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GAINESVILLE MISSIONARY
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FIRST DAY—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1887.

The Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association convened with Friendship Church pursuant to adjournment. At 11 o'clock a. m. according to appointment the introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. D. J. Faulkner. Text, 17th chapter of John, 15th verse. The former moderator being absent, the body was called to order by the Secretary. On motion, Elder W. J. Bearden was chosen Moderator pro tem. A motion then carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m. for dinner, which was furnished on the ground. Benediction by Elder D. Thorn.

EVENING SESSION.

2 o'clock p. m. The Association was called together by singing. Prayer was led by Elder A. S. Hall. Business resumed. The minutes of morning session were read and approved. The roll of churches was called and fourteen responded by their messengers bearing letters. See tabular statement.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion, the Association went into an election of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer by ballot, which resulted in the election of Elder G. Lively, Moderator; J. D. Markkam, Clerk; H. B. Wright, Treasurer.

The Moderator on taking the chair acknowledged his

thanks to the brethren for their expression, in this act, of their confidence in him as a presiding officer, they having tried him repeatedly before, and invited them to bow in prayer to be led by Elder A. S. Hall for God's blessings to rest upon the labors of this body during the present sitting.

On motion, the following named brethren from their respective churches were invited by the Moderator to have their names enrolled as messengers to complete the delegation from said churches, to-wit: Brethren W. J. Bearden, of Blooming Grove; John Sammons, of Fairview; J. F. Mills of Providence and Thos. Gramling, of Pleasant Grove.

PETITIONARY LETTERS

were then called for by the Moderator, which was responded to by Corning and Piggott churches, of Clay county, Ark., and it appearing from the reading of their letters that they were sound in the faith of the gospel as held by Missionary Baptists. Therefore, on motion, their delegates were invited to seats within the body to participate in its deliberations, being fully vested with all the privileges of delegates. The Moderator then, in behalf of the Association, gave the right hand of fellowship and their names were enrolled. See tabular statement.

VISITING BRETHREN

were then invited to seats within the body, and Elder A. S. Hall, of Mt. Zion Association responded, whose name was enrolled.

LETTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE

were called for. None were presented.

The Moderator next proceeded to appoint the usual committees, to-wit:

Committee on Divine Service.—Pastor and deacons of Friendship Church.

Committee on Arrangements.—H. Holcomb, D. Thorn and H. B. Wright.

Committee on Publications.—J. F. Mills, John McHaney and J. D. Markham.

Committee on Finance.—J. N. Robinson, W. S. Barker and W. C. Johnson.

Committee on Home Missions.—John McHaney, H. B. Wright and J. D. Markham.

Committee on Foreign Missions.—W. P. Lawson, F. M. Kirkpatrick and J. E. Matthews.

Committee on Sunday Schools.—J. Brown, Z. T. Underwood and Wm. Crittenden.

Committee on Ministerial Education:—R. B. Landon, W. T. T. Allen and C. B. Burrell.

Committee on Obituaries.—C. R. Murphy, D. Thorn and Smith.

Committee on Temperance.—J. R. McDonald, J. D. Markham and J. N. Robinson.

Committee on Credentials.—W. J. Bearden and E. L. Benson.

THE COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE

asked permission and reported as follows: At candle-lighting Elders W. J. Bearden and J. N. Robinson will fill the stand; on tomorrow Elder A. S. Hall will preach the missionary sermon, Elder G. H. Faulkner, his alternate.

On motion, adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction by Elder.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock a large congregation assembled and engaged in Sunday School mass meeting conducted by Elder G. Lively. Interesting speeches were made by Bro. Dungan and Elder G. H. Faulkner.

At 11 o'clock a. m. the missionary sermon was preached by Elder A. S. Hall. Text, 4th chapter of John, 35th verse. The subject was ably discussed and no doubt the enterprise of missions will score a new impetus in this association from this time as was so clearly indicated by the collection which followed amounting to \$47.40 in cash and \$98.50 in pledges for the closing and succeeding years inclusive. This way of liberality among the people of the Gainesville Association is unprecedented and many hearts are cheered.

Sunday night at candle-lighting Elder J. F. Mills preached. Text, 9th chapter of 1st Cor. the 16th verse. Subject, "Responsibility of preaching the Gospel."

Monday, 9 o'clock, Sept. 26th, 1887, the Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator. The

roll was called and absentees noted. The minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read and approved.

THE COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

reported as follows, which was read, adopted and committee discharged:

We, your committee recommend the order of business to govern this session of the body as follows:

1. Calling the roll and reading the minutes.
2. Calling for report of Committee on Revision of Constitution.
3. Calling for petitionary letters.
4. Calling for letters of correspondence.
5. Inviting visiting brethren to seats.
6. Report of Committee on Publication.
7. Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.
8. Report of Committee on Finance.
9. Report of Committee on Home Missions.
10. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.
11. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.
12. Report of Committee on Credentials.
13. Report of Committee on Obituaries.
14. Report of Committee on Temperance.
5. Report of Executive Board.
16. Report of Missionary.
17. Report of Treasurer.
18. Calling for Queries.
19. Miscellaneous business.
20. Resolutions.

Respectfully submitted, D. THORN, Chairman.

THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION

being required to report, presented a constitution which was read, and read a second time by section. A motion to strike out the 14th article was lost. A motion to amend the last clause of the 15th article by substituting the word way in lieu of shall.—Carried. On motion the revised constitution was then adopted. See appendix.

PETITIONARY LETTERS AND LETTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE were called for, and visiting brethren invited to seats within the body, to which none responded.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

was called for and was presented, read, amended and adopted which was as follows:

We believe the Bible is ever to be the guide of Baptists

into the way of truth, that it is the only standard of faith and practice known to us and should be searched more diligently by us as a people. We would also recommend as good literature and worthy of our patronage the Arkansas Baptist, edited by W. A. Forbes and J. B. Perminter of Little Rock, Ark., and which we should especially cherish as our own state paper; The Baptist edited by J. R. Graves and J. B. Moody, Memphis, Tenn., and the American Baptist Flag edited by D. B. Ray, St. Louis, Mo. And for Sunday Schools we would recommend the literature of the National Baptist Publication Society.

J. F. MILLS, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was presented and read, amended and adopted and is as follows:

The importance of an educated ministry is so obvious to every thinking person that it is unnecessary to use any argument in favor of such a measure. We fully appreciate the great and glorious work that our beloved and faithful ministers have done in this association, and we feel like the Master will say "Well done good and faithful servants." But could not much more good have been accomplished had they been more liberally educated? Therefore we would recommend to the consideration of this body the propriety of taking steps to raise a fund to be used for the purpose of assisting worthy young men who feel it their duty to preach the Gospel, in obtaining a proper education for their great and responsible duties. And we would heartily recommend as a Baptist denominational enterprise our college situated at Arkadelphia, Ark., to our brethren as a proper school for their patronage.

R. B. LANDON, Chairman.

THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

recommended the report of last year as its report, which on motion was substituted by the following:

Resolved, that it is the sense of this body that it shall be the duty of the ministers serving churches within this association to take up collections during the month of November, 1887, for foreign missions, that they forward same to H. A. Tupper, Secretary of Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., and that they report the amounts sent with receipts for same to the next session of this body.

On motion adjourned to 1:30 o'clock p. m. for preaching and refreshments. Benediction by Elder W. S. Barker.

At 11 o'clock a. m. Elder W. S. Barker preached.

At 1:30 o'clock p. m. the Association was called to order by singing.

THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

reported as follows, which was read and adopted:

Your committee would recommend in regard to Home Missions that the association appoint five brethren to act as an executive committee; that it be made the duty of this committee after its organization to employ some suitable minister to labor as missionary at such places as said board may direct. Three of said committee shall constitute a quorum. All contributions, which should be taken quarterly by the churches, must be paid to the Secretary of said committee or accounted for by the missionary to said secretary when paid to him and the committee and such missionary should be required to make a report of their labors and success to the next session of this body.

H. B. WRIGHT, Chairman.

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

reported as follows, which was found correct and adopted:

Your committee have received for printing minutes

From Blooming Grove Church.....	\$ 85
“ Centre Hill “	1 50
“ Corning “	1 50
“ Epsaby “	1 25
“ Fairview “	2 40
“ Friendship “	2 50
“ Hopewell “	2 50
“ Liberty “	2 00
“ New Light “	1 00
“ New Hope “	3 00
“ Providence “	3 05
“ Pleasant Grove “	50
“ Piggott “	1 00
“ Rock Hil “	1 00
“ Salem “	1 70
“ Union Grove “	1 50

Total for minutes.....\$27 25

Received for Home Missions from Union Grove....\$ 70

Received for Foreign Missions from “ “ 50—\$1 20

Total amount received\$28 45

Respectfully submitted, J. N. ROBINSON, Chairman

THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

made a report which was read and after speeches by Elder A. S. Hall, John McHaney and others it was, on motion, rejected. On motion the moderator then appointed, brethren H. Holcomb, W. C. Johnson and H. B. Wright a special committee on Sunday Schools to report as soon as practicable.

THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

reported as follows which was read and adopted:

Your committee on considering the subject of temperance find it attracting as much attention at this time in the politics of our country as any other question. Men who make no pretensions to religion see the pernicious effect of alcoholic liquors in increasing the cost of government by multiplying the number of criminals and paupers, and are endeavoring in many states to rid themselves of this, the greatest of all evils of the present day, by the enactment of laws prohibiting the sale of all intoxicating drinks. If therefore men of the world are so careful in guarding our temporal interests, how much more zealous should we be in guarding our churches against the great moral evil of intemperance by purging them of all who practice it, and by teaching the rising generation the effects of it physically, mentally and morally.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. McDONALD, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

Bro. Moderator—Your committee on obituaries on investigation find a number of churches composing the association have been visited by the pale messenger Death, the following named brethren and sisters having been summoned away: Bro. J. F. Herren and companion, Sister Herren, of New Hope Church; Sister Sarah Watson, of Salem Church; Bro. Pleasant Wilkerson, Sister Wilkerson and Lucinda Hampton, of Providence Church; Sister Amanda Saunders, of Liberty Church; Bro. Joseph Rowe, of Union Grove Church; Sisters L. Barton and M. E. Duncan, of Fairview Church; and Elder Thomas D. Lloyd, of Rock Hill Church. These have passed away since we last met in an associational capacity. With sadness we recognize that we have sustained a great loss, but trust that our loss was their gain. Bro. Pleasant Wilkerson was a deacon in Providence Church and for many years gave conclusive evidence that he possessed the scriptural qualifications of said office. Elder Thomas D. Lloyd was born May 30th, 1805, and departed this life Sept. 11th, 1887. He had been a member of a Baptist Church forty years, serving with christian piety his country and the Master's cause as a minister of the gospel for full thirty years, and to the last hour of his consciousness gave unmistakable evidence of a well grounded hope in Christ. Truly a man of God has fallen, but fell like a soldier.

Away from his home and the friends of his youth

To hasten the herald of mercy and truth.

In order he led on the van of the host,

He died like a soldier he died at his post.

Although we have to weep over the sad separation, let us

take courage and press forward in the conflict of our high calling until we shall be overwhelmed in the happy reunion bye and bye,

C. R. MURPHY,
D. THORN,
J. A. SMITH.
Committee.

THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

reported as follows which was read and adopted.

Your committee find all brethren present and participating properly indorsed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BEARDEN, Chairman.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

reported as follows, which was read and adopted:

Your committee appointed at the last session of this body to which was assigned the work of home missions within the bounds of the association, would report that it organized December 3rd. 1886. On the 10th day of said month Elder A. S. Hall was employed to preach at least monthly at Corning and Rector, Clay county, Ark. We trust great things have been accomplished by his labors as we hope his report may show. We have received of the churches \$98.40 and have paid the same over to our missionary. Respectfully submitted,

H. B. WRIGHT, JAMES D. MARKHAM,
President. Secretary.

The missionary reported as follows, which was read and adopted:

As missionary of the Executive Board of Gainesville Association and the time having expired, I therefore hand you my report, which is as follows: Churches organized two, namely: Corning and Rector. Corning membership 46, of which 31 were immersed, the remainder being received by letter and reinstatement. Rector membership 17, three of which were immersed, balance by letter. Sermons preached 65; miles traveled 1200. One house of worship being built at Rector. At Corning the brethren are preparing to build. Money received from Executive Board, \$98.40. Respectfully submitted,

A. S. HALL, Missionary.

THE REPORT OF TREASURER

was made and adopted as follows:

Received from Finance Committee for printing minutes \$27 25

" " " " " home missions 70

" " " " " foreign missions.. 50

Total amount received \$28 45

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION AGENTS.

Reports of Agents for the several districts were called for, which were handed in, read and adopted as follows:

Dist. No. 1. Received of Union Grove Church...\$ 50
 " " Pleasant Grove " .. 1 00

Total amount received.....\$1 50

Respectfully submitted, G. H. FAULKNER.

Dist. No. 2. Received of Epsaby Church.....\$ 70
 " " Liberty " 3 50
 " " Friendship " 6 25

Total amount received.....\$10 45

which has been forwarded to Foreign Mission Agent.

Respectfully submitted, D. THORN.

Dist. No. 3. Received of Providence Church....\$7 00
 I visited no other church in my distret. Sent the above to J. B. Searcy, Dardinelle, Ark.

Respectfully submitted, W. J. BEARDEN.

Dist. No. 4. Received of New Hope Church....\$4 40
 " " New Light " 1 50

Total amount received.....\$5 90

which was forwarded to Foreign Mission Agent.

Respectfully submitted, G. LIVELY.

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to send the money in his hands for Foreign Missions to H. A. Tupper, Richmond, Va., and to pay over the amount for printing of the minutes to the clerk; that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and retain five dollars for his services.

By permission a communication was read from Salem Church and is as follows:

The Missionary Baptist Church of Christ at Salem, Clay county, Ark., to the ministers and messengers of the Gainesville Association when convened with Friendship Church in Greene county. Brethren:

I being appointed by the church at Salem to transmit in

writing to your christian body the case of Brother Glass for counsel. The Church unanimously ask the brethren for their counsel. The cause is this: Brother Glass was excluded from the church at Salem for unchristian conduct, by putting away his wife and living with another woman unbecoming a christian. Since that time he has been divorced from his first wife and has married another. Since that he came to the church and asked to be restored. After making due acknowledgements the church restored him to membership; then he asked to be restored to his former eldership. Can the church at Salem restore brother Glass scripturally? Brethren, for the sake of the cause of the Heavenly Father give us your prayerful counsel.

Done by order of the church in conference, Sept. 3rd, 1887.

J. A. SMITH,
Committee.

On motion the above communication was referred to a committee which was required to report at 7 o'clock p. m. namely: Elders D. Thorn, J. F. Mills, W. C. Johnson, G. H. Faulkner, W. J. Bearden and brethren H. B. Wright and Henry Holcomb.

On motion the association went into an election of time and place of holding the next session of this body, which resulted in the choice of New Hope Church, Clay county, Ark., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September 1888. This church is six miles from Piggott, on the St. L. A. & T. R. R.

On motion adjourned until 7 o'clock p. m. Benediction by Elder D. Thorn.

7 O'CLOCK P. M.

The association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder G. H. Faulkner.

The committee to whom the communication from Salem church was referred, reported and adopted as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the communication or query would report as follows: If we understand the duty imposed upon us we would recommend to Salem church that

she cannot scripturally restore brother J. F. Glass to his eldership. Signed,

J. F. MILLS,	D. THORN,
G. H. FAULKNER,	W. C. JOHNSON,
W. J. BEARDEN,	H. HOLCOMB,
H. B. WRIGHT,	Committee

On motion, the moderator appointed an agent to solicit contributions for a fund to be termed the Ministerial Educational fund; to-wit: James D. Markham, and H. B. Wright his assistant, whose duty it shall be to disburse said fund under the direction of the Executive Board of the Association to aid young men whom said board deems worthy, and they are required to make a report to the next session of this body.

On motion, the moderator appointed as an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, D. L. Fitzgerald, H. Holcomb, H. B. Wright, J. D. Markham and Elder D. Thorn to carry out the spirit of the report on Home Missions.

On motion, Elder G. H. Faulkner was appointed to preach the introductory sermon to the next session of this body with Elder J. R. Holcomb his alternate.

THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Indorsed the last years report as theirs for the present and submitted the same as follows:

Your committee scanning the field it seems almost as if Sabbath School work is practically ignored among many churches as well as communities. And to this we think may be attributed the great difficulty in getting the young to embrace the Gospel and the acceptance of Christ as their Savior. Therefore, we earnestly urge the necessity of each church composing the association to a greater effort to maintain Sabbath School work so as to more effectually engage the young mind to consider at an early day the eternal interests of their souls.

Respectfully,

H. HOLCOMB.

On motion, Unity church, in as much as it has not been represented in the Association for two years was dropped from the list of churches.

On motion, the association appointed Elders D. Thorn

J. F. Mills, G. Lively and E. J. Teague as delegates to the Baptist State convention to meet at Morrilton, Nov. 3, 1887.

On motion, the association agreed to correspond with Mt. Zion, Black River and Currant River Associations, and corresponding messengers appointed as follows: To Mt. Zion, Elders G. H. Faulkner, W. S. Barker and G. Lively; Currant River: Brethren W. P. Lawson, F. M. Kirkpatrick and J. E. Matthews; Black River: Brethren H. Holcomb, Wm. Pollard and Elder J. R. Holcomb.

On motion, the clerk is ordered to have revised constitution printed in the minutes.

On motion, this body tendered its grateful thanks for the hospitalities received at the hands of the brethren, sisters and friends in the vicinity of Friendship church during the present session.

Thus closed the 18th annual session of Gainesville Association and on motion the body adjourned to meet with New Hope church, Clay' county, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, A. D. 1888, at 11 o'clock a. m., and during the song service the parting hand was extended by the brethren

G. LIVELY,

JAMES D. MARKHAM,

Moderator.

Clerk.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec by Recom'd'n	Restored.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contributions for Minutes	POST OFFICES.
Blooming Grove.	W. J. Bearden,	J. F. Mills,	1	1	0	0	6	0	0	48	\$ 85	Rector.
Center Hill,....	N. Hampton,	J. T. Edwards,	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	44	1 50	Paragould.
Corning	W. P. Lawson, F. M. Kirkpatrick, J. E. Matthews,		28	8	0	0	0	0	0	46	1 50	Corning.
Epsaby,.....	W. J. Hardy, Josiah Thorn,	G. H. Faulkner	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	68	1 25	Gainsville.
Fairview,.....	C. B. Burrell, W. T. T. Allen, John Sammons,		6	4	0	1	2	0	2	67	2 40	Paragould.
Friendship,.....	John McHaney, J. D. Markham, R. B. Landon,	G. Lively.....	8	7	0	0	4	1	0	78	2 50	Gainsville.
Hopewell,.....	J. H. Johnson, J. N. Robinson,	J. F. Mills,	1	2	0	2		2		129	2 50	Tillmanville.
Liberty,	W. S. Barker, W. C. Johnson, W. T. Vestal,	J. D. Faulkner,	1	3	0					29	2 00	Gainsville.
New Light,.....	G. Lively,	G. Lively.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	1 00	Greenway.
New Hope,.....	H. Holcomb, Z. T. Underwood,	J. R. Holcomb,	7	2	2	0	4	7	2	110	3 00	Pollard.
Providence ,...	D. Thorn, H. B. Wright, J. F. Mills,	D. Thorn,.....	13	3	0	2	11	1	2	156	3 05	Gainesville.
Pleasant Grove,	J. F. Fletcher, T. J. Gramling,	G. H. Faulkner,	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	56	50	Finch.
Piggott,	Jacob Brown, W. S. Crittenden,	J. R. Holcomb,	13	3	7	0	2	2	0	27	1 00	Piggott.
Rock Hill,.....	C. M. Grooms, James Lloyd, Sam Osteen,	W. J. Bearden,	2	1					1	27	1 00	Paragould.
Salem	E. L. Benson, J. A. Smith, C. R. Murphy,	G. Lively.....	4	6		2	6	7	1	86	1 70	Boydsville.
Union Grove....	D. L. Fitzgerald, J. R. McDonald, G. H. Faulkner,	J. D. Faulkner,	1	0		1	2	0	1	49	1 50	Crowley.
Total			93	42	9	12	39	23	11	1061	\$2725	

CONSTITUTION,

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be known as the Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association.

ART. 2. The Association shall be composed of messengers delegated from the several churches bearing letters explanatory of their appointment by the churches.

ART. 3. The Association shall meet at least once a year and shall make its own adjournment, selecting its own time and place of meeting.

ART. 4. The churches of this body shall address the Association annually by giving a full synopsis of accessions, strength, etc., of the church and shall be entitled to three representatives whose names shall be specified in the letters. But in case the messengers appointed fail to attend, upon motion the body may admit any brother who may be present from any church.

ART. 5. The Association shall hold inviolable the independence of each church in its own internal discipline and government, disclaiming all authority over the different churches of this body, or the private right of conscience. But should any church in this body become corrupt in doctrine or disorderly in practice, it shall be the duty of the Association to labor with the offending church, after which, if the labor prove unsuccessful the same shall be dropped from the Association.

ART. 6. The Association at each annual meeting shall elect by ballot a moderator, clerk and treasurer who shall hold their respective positions until their successors shall be likewise elected. Each session of the body shall be opened by divine service, and if practicable by a sermon introductory to the services. The Association on meeting shall be called to order by the former moderator, if present, or, in his absence, by the clerk. In his absence any brother, upon motion may be called to the chair pro tem.

ART. 7. The moderator shall preside and keep order in the body in pursuance of our rules of decorum.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of every session of this body and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. 9. The treasurer shall receive all funds belonging

to the Association and disburse the same as directed by the body, making his annual report of his stewardship to the body.

ART. 10. The business of the Association shall be determined by a majority of the messengers present, the moderator casting a vote only in case of a tie vote and in case of a church making application for admission into the body. The admission shall be by unanimous vote. Should there be any objection the Association may act at its discretion and endeavor to ascertain the true status of said body and let it be admitted in harmony.

ART. 11. The funds of the Association shall be raised by voluntary contributions of the churches or individuals, out of which shall be defrayed the expenses of printing the minutes, clerkship etc. The surplus, if any, shall be applied to the welfare of Zion in the limits of the association or its vicinity.

ART. 12. The Association may adopt measures for raising funds to enable it to carry out its missionary undertakings in view of obeying the divine injunction, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations" etc.

ART. 13. New churches may be admitted into this body by letter and delegation when upon examination the same are found regular and sound in faith and practice, the moderator extending to the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 14. The Association shall take no cognizance of any queries sent up from the churches or presented by individuals only at its own discretion.

ART. 15. Any church belonging to the constitutional compact assaying to withdraw from the same without permission shall be considered as greatly in contempt and shall be dropped from the list of churches. Also any church that shall fail to represent in the body for two years may be dropped from the association.

ART. 16. The constitution of this association may be altered, changed or amended at any regular session of the body, when two-thirds of the messengers shall concur in the same, with the exception of the first clause of the fifth article of this constitution, which can be changed only by unanimous vote.

D. THORN,
H. B. WRIGHT,
J. D. MARKHAM,
Committee.