

LIBRARY
Minutes

... Of the ...

Fifty-Seventh Annual Session

..... Of the

Liberty Baptist Association

Held with the New London Church
New London, Ark., Oct. 4-6, 1902

The next session will be held with the Liberty Church twelve miles
South-east of Eldorado, Ark., beginning Saturday before the fourth
Sunday in September, 1903, at 10 O'clock in the Morning.

Introductory Sermon

W. J. Feazell, Junction City, C. P. McGraw, Alt., Three Creeks

Missionary Sermon

W. J. Wade, Eldorado

Officers

A. A. Faulkner, Moderator, Eldorado, Ark.

W. J. Dorris, Clerk, Camden, Ark.

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PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

NEW LONDON, ARK., OCTOBER 4, 1902.

According to appointment, the Liberty Baptist Association convened in its Fifty-seventh annual session; with the New London church, on the above-named date.

In the absence of H. T. Hawkins, moderator, the clerk called the body to order. R. A. Faulkner was chosen moderator pro tem. Brother Faulkner conducted devotional services, which were helpful to all the messengers present. Many reported spiritual progress in their respective fields during the associational year.

At 11 A. M., J. D. Crawford preached the annual sermon. Text: Rom. 1:16—"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ," etc. The sermon was an earnest message of what the Gospel has wrought in the lives of God's people, in saving the lost. It was timely and well received by the audience.

Adjourned to 1:30 P. M. Benediction by J. P. Crawford.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Assembled at 1:30. Scripture lesson, Phil., 2 Chapter. Prayer by W. F. Dorris.

F. E. Morgan, O. J. Wade and W. I. Feazell were appointed to read letters from the churches. Twenty-six churches were represented by letter and messenger.

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

Blanchard Springs, _____

Camden, W. F. Dorris.

Cane Creek, N. M. Ethridge, H. T. Murray.

Cargile, _____

Center Point, Van Burns.

Champagnolle, J. H. Johnson.

Ebenezer, J. P. Crawford, H. H. Leveritt.

El Dorado, R. A. Faulkner, O. J. Wade, B. W. Reeves,

A. F. Riley, T. T. Jones.

Elliott, B. F. Rogers, W. H. Carter.
 Green Grove, _____
 Hillsboro, H. G. P. Williams, J. T. Pratt.
 Hopewell, No. 1, W. E. Mason, E. L. McGraw.
 Hopewell, No. 3, letter.
 Holly Grove, letter.
 Junction City, W. I. Feazell.
 Liberty, J. N. Hill, W. T. Axum.
 Lisbon, letter.
 Lonoke, J. T. Howard, J. T. Scott.
 Midway, A. B. Sessoms.
 Mt. Hope, _____
 Mt. Moriah, _____
 Mt. Olive, M. A. Harper.
 Mt. Pleasant, Sam Carter, John Gray.
 New Hope, C. P. Kinard, J. M. Gage.
 New London, W. S. Young, W. H. Walton, J. R. Harrison, D. Barfield.
 Norphlet, _____
 Philadelphia, B. C. Green, J. W. White, A. Stegall, J. H. Lee.
 Pleasant Grove, F. A. Lewis, A. C. Martindale, J. A. Hollis.
 Salem, letter.
 Shiloh, _____
 Spring Hill, F. E. Morgan.
 Three Creeks, J. D. Crawford, A. C. Jones.
 Union, W. P. Gaddy, T. M. Bates, D. F. Jackson, J. S. Pyron.
 Zion Hill, _____

By motion of A. C. Jones, R. A. Faulkner was elected moderator, by acclamation; W. F. Dorris, re-elected clerk, and B. W. Reeves, treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for. Mt. Olive responded through her messenger, and was unanimously received into our fellowship.

Dr. Frank White was enrolled as a visiting messenger from Caroline Association. The following motion prevailed: "Any member of this body in attendance upon the session of any other association, is hereby authorized to represent us."

The moderator announced the following committees:

1. Divine Service:—The pastor and deacons of New London church, with B. W. Reeves and A. C. Jones added.
2. State and Associational Missions:—O. J. Wade, D. F. Jackson, H. H. Leveritt.

3. Home and Foreign Missions:—W. I. Feazell, H. G. P. Williams, T. T. Jones.

4. Education:—A. F. Riley, W. S. Young, Van Burns.

5. Publications:—O. J. Wade, M. A. Harper, A. B. Sessions.

6. Temperance:—J. D. Crawford, W. E. Mason, J. T. Howard.

7. Sunday Schools:—A. C. Jones, C. P. Kinard, J. H. Lee.

8. Orphan's Home:—J. P. Crawford, F. E. Morgan, J. W. White.

9. Nominations:—B. W. Reeves, J. W. Hill, W. S. Young, J. D. Crawford, D. F. Jackson.

10. Obituaries:—Ben. F. Rogers, E. L. McGraw, T. M. Bates.

11. Finance:—B. W. Reeves, E. L. McGraw.

The committee on Divine Services made the following report:

J. P. Crawford to preach in Baptist church, at 7:30 P. M. Sunday:—11 A. M., Dr. Frank White in Baptist church, and W. F. Dorris in M. E. church, same hour; 3 P. M., W. I. Feazell in Baptist church; 7:30 P. M., O. J. Wade in Baptist church.

B. W. Reeves, treasurer, made his report, as follows:

1901.	By balance on hand last report	\$ 75 86	
	Oct. 8. By cash, for minutes	46 45	
	" " " " " State Missions	66 73	
	" " " " " Foreign	12 00	
	" " " " " Home	1 85	
	" " " " " Ministerial Education	1 00	
	Oct. 15. To cash donated M. F. Gathright	\$ 75 86	
	" " " " " check, W. E. Atkinson	68 08	
	" " " " " C. W. Daniel	12 00	
	" " " " " J. K. Pace	1 00	
	Nov. 28. " " " W. F. Dorris (minutes, etc.)	45 50	
1902—	Jan. 20. By cash, returned by W. F. Dorris		1 50
	Oct. 4. To balance on hand	2 45	
		<u>\$204 89</u>	<u>\$204 89</u>
	Balance on hand		\$2 45

B. W. REEVES, Treasurer

Adjournment to 7:30. Benediction, by J. P. Crawford.

At 7:30, J. P. Crawford preached a strong, helpful sermon on Is. 62:1—"For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace," etc.

Adjourned till 9:30 A. M. Sunday. Benediction, by C. P. Kinard.

SUNDAY—MORNING SERVICE.

The association convened at 9:45. Scripture lesson, 2 Tim. 1:3-14. Prayer, by Dr. Frank White.

A. C. Jones read the following report on Sunday schools:

The Sunday school is a great power in training up the children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." The great commission "make disciples of all nations," is our authority for the Sunday school. Jesus Christ is our example, for he "entered the synagogue on the Sabbath at Nazareth and taught, as was his custom."

The parent is the custodian of the child, spiritually and temporally. He who neglects to give his child spiritual food, is more culpable in God's sight than he who neglects its bodily wants. No parent has a moral right to be indifferent to and neglectful of his child's immortal soul.

The young mind is plastic—capable of being moulded into any form, good or evil. The Sunday school is designed to form the heart and character for God and for heaven. Impressions made upon the young mind are never erased. If they are good, the child will be inclined to religion; if evil, he will be inclined to evil.

We, therefore, recommend that the parents in our churches give this most important matter their earnest attention and support. We urge the churches, who have no Sunday schools, to organize and maintain Sunday schools, at any personal sacrifice.

A. C. JONES,
C. P. KINARD,
J. H. LEE.

The report was adopted, after an enthusiastic discussion.

At 11:00 A. M., W. F. Dorris preached at M. E. church, on Matt. 25:15; and Dr. Frank White at the Baptist church, on John 14:1. A cash collection was taken at each place, for State Missions, amounting to \$21.16

AFTERNOON SERVICE.

After a sumptuous dinner, the large congregation assembled to hear W. I. Feazell preach a strong sermon, on I Cor. 15:3, 4.

EVENING SERVICE.

At 7:30, O. J. Wade preached a strong and suggestive sermon, on the "Ideal Church," I Tim. 3:15.

The association considered the report on temperance, read by J. P. Crawford, as follows:

The Scriptures enjoin temperance upon human kind. Even the moderate use of alcoholic beverages is forbidden in God's word. The drink habit is one of the greatest evils of our day. It destroys the influence of members who indulge, and is pro-

ductive of so much trouble among our churches. For this reason, alcoholic liquors as a beverage should be prohibited by church and state.

We recommend that our churches look well to their disciplinary powers, and not allow any one to become, or remain, a member with them who makes or causes to be made, sells or causes to be sold, or those who habitually drink spirituous or malt liquors.

We further recommend that as an association, we earnestly urge our brethren of all the churches to vote only for those for state offices who are willing to take an open and decided stand against the license system, which makes the sale of whiskey or any intoxicating beverage possible.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. CRAWFORD,
W. E. MASON,
J. T. HOWARD.

After an interesting discussion, the report was unanimously adopted.

Adjourned till Monday, 8:30 A. M.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 8:30, the body was called to order, by moderator. Scripture lesson, Ps. 133. Prayer, by W. S. Young.

A. C. Jones offered the following resolution, which was heartily adopted:

Whereas, We learn that our beloved Brother H. T. Hawkins, for many years the able and efficient moderator of this association, is unable, on account of continued illness, to attend upon this session; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby express our warm appreciation of his services in the past, and earnestly hope and pray that he may be soon restored to health and his wonted usefulness.

Minutes of the preceding session read and approved.

F. E. Morgan read the report on Orphan's Home:—

The Orphan's Home has proven a success. It is giving shelter, clothing and food for the bodies; intellectual and spiritual training to the minds and hearts of the children rendered orphans and homeless in our state. The number of inmates has reached over half a hundred. The home has been enlarged, furnished and supplied with water, lights and heating facilities, making it healthy and comfortable.

We believe that God is in this institution, fulfilling his command through His people to "visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions."

We recommend a collection, to be taken in cash and pledges at this session, and that our pastors take collections at their churches, at least twice in the year.

J. P. CRAWFORD,
F. E. MORGAN,
J. W. WHITE.

The following collection was taken :

- PLEDGES.	
Camden church, W. F. Dorris	\$ 50 00
Center Point Van Burns	2 50
Ebenezer, H. H. Leveritt	5 00
El Dorado, O. J. Wade	75 00
Elliott, B. F. Rogers	5 00
Hillsboro, H. G. P. Williams	2 50
Hopewell, No. 1, W. R. Mason	2 50
Junction City, W. I. Peazell	25 00
Liberty, J. W. Hill	2 50
Lisbon J. M. Willett	5 00
Midway, A. B. Sessoms	10 00
New London, D. Barfield	7 50
Philadelphia, J. H. Lee	\$ 2 50
Pleasant Grove, F. A. Lewis	5 00
Spring Hill, F. E. Morgan	10 00
Three Creeks, A. C. Jones	5 00
Union, T. M. Bates	5 00
Mt. Olive, M. A. Harper	1 25
Total pledges	\$214 75
Lonoke sent cash to association	3 00
Collection, cash	6 02
Total cash and pledges	\$223 77

Report adopted.

The State Mission report was next read :—

Your committee on State and Associational Missions submit the following :

There is much need of mission work in our state. This is especially true of certain sections. The importance of this work is very evident. Every dollar spent in state mission work is also an indirect contribution to all mission work. We must strengthen the stakes at home, if we expect to succeed abroad. Strong missionary churches throughout the state means large contributions to all our work. The need is money, money, money,—we have men.

If we expect, as Baptists, to take this state for our Master, we must do much work in the new and growing sections of our state. We must plant churches in all these new towns, else others will. We must take the fields, or leave them to others. Which shall we do? It means much for us, as a denomination, to get the field first and stay there. This is illustrated by our great success in Texas. Years ago the Home Board spent much money on this new and undeveloped field. Now the work of Texas Baptists is a wonder and an inspiration. They now number 350,000 members, and they are returning to the Home Board much more than they ever received.

During the last year we did nothing in the way of Associational Mission work. We suggest that the churches take collections for this work, and that our Executive Board take such steps as may be necessary to carry on our Master's work within the bounds of our own association.

O. J. WADE,
D. F. JACKSON,
H. H. LEVERITT.

Report adopted.

By motion, the regular order of business was suspended, to consider the report on Publications, which is as follows:

The influence of the printed page is incalculable. It is to be regretted that much is read that is exceedingly harmful. Trashy literature should find no place in the home. But a good book, magazine or paper is of great value as a means of culture and information. As a means of spiritual culture, we cannot afford to neglect the reading of Christian literature; and as Baptists, we should keep posted in all matters touching our denominational affairs. We especially urge a diligent study of God's word. We also recommend the Sunday school literature published by our Sunday School Board; The Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va. and The Home Field, published at Atlanta. There are also many other denominational papers that could be read with great profit.

O. J. WADE
M. A. HARPER,
A. B. SESSOMS

After a thorough discussion, the report was adopted, as appears above.

The committee on Home and Foreign Missions made their report:—

While standing on Mt. Olivet, our Savior said to his disciples, "Go back to Jerusalem and wait until you receive power from on high. Then ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem (Home Missions), and in all Judea (State Missions), and in Samaria (Interstate Missions), and unto the uttermost parts of the earth" (Foreign Missions). This is the Lord's own plan of mission work.

For over fifty years, the Baptists of the South have labored through their Associational, State, Home and Foreign Boards, to carry out the great commission. The Bible clearly teaches that the whole world is mission ground.

The Home Board has assisted, and is now assisting, every needy state and territory within our bounds, and has done a great work in Cuba.

Our Foreign Board has missions in China, Japan, Italy, Africa, Brazil, Mexico, and perhaps other fields, where glorious work is done. They spent last year \$156,000 on these fields, and yet millions are still in the darkness of heathendom. The "Macedonian cry" is still ringing, "Come over and help us." The fields are white unto harvest, and the need for men and money to carry on this work was never greater.

We recommend that our pastors preach more on missions, and in every way possible lay the work on the hearts of the people, giving them information as will stimulate them to greater

activity and liberality in spreading the Gospel. We also urge that the churches contribute regularly and liberally to our Home and Foreign Boards, and that all money sent for these boards be sent to our treasurer, B. W. Reeves, and he to send to board for which the money is given.

W. I. FEAZELL,
H. G. P. WILLIAMS,
T. T. JONES.

The report was laid on the table till the afternoon session, to consider the report on Nominations and Finance.

NOMINATIONS.

The next session of the association to be held with the Liberty church, Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1903, at 10:00 A. M.

Introductory sermon, W. I. Feazell; C. P. McGraw, alternate.

R. A. Faulkner, member State Board.

J. D. Crawford, messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, May 1903, and W. I. Feazell, alternate.

Messengers to State Convention at Conway, Friday before the Third Sunday in November, 1902:—H. T. Hawkins, W. I. Feazell, A. C. Jones, W. S. Young and B. W. Reeves.

O. J. Wade, missionary sermon next association, Sunday 11:00 A. M.

Executive Board:—W. F. Dorris, J. D. Crawford, O. J. Wade, A. F. Riley, R. A. Faulkner and H. T. Hawkins; B. W. Reeves, chairman.

The report was adopted.

FINANCE REPORT.

Received at this session:—

Home Missions	\$ 7 10	Minutes	\$ 51 95
State Missions.....	25 52		
Foreign Missions.....	1 95	Total	\$138 39
Orphan's Home.....	50 87		

Same turned over to B. W. Reeves.

B. W. REEVES, Chairman.

Adjourned till 1:30 P. M. Benediction, by W. I. Feazell.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30, the body assembled. Prayer, J. D. Crawford.

The report on Home and Foreign Missions was discussed and adopted.

O. J. Wade read the report on Education:—

All intelligent people know the need of education. We must educate, or fall behind in the race of life. As Baptists, we should take the lead. The interests of church and state demand that we should educate.

We have established and are maintaining a system of colleges and academies. In order to prevent friction and lessen expenses, the last State Convention put all the schools under one system, known as the Ouachita-Central System.

As the students from the colleges make the most efficient church workers, and as the young ministers educated at Ouachita take rank with the best preachers of the South, he who gives his influence and support to the Ouachita-Central System is contributing most to all our denominational work.

Hence, we urge every minister to act as agent for these colleges, and all members to give them their hearty support.

The young ministers who attend Ouachita are given free tuition, and if in need, aided in paying their board. Most of our young preachers are unable to pay their board while attending college.

We urge liberal contributions from the churches for this worthy object, same to be forwarded to Prof. J. W. Conger, Arkadelphia, Ark.

A. F. RILEY,
W. S. YOUNG,
M. V. BURNS.

Adopted.

The committee on Obituaries made the following report:

We are called upon to record the passing to their reward the following members of our churches:

Brothers, A. J. Moore, Three Creeks church; M. B. McMurray, El Dorado church.

Sisters, Tabitha Burnside, Cane Creek church; Nancy E. Smith, Hopewell No. 1 church; Annie Bivens and M. C. Rogers, Camden church; Ella Chew, El Dorado church.

Some of these deceased were pioneer members of Liberty Association. All have wrought well for their Master, and have gone to reap their reward.

Respectfully,

BEN. F. ROGERS,
E. L. MCGRAW,
T. M. BATES.

Unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

1st. Resolved, That this association adopt Brother W. S. Young as its beneficiary in Ouachita College; and

2d. If any other young minister from this association shall attend this college and shall need funds, he shall also be consid-

ered a beneficiary, if in the judgment of the Executive Board he is deemed worthy.

Adopted.

Notice is hereby given that at the next session of this body the following resolution will be considered:

1st. That the words "Delegate" and "Delegates" be stricken from the constitution and the words "Messenger" and "Messengers" be inserted in lieu thereof.

2d. That article 12 of the constitution be repealed.—F. E. Morgan.

Resolved, That the clerk print in this minute the constitution, Order of Business, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the clerk be allowed \$20.00 for his services in printing and distributing the minutes.

Adopted.

Resolved, That this association extend its heartfelt thanks to the New London church and community for their kind hospitality in entertaining us, and to the Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship.

Adopted.

F. E. MORGAN.

W. I. FEAZELL,

A. C. JONES,

The business of this body being transacted, the moderator in a well chosen speech returned thanks to the brethren for their kindness to him during the session.

The association adjourned, to meet with Liberty church, twelve miles southeast of El Dorado, Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1903, at 10:00 A. M.

Bro. J. D. Crawford called for all who stood with our State convention, to arise. Every messenger, but one, so far as the clerk could see, arose.

"When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder," was sung, and the brethren gave each other the parting hand. Dr. Frank White dismissed the audience by prayer.

R. A. FAULKNER, Moderator.

W. F. DORRIS, Clerk.



LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

- ✓ Bates, T. M., Juno, Ark.
- ✓ Bishop, J. R., Junction City, Ark.
- ✓ Crawford, J. D., Three Creeks, Ark.
- ✓ Crawford, J. P., El Dorado, Ark.
- ✓ Dorris, W. F., Camden, Ark.
- ✓ Feazell, W. I., Junction City, Ark.
- ✓ Gathright, M. F., Arkadelphia, Ark.
- ✓ Green, B. C., New London, Ark.
- ✓ Hudson, J. W., Cornie, Ark.
- ✓ Jean, H. W., Tubal, Ark.
- ✓ Kinard, C. P., Tubal, Ark.
- ✓ McCain, J. G., Champagnolle, Ark.
- ✓ Newsom, J. W., El Dorado, Ark.
- ✓ Powell, B. F., Smackover, Ark.
- ✓ Sawyer, D. K., Caledonia, Ark.
- ✓ Wade, O. J., El Dorado, Ark.
- ✓ Young, W. S., New London, Ark.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

- W. F. Dorris, Camden, Ark.
- O. J. Wade, El Dorado, Ark.
- A. F. Riley, El Dorado, Ark.
- R. A. Faulkner, El Dorado, Ark.
- J. D. Crawford, Three Creeks, Ark.
- H. T. Hawkins, Mt. Holly, Ark.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.
✓ Blanchard Springs	David Webb	Junct'n City, Ark	W. H. Harris	Blanchard Sprgs
✓ Camden	W. F. Dorris	Camden	S. B. Lide	Camden
✓ Cane Creek	L. B. Burnside	New London	H. F. Murray	Hillsboro
✓ Cargile				
✓ Center Point	W. S. Young	New London	W. J. Harrison	Cotton Land
✓ Champagnolle	J. G. McCain	Champagnolle	G. B. Armer	Champagnolle
✓ Ebenezer	J. P. Crawford	El Dorado	J. A. J. Harrell	El Dorado
✓ Elliott	A. W. King	Gurdon	Ben F. Rogers	Elliott
✓ El Dorado	O. J. Wade	El Dorado	H. W. Goodwin	El Dorado
✓ Green Grove			S. P. Gathright	New London
✓ Hillsboro	W. S. Young	New London	C. W. Dearing	Hillsboro
✓ Hopewell No. 1	J. W. Hudson	Cornie	S. J. McGraw	Cornie
✓ Hopewell No. 3	C. P. Kinard	Tubal	J. P. Neely	Smackover
✓ Holly Grove	C. P. Kinard	Three Creeks	W. L. Reynolds	Junction City
✓ Liberty	J. P. Crawford	El Dorado	R. C. Summers	Hillsboro
✓ Lisbon	J. P. Crawford	El Dorado	S. A. McCarty	El Dorado
✓ Lonoke	C. P. Kinard	Tubal	J. T. Scott	Griffin
✓ Midway	J. P. Crawford	El Dorado	J. H. Searbrough	Shuler
✓ Mt. Hope			W. D. Brakefield	Wesson
✓ Mt. Moriah			W. F. Pratt	Lockhart, La.
✓ Mt. Pleasant	J. D. Crawford	Three Creeks	W. S. Brown	Tubal, Ark.
✓ New Hope	C. P. McGraw	Three Creeks	J. G. Adams	Tubal
✓ New London	W. S. Young	New London	J. R. Harrison	New London
✓ Norphlet			E. G. Murphy	Norphlet
✓ Philadelphia	J. D. Crawford	Three Creeks	H. B. White	Wilmington
✓ Mt. Olive			M. A. Harper	El Dorado
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✓ Salem	R. B. Devine	Stephens	H. T. Hawkins	Mt Holly
✓ Spring Hill	W. C. Wood	Arkadelphia	C. C. Mayfield	Caledonia
✓ Three Creeks	C. P. McGraw	Three Creeks	T. H. Jones	Three Creeks
✓ Union	J. D. Crawford	Three Creeks	G. L. Graves	Juno
✓ Junction City	W. I. Feazell	Junction City	John L. Green	Junction City

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This association shall be composed of members, who, upon producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Liberty Baptist Association, which shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, nor infringe any of their internal rights, but shall merely be considered as an advisory council in all matters relative to their internal concerns. Nevertheless, it becomes necessary in some cases to have a uniform rule of procedure, namely, if one church commit an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction. If she fail of success, she shall call the aid of two or more churches in our union to assist in laboring for satisfaction; and if final satisfaction, in the opinion of the help thus called, be not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merits. If a serious difference should arise in an individual church, which, upon due labor, cannot be reconciled, she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches to assist in the work, and if a reconciliation be not effected, the help so called, or the church may bring the case before the association, to be acted upon according to its merits; but the association will take cognizance of no such case of the above kind, unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of the church discipline, found in the 18th chapter of the Gospel by St. Matthew, and other parts of the Scripture which define the nature of offenses and the manner of bringing offenders to trial.

ART. 3. The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of the association a written communication, specifying the names of the delegates, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored and deceased since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 4. Every church in our union shall be entitled to representatives in the following manner, viz:—Each church shall be entitled to three delegates for the first fifty members or under, and one for every fifty over. Any church failing to represent herself as above described, shall state her reasons at the next session.

ART. 5. New churches may be admitted into our union by delegates bearing petitionary letters. If, upon due examination, they be found orderly and orthodox, the moderator shall mini-

fest their admission by giving their delegates the right hand in token of Christian fellowship.

ART. 6. The association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular, proper decorum, which she is authorized to form, and amend, according to her own views.

ART. 7. At every session of the association, a moderator shall be appointed by and from among the delegates present, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the association on all subjects legally introduced. A clerk shall also be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings, and record the same in a well bound book kept for that purpose.

ART. 8. The association shall have the power to withdraw from the union of any church that may violate the constitution, or depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

ART. 9. The association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. 10. Every query sent by a particular church must be included in her letter, certifying that she endeavored to reconcile it, but failed. In such cases the association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of the majority shall be considered as an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the minutes.

ART. 11. Queries which immediately concern the general union of the churches, sent by a particular church, or introduced by a proper motion, shall be taken up and decided as soon as practicable.

ART. 12. Any church in our union having a preacher whom she deems worthy of ordination shall call a presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work. Presbyteries in the ordaining of ministers or deacons, or in the constitution of the church, shall be governed by the Abstract of Faith adopted by this association. Nevertheless, where ministers' aid cannot be obtained conveniently, one minister may constitute churches, with the assistance of a deacon, and shall be dissolved by a like presbytery.

ART. 13. The association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contribution of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted for the churches by their delegates and handed over to the committee on Finance. The committee shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge the association fund, and dispose of same agreeable to order; and make at every session a fair and substantial report of its proceedings.

ART. 14. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the association to keep a regular file of the minutes of every session of this body.

ART. 15. The association shall not adjourn until it shall have finished all the business on hand, except in ordinary cases.

ART. 16 The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the session rises.

ART. 17. In all cases the association shall be governed by a majority, only when conflicting with the constitution.

ART. 18 Amendments to the constitution may be made by submitting the same at one session of the association, which shall stand over until the session following, and then be voted upon, requiring two-thirds of the members present voting in the affirmative to effect a change.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures, composing the Old and New Testaments, are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.

ART. 5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state by which he is in nature.

ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified, in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

ART. 7. We believe that saints shall be preserved in grace, and never fall finally away.

ART. 8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the Apostolic mode.

ART. 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and in the general judgment; and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ART. 10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who is regularly baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery.

ART. 11. We believe that none but regular baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

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

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or use words of personal reflection. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, unless withdrawn by him that made it.

ART. 2. Every case taken up by the association shall be decided on, or withdrawn, before another shall be offered.

ART. 3. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the moderator shall take the voice of the association on the subject, and the members on the affirmative side of the question shall signify the same by rising from their seats or otherwise, and those on the negative side shall retain their seats.

ART. 4. The moderator shall announce the decision of the association.

ART. 5. Any member wishing to retire, shall obtain permission of the moderator.

ART. 6. No member shall speak more than once on the same proposition, without permission from the association, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debates have been carried through.

ART. 7. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in the association by members in their addresses to one another.

ART. 8. The names of the members shall be called as often as the association may direct.

ART. 9. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.

ART. 10. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the association be equally divided.

ART. 11. Any member violating these rules, shall be re-proved by the moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP				SUNDAY SCHOOL						CHURCH.															Sunday School Expenses.	Value Church Property.								
	INCREASE.		DECREASE		Number Schools.	Number Pupils.	Number Teachers.	Kind of Literature	Baptisms this year	Minutes.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairs Debt.	Incidentals.	Visiting Ministers	The Poor.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Other Objects.	Sunday School and Colportage.	Orphan's Home.	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.			Total.							
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SATURDAY.

- I. Call Association to order, 10 a. m.—Moderator
1. Devotional Services.
2. Annual Sermon.
3. Adjournment—Announcements.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- II. Call Association to order—Scripture lesson by Moderator.
1. Appoint Committee of three to read letters.
2. Reading of letters.
3. Permanent organization—Electing Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Correspondence.
6. Recess twenty minutes.
7. Appointment of Committees.
- (1) Divine Service.
- (2) Sunday Schools.
- (3) Temperance.
- (4) Obituaries.
- (5) Orphan's Home.
- (6) State and Associational Missions.
- (7) Home and Foreign Missions.
- (8) Education.
- (9) Publications.
- (10) Nominations.
- (11) Finance.
8. Adjournment—Announcements of Committees on Divine Service, Etc.

SUNDAY.

- III. S. S. Report and mass meeting 9:30 a. m.
1. Missionary Sermon, 11 a. m. Intermission to 2:30 p. m.
2. Sermon, 2:30.
3. Report on Temperance. Adjournment to 7:30 p. m.
4. Sermon.
5. Report on Obituaries.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

- IV. Call Association to order 9 a. m.
1. Scripture lesson and prayer.
2. Report of Committees.
- (1) Orphan's Home.
- (2) State and Associational Missions.
- (3) Home and Foreign Missions.
- (4) Education.
- (5) Publications.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- (6) Nominations.
- (7) Finance.
- (8) Treasurer's Report.
- (9) Miscellaneous.
- (10) Adjournment.

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