermons and addresses.....	106
Religious visits.....	101
Conversions.....	17
Baptisms.....	0

### COLLECTED ON THE FIELD FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

A. Q. Melton, Harmony Church.....	\$ 0 50
Bro. Price, Gosnell Chapel.....	1 25
Bro. Shoutz, Vaughan's School House.....	25
Cadron Ridge church.....	3 90
Bristol church.....	3 00
Congregation at Ebenezer.....	2 85
Fifth Sunday Meeting at Conway.....	7 91
Sister Pearl Shettles, Sulphur Springs No. 1.....	50
Congregation at Mayflower.....	1 01
Sharon church.....	2 85
Congregation at Center Point.....	5 25

Total amount collected on field.....\$29 32



RECEIVED OF

B. F. Lackie, New Liberty.....	\$ 1 00
R. A. Clements, Bethlehem.....	3 00
P. H. Glover, Shady Grove.....	1 20
R. F. Adams, Pleasant Grove.....	4 20
Eld. G. M. Ford, Pleasant Grove.....	5 45
Eld. G. M. Ford, Chm. Executive Committee.....	10 55
Gus Bush.....	2 50
W. W. Lovil, Treasurer.....	89 09
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$115 99</b>
<b>Total amount received.....</b>	<b>145 31</b>
<b>Balance due and unpaid.....</b>	<b>\$ 29 69</b>

I have not served any churches as Missionary pastor but have tried as best I could to preach the gospel of Christ in places of destitution and amongst some of the weak churches.

I have held three meetings. One at Ebenezer, Mayflower and Center Point and have assisted in three other meeting. I also assisted in the ordination of two Deacons.

We come to you at the close of the year thanking God for his blessings on the work and also thanking all of the brethren and sisters throughout the Association for any assistance they have rendered in the work.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. E. ROBERTS.

Bro. Wright, missionary of the Board and Ladies' Aid Society of the Conway church, read the following report, which was accepted:

JOHN R. WRIGHT'S REPORT.

On or about the 21st day of August, 1906, I entered into an arrangement with the Executive Board of the Association and the Ladies' Aid of Conway Baptist church to serve as assistant to the Associational Missionary during the months of September and October.

During these months I traveled overland 265 miles, visiting Holland, Cadron Ridge, Round Mountain, Red Hill, Chadwick, Marcus Hill and Vilonia. My regular work as pastor was kept up with Old Liberty and Mt. Pisgah churches. Thirty-three sermons were preached, nineteen baptisms performed and two received by letter. Justice demands that ten of these baptisms be accounted as resulting directly from the labors of Elder A. McPherson and — McPike, in a brush arbor meeting, held in the Old Liberty neighborhood.

The financial item of my report is embodied in the report of the chairman of the Executive Board.

The following report on Finance was accepted:

FINANCE.

We, the committee on finance, submit the following: We have received for—

Associational Missions.....	\$59 14
State Missions.....	1 25
Foreign Missions.....	1 96

Orphans Home.....	1 65
For Minutes.....	26 65

Total.....	\$90 65
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Signed:	W. W. LOVIL.
	J. A. CRYE.
	C. B. MARTIN.
	Committee.

Treasurer Lovil made his annual report, which was accepted. The report is as follows:

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### Amounts received at last Association—

For State Missions.....	\$ 50
For Foreign Missions.....	25
For Orphans' Home.....	75
For Minutes.....	22 70

Total.....	\$24 20
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Which was all paid out according to order.

Amount received for Associational missions.....	\$37 53
Paid to missionary.....	36 12

Balance on hand.....	\$ 1 41
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#### Received during the year the following amounts:

G. M. Ford, Pleasant Grove church.....	\$ 3 52
Harmony Church.....	3 15
Needs Creek Church.....	1 50
Spring Hill Church.....	2 60
F. C. Flournoy, for Spring Hill Church.....	25
Cash from Spring Hill Church.....	1 50
Guy Church.....	2 50
New Home Church.....	2 24
A. W. Gray, New Home Church.....	2 27
W. D. Rowland, Marcus Hill Church.....	50
Herring, Sulphur Springs No. 2.....	2 51
Joseph Howard, Malvern.....	25
Palestine Church.....	5 00

Total.....	\$29 20
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Paid to W. E. Roberts, missionary.....	29 20
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W. W. LOVIL, Treasurer.

The committee on Education submitted the following, which was adopted:

### EDUCATIONAL REPORT.

We believe in education. We believe more in Christian education. The Baptists of Arkansas have made good provision for the education of their children. We have a number of institutions of learning owned and controlled by Baptists. There are in these institutions today something like two thousand students.

One of the institutions is Central College, which is located in the bounds of this Association. Central College is having a most prosperous session, wherein we rejoice exceedingly. There are now in the College home one third more students than last year, a number of them being from this Association.

We recommend that we support our Baptist institutions with our

prayers and our patronage.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN J. HURT.  
R. F. ADAMS.  
W. W. LOVIL.

The following report on Temperance was read and adopted:

### TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on temperance, recommend that we should be temperate in all things, and do all we can to stamp out the evil of intoxicating drinks that is abroad in our land. We recommend, furthermore, that our churches do not retain in membership any one who indulges in intoxicating drinks to excess.

J. W. MATTHEWS.  
N. J. GUNTER.  
J. M. BRYANT.

The missionary's report showed a balance due of \$29.70. Bro. Wright moved to take a collection and pay the balance. Carried, and a collection of \$10.21 was taken. Bro. Roberts had previously stated that \$10.00 would satisfy him, as he had lost some time on account of sickness. He also felt that to leave the board in debt would embarrass the work another year. He was perfectly satisfied, and thought the body should accept his proposition, which it did, although some thought it should have been paid in full.

Bro. Roberts was unanimously elected missionary for another year.

Bro. G. M. Ford was elected to preach the introductory sermon. Brother to preach the missionary sermon to be elected at next meeting.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. Lovil and adopted by the body:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered to the members of Pleasant Grove Church, and other friends of the community, for their kind hospitality shown us.

The Devotional committee announced preaching tonight by Bro. Roberts and tomorrow by Bro. Wright.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Oak Bowery church, Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1907.

G. M. FORD, Moderator.

R. F. ADAMS, Clerk.

## CONSTITUTION.

Art. I. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, together with the ministers, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. II. This Association shall be known as Greenbrier Baptist Association.

Art. III. Each church composing this Association shall be entitled to three delegates until the church numbers one hundred, and then one for each additional fifty.

Art. IV. The object of this Association will be to devise measures to promote the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth, and to meet at such times and places as she may appoint.

Art. V. This Association shall be considered an advisory council, and shall have no power to legislate for the churches or lord it over God's heritage.

Art. VI. Other churches may be admitted into this body when they signify a wish to do so by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed orthodox, which shall be determined by their abstract of faith and church government.

Art. VII. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each session and hold their offices until their successors are properly qualified. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Executive Board.

Art. VIII. The Clerk shall keep a regular file of minutes of the Association and turn the same over to his successor in office.

Art. IX. It shall be the duty of each church composing this body to send up such contributions in money to each annual meeting as shall be necessary to defray the expenses of this Association, and each church shall be furnished with minutes in proportion to the amount thus furnished.

Art. X. It shall be the duty of each church to send up to each annual meeting of this body a letter containing a brief history of her progress since the last session, with the following particulars, to-wit: Her prosperity or adversity; the names of delegates, pastors, deacons, ordained or licensed ministers; her increase by baptism; by letter; by exclusion; died; total membership; her contribution for pastor's salary; other home expenses; Associational Missions; State Missions; Home Missions; Foreign Missions; ministerial education; number of Sunday School pupils; number of officers and teachers; name of postoffice of superintendent; amount contributed by the Sunday Schools; value or church property; time of regular conference meeting.

Art. XI. Any church may send any query asking advice of this Association.

Art. XII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a full and fair record of the proceedings of this Association and to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes; for his services he shall receive such remuneration as the Association may from time to time think proper.

Art. XIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and account for all moneys paid to him for use of the Association, according to its order.

Art. XIV. Amendments to this constitution may be made at any session of this Association, when two-thirds of the members present shall deem it necessary.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Art. I. We believe there is only one true and living God, revealed to us under the personal and relative distinction of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Art. II. We believe that the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice.

Art. III. We believe in the doctrine of election, as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and belief of the truth.

Art. IV. We believe that man was created upright, but by voluntary transgressions fell from that holy state, and consequently became dead in trespasses and sin.

Art. V. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, through faith in his name.

Art. VI. We believe in the final preservation of all the saints in grace.

Art. VII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Art. VIII. We believe that a church is a congregation of baptized believers who meet stately and have covenant together to maintain the ordinances, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges set forth in the New Testament as pertaining to the Church of Christ.

Art. IX. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel unless he has been regularly baptized, called, and come under the imposition of the hands of a proper Presbytery.

Art. X. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are both positive institutions and the only ordinance of the Church of Christ, and that believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion alone is baptism.

Art. XI. We believe that regularly baptized believers only have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

Art. XII. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and devotion.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The officers of this Association shall be chosen by a majority of the members present by ballot.
3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that order is kept according to the rules of decorum.
4. Any member being dissatisfied with the decision of the Moderator may appeal to the Association, provided it is done the same day.
5. One member may speak at a time; he shall address the Moderator, and on obtaining the floor shall proceed without interruption, unless he depart from the subject or use personal reflections.
6. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without obtaining leave of the Association.



7. No practice shall be allowed that is calculated to interrupt a member while speaking.

8. Every motion made and seconded, after time given for debate, shall be put to the Association unless previously withdrawn, and the Moderator shall announce the decision of the Association, unless a division is called for.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

10. No appellation but that of "brother" shall be used by members addressing each other during the session of this Association.

11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled; and also vote in case of tie to give the casting vote.

12. The names of members may be called as often as the Association may deem necessary, and no member shall withdraw himself from the Association without leave of Moderator.

13. These rules shall be read at the opening of each session and oftener if necessary.

14. These rules may be amended at any session of this body by a majority of the members present.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Read letters from the Churches.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Reception of new Churches.
4. Invite of our faith to seats.
5. Call for Correspondents.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Report of Committees.
8. General Business.
9. Appointment of Correspondents.
10. Time and place of next meeting.
11. Appointment of ministers to preach Introductory and Missionary sermons.
12. Adjournment.

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

P. H. Glover, Greenbrier.	G. T. Kirkpatrick, Conway.
E. Loveless, Linder.	J. W. McPike, Cato.
W. E. Roberts, Vilonia.	H. P. Glover, Guy.
G. M. Ford, Wooster.	J. A. Crye, Conway.
J. A. Batson, Wooster.	M. A. Thompson, Barney.
J. O. Cantrell, Greenbrier.	H. Sanders, Enola.
W. R. Hendrickson, Guy.	W. C. Kelso, Greenbrier.
S. W. Cotton, Greenbrier.	S. P. Downing, Vilonia.
J. R. Giddens, Mt. Vernon.	A. F. Bush, Vilonia.
I. M. Polk, Barney.	J. A. Yarbrough, Rose Bud.
J. J. Hurt, Conway.	J. H. Crissenberry, Palarm.
J. R. Wright, Conway.	

## LICENTIATES.

J. M. C. Vaughter, Conway.      George A. Freeman, Conway.

# ROLL OF PASTORS, CLERKS, AND MESSENGERS.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	MESSENGERS
Needs Creek	J. A. Crye	F. C. Flournoy	Linder	C. W. Abrams, F. C. Flournoy, G. L. Loveless.
Mt. Pisgah	J. R. Wright	E. C. Wilburn	Cato	J. W. Wheeler, E. C. Wilburn.
Sulphur Springs No. 1	P. H. Glover	J. B. Merriman	Enders	E. T. Herring, E. L. Wray, Allen Webb.
Pleasant Grove	G. M. Ford	Dave Kilpatrick	Conway	W. H. Julian, R. F. Adams.
Mt. Vernon	J. A. Yarbrough	S. H. Keathley	Mt. Vernon	
Sulphur Springs No. 2	J. O. Cantrell	R. D. Blackwell	Conway	R. D. Blackwell, John Day.
Pleasant Valley	J. O. Cantrell	I. S. Ball	Wooster	I. G. Garrett, W. B. Hutt, C. E. Martin.
Oak Bowery	G. T. Kilpatrick	A. S. Sowell	Saltillo	H. R. Riffe, A. S. Sowell.
New Home	S. W. Cotton	A. W. Gray	Guy	W. M. Grable, J. W. Smith.
Star Gap	I. M. Polk	W. A. Woolly	Barney	W. A. Woolly, A. J. Cardin.
Betheny	M. A. Thompson	B. F. Rickett	Mt. Vernon	C. H. Mills, J. M. Rickett, J. W. Flowers.
Old Liberty	J. R. Wright	R. C. Bryant	Conway	J. A. Metzger, L. S. Southerland.
Spring Hill		J. W. Rhea	Linder	W. F. Milam, J. Kirby, W. C. Wilcox.
Mt. Zion	G. T. Kilpatrick	W. M. Harper	Enola	J. M. Bryant, J. W. Matthews.
Sharon	C. N. Davis	P. E. Bryant	Vilonia	P. E. Bryant, S. P. Downing, Helen Bryant.
Smyrna	M. A. Thompson	W. L. Nolen	Hammons ville	H. J. Kemper, T. K. Nolen.
Gosnell Chapel	G. M. Ford	H. C. Price	Cato	H. C. Price, J. S. Gosnell, J. P. Colman.
Marcus Hill	H. P. Glover	D. S. Thompson	Enola	W. A. Ingram, D. S. Thompson.
Vilonia		Gus Bash	Vilonia	W. F. Thompson, Gus Bush.
Bristol	J. O. Cantrell	Jesse Adkisson	Bristol	N. J. Gunter, H. E. H. Fowlkes.
Bethlehem	P. H. Glover	J. L. Patton	Wooster	R. A. Clements, J. T. Williams, A. C. Thomas.
Cadron Ridge	P. H. Glover	E. Kuykendall	Conway	J. W. Stone, G. B. Evans, E. Kuykendall.
New Liberty	G. M. Ford	Jo Cavin	Conway	B. F. Lackey, Bro. Hartley.
Conway	John J. Hurt	W. E. Livingston	Conway	G. E. Hilliard, J. R. Wright, J. J. Hurt, J. M. C. Vaughter.
Palestine	J. O. Cantrell	W. W. Lovil	Holland	E. M. Garrett, W. W. Lovil.
Harmony	G. M. Ford	C. S. Harrell	Cato	W. T. Mitchell, H. B. Wilson, Jas. Tucker.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP								FINANCIAL													
	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter or Recommendation	Restored	Dis-mis'd by Letter	Died	Excluded	Present Membership	Elders	S. S. Off's & T'ch'rs	S. S. Scholars	For Minutes	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphan's Home	S. S. Expenses	Incidental Expenses	Salary of Pastor	Total Contributed for all Purposes	Value of Church Property	
Mt. Pisgah				2			46	2			\$ 50	\$ 65							\$ 19 50	\$ 20 65	\$ 400	
Sulphur Springs No. 1		4		11	1		50			62	50									50	400	
Pleasant Grove	3	2		4	1	1	65				1 00	13 50						13 00	75 00	101 50	600	
Mt. Vernon		3		1			62					2 85	1 00			15	6 50		60 00	70 50		
Sulphur Springs No. 2	5						62				85	2 00							30 00	32 85		
Pleasant Valley	14	2	2	1	2		71				75	2 25								3 00		
Oak Bowery	12	3	5	2		1	66	2	5	44	1 00	2 00	1 25							4 25	600	
New Home	4	15					80				1 25	5 00	3 00			75			40 00	50 00	125	
Star Gap		2					28				75									75		
Betheny	24	1		3	3		106			50	1 05	2 00								3 05		
Old Liberty	10	2		2							1 00	2 00								3 00		
Spring Hill					1						1 35	4 75								5 10		
Mt. Zion	2	1		7	2		87				1 05	1 75								2 80	500	
Sharon	1	2		7			21	2			1 15	2 85								4 00		
Smyrna		2		1			31				75	1 80								2 55		
Gosnell Chapel	15	3	1				35			39	1 15	3 00							50 00	54 15		
Marcus Hill	1	2		3	2	1	80	1			50	3 65				75			40 00	44 90		
Vilonia											1 00									1 00		
Bristol				1	1		47				75	3 80								4 55		
Bethlehem	29	3	1	9		1	113	1			1 50	8 50			1 71					11 71		
Cadron Ridge		2			1		22	1			1 25	3 95			25				50 00	55 95	250	
New Liberty	1	1					92			40	1 45	2 53			70				28 25	32 93		
Conway	19	21		3	3	1	227		16	175	2 00	75 00	116 00	40 00	100 00	28 73	22 48	213 50	900 00	1397 71	6000	
Palestine	9	6		4			86		5	60	1 00		3 00		2 20	1 35	2 20	4 00	14 98	35 25	63 98	200
Harmory	34	3	2	1	2	2	137				2 00	9 15								11 15		
Needs Creek	2	1		1	1	1	77	1			1 10	2 65							31 00	33 75	300	
TOTAL	190	81	11	65	21	8	1601	10	26	470	26 65	155 63	124 25	42 20	104 01	32 58	32 98	241 48	1339 00	2013 28	9325	