

Minutes of the Twenty-Fourth
Annual Session of

Greenbrier Baptist Associa'n

...HELD WITH...

Oak Botwery Church, Oct. 24-26, 1907

Next Session to Be Held With Spring
Hill Church, Commencing Thursday
Before the Fourth Sunday in October,
1908, :: :: :: :: :: ::

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

G. M. FORD, J. M. BRYANT, F. C. FLOURNOY
J. T. INGRAM, W. W. LOVIL.

P. H. GLOVER, Moderator,
Greenbrier, Ark.

R. F. ADAMS, Clerk,
Conway, Ark.

W. W. LOVIL, Treasurer,
Holland, Ark.

PROCEEDINGS

The Twenty-fourth Annual Session of Greenbrier Baptist Association convened with Oak Bowery Church, Thursday, before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1907, the introductory sermon being preached by Moderator G. M. Ford.

Letters from the various churches called for and read, Brothers P. H. Glover and G. T. Kilpatrick acting as reading clerks.

Delegates were seated from the various churches as follows :

Harmon, C. E. Mitchel, W. F. Mitchel.

Gosnell Chappel, J. R. Brothers.

Old Liberty, E. V. Johnson, L. T. Southerland.

Macedonia, T. I. Mathews, J. W. Dickens.

New Liberty, J. H. Hall, B. F. Lackey, Jones Hartley.

Smyrna, T. K. Nolen.

Shady Grove, R. B. Simms, A. J. Simms.

Pleasant Grove, R. L. George, R. F. Adams.

Vilonia, Gus Bush.

Marcus Hill, W. T. Weaver, J. R. W. Mathews.

Mount Vernon, Leo Crafton, B. H. Traylor, J. B. Traylor.

Palestine, W. W. Lovel, G. W. Webb, C. J. Lovel.

New Sharon, P. E. Bryant.

Mount Pisgah, J. A. Yarbrough.

Bristol, M. J. Gunter, J. H. Lester.

Barney, J. T. Ingram, E. C. Zewgelder.

Conway, W. W. Rivers.

Oak Bowery, W. C. Kelley, A. S. Sowell.

Mount Zion, J. M. Bryant.

Happy Hallow.

Star Gap, J. B. Balote, W. L. Farris, J. T. Treadway.

Pleasant Valley, W. R. Hiette.

Needs Creek, F. C. Flournoy, C. W. Abrams.

Bethlehem, L. T. Patton, L. McRea.

Cadron Ridge, J. A. Crye.

Spring Hill, J. B. Tilley, E. W. Milsam, John Robinson.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Re-assembled at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. G. T. Kilpatrick.

Brethren of same faith invited to seats in the body. Bro. Turner, representative of the Orphans' Home, and Bro. Compere, Missionary from Africa, responded.

Correspondents from sister associations called for. No response.

Permanent organization was affected by electing Elder P. H. Glover, Moderator; R. F. Adams, Clerk, and W. W. Lovel, Treasurer.

Rules of Decorum read by Moderator.

Petitionary letters called for. Happy Hallow responded and delegates seated.

The Moderator announced the Pastor and Deacons of Oak Bowery Church as Devotional Committee.

Bro. Compere was elected to preach the Missionary sermon of this session.

Adjourned to 7:30.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

Re-assembled at 7:30. Devotional exercises led by Bro. Compere.

The Committee on Orphans' Home submitted their report. After discussion by Brethren Yarbrough, Turner and Compere, was adopted as follows :

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, beg leave to submit the following report:

In 1896 the Baptist State Convention of Arkansas founded an Orphans' Home for the care of needy orphans in Arkansas. Needy children have been gathered into the home from time to time and have been cared for. There are at present 75 or 76 children in this home. The home is under the general supervision of the Baptist State Convention. It takes a great deal of money to properly care for the large number of children in this home. Therefore we would recommend that this home be supported by our money and our prayers, and that Bro. Turner be allowed to take a Freewill Offering at this service for the home.

W. E. ROBERTS,
W. W. LOVIL,
G. G. PARROTT.

At 8 o'clock Brother Turner preached from Luke 8-45-46, after which a cash collection of \$7.71 was taken for the Orphans' Home.

The Moderator announced the usual committees as follows :

Orphans' Home, W. E. Roberts, W. W. Lovil, G. G. Parrett.

State Missions, G. M. Ford, B. F. Bass, R. L. George.

Home Missions, G. F. Kilpatrick, J. W. Dickens, C. C. Harred.

Finance, W. W. Lovil, A. J. Simms, W. F. Weaver.

Foreign Missions, J. A. Yarbrough, W. C. Kelso, J. S. Compere.

Associational Missions, W. E. Roberts, J. R. W. Mathews, T. K. Nolen.

Obituaries, J. M. Bryant, B. M. Vistell, J. T. Ingram.

Education, W. W. Rivers, A. F. Bush, G. G. Parrett.

Sunday School, T. I. Mathews, C. G. Lovil, B. F. Lackey.

Old Ministers Relief, M. M. Kelley, W. F. Mitchel, J. R. Brothers.

Publications, G. W. Webb, Gus Bush, W. H. Bass.

Adjourned to 8:30.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Re-assembled at 8:30. Moderator read 23rd Psalm as a morning lesson. Prayer by Bro. Turner.

The Committee on Publications submitted their report. Discussed by Bros. Turner, Compere, Ford and T. I. Mathews. The report was adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Publications, submit the following report:

1. We would recommend that a careful study of the Scripture to be the imperative duty of all Christians.

2. We recommend The Arkansas Baptist, The Baptist Flag and Baptist Advance as denominational papers.

3. We recommend the Sunday School literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention and the literature of the Baptist Publishing Co., of Little Rock, Ark.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. WEBB.

GUS BUSH,

W. H. BASS.

Report on Old Ministers' Relief. Read by Bro. M. M. Kelley. Discussed by Elders G. M. Ford and J. H. Yarbrough. The report was adopted as follows:

We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report on Old Ministers' Relief:

That we urge each and every church comprising this Green-

brier Association to contribute liberally to the help and relief of our old ministers.

M. M. KELLEY,
W. F. MITCHELL,
J. R. BROTHERY,
Committee.

Report on Education, read by Prof. W. W. Rivers. Discussed by Prof. Rivers and Elders Bush and Turner. The report was adopted.

EDUCATION.

There are a little less than 100,000 white Baptists in Arkansas. We have doubled in number in the last fifteen years, and if we increase at the same rate that we have this year, we will double again in the next ten years. We have seen our State Mission work increase from \$700 seven years ago to \$35,000 for this year. The other mission contributions have also grown at a phenomenal rate. The Lord has blessed the Baptists in a very marked degree along all lines.

We rejoice at these marks of God's favor, but let us remember that every favor places us under renewed obligations. That the greater our advantages, the heavier our duties will fall; that to whom much is given, of him much is expected. It is a great privilege to have children in our homes, but we also have the duty forced upon us of educating them; of giving them opportunities for growth. Education has ever been the handmaid of religion and hard by the church has had the school. This is as it should be. The Christian is the highest type of man, and the greater his power the better off the world will be. Our large growth, large conditions and large problems demand large leaders. Our schools must furnish these leaders as pastors and laymen, or the work will be dwarfed. The responsibility rests upon us.

We now have Ouachita College at Arkadelphia for boys and girls, from which we expect recruits for the ministry, and Central College at Conway for the education of girls. They have connected with them five academies. All of these constitute the Ouachita-Central system of schools. They are worth \$250,000 and enroll over 1200 students yearly. Out of an enrollment of less than 600 in the two colleges alone last year, there were over 100 conversions. The Bible is a text book in the schools. There is a debt of \$40,000 on these schools, and Rev. A. H.

Autrey has been appointed to raise this debt this year, and to further equip the schools.

In view of the great necessity for Christian education in consequence of our great growth, in view of the great work our schools are doing, and the greater work that needs to be done, and recognizing our duties to our families, our denomination and our God, we commend these schools, invite Bro. Autrey to visit us, and agree to help the work with our prayers, our patronage and our means.

W. W. RIVERS,
A. F. BUSH,
G. G. PARROTT.

The following report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. Compere. After brief discussion by Bros. Compere and Turner, was adopted :

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Master has commanded us to make disciples of all nations. His churches were established for the purpose of carrying out this command by preaching the Gospel to every creature. The only reason for organizing a church is that it may be a force to help in giving the Gospel to the world. The real distinguishing thing about Baptists is seen in the fact that we stand for "the whole Gospel for the whole world." No other can stand for this as we do, because no others stand for a whole Gospel, and it is both reasonable and right that those who preach a whole Gospel should preach it to the whole world.

Our Southern Baptists have 203 missionaries on the foreign field, with 233 churches, 412 out-stations, and 13,437 members. Last year these members themselves contributed an average of more than \$2 per member for the work, and there were 2,239 baptisms on the foreign field.

There is very urgent need for more workers to go to these fields. Earnest, pressing appeals for more men are coming from all the fields. Southern Baptists have undertaken to raise for this work this year \$750,000.

We urge that every pastor in this Association preach on this subject, and try to get his people interested in the work. We urge also that special prayer be made continually that God will raise up new workers to go to the foreign field, and that every church in the Association make contributions to the cause of foreign missions.

Y. A. YARBROUGH,
W. C. KELSO,
J. S. COMPERE.

Adjourned for preaching.

At 11 o'clock Bro. Compere preached the Missionary sermon, using as a text, psalms 22-27.

AFTERNOON.

Reassembled at 2 o'clock. Prayer by J. O. Cantrell.

The following is the report on State Missions. After a brief discussion by Bros. Ford and Turner, the report was adopted :

STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, submit the following report :

The last words of our Savior while on this earth were: "Be witnesses of Me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth." These words were given to His church, and come to us today as much a command as it was to those to whom they were spoken; and we would bring before you the State of Arkansas as the Judea, to whom we are under obligations to preach the Gospel of the Son of God. Great work has been and is being done by Baptists toward giving the pure Gospel to the people of Arkansas. We have two general bodies, the State Convention and General Association, that are doing state missionary work. The State Convention this year has 22 missionaries and evangelists for full time, and is helping to support 71 Association missionaries and pastors. Under the work of these brethren during the first three-quarters of this year, there were 13 churches organized, 1,865 conversions reported, 1,116 baptized, 869 additions by letter and 94 restored; and the last quarter of the year is yet to be reported, and all of this work is being done upon a basis of \$35,000. Being unable to get the statistics of the General Association, we can't give definite results of their work, but feel assured that much good is being done through their efforts, for all of which we should thank God, and take courage. But notwithstanding all of the great work that is being done by our people, when we think of the vast increase that is being made from year to year to our already dense population, we realize

that we must put forth greater efforts if we obey our Savior when he said: "Speak unto the people all the words of this life." Therefore we would recommend:

1st. That the church of our Association take a greater interest in State Missions.

2nd. That our pastors present this great work to their people and urge upon them the necessity of supporting the work of State Missions. And we would further recommend that regular collections be taken in our churches for this week.

G. M. FORD,
B. F. BASS,
R. L. GEORGE.

The following report on Sunday School was read by Bro. T. I. Mathews. Report adopted:

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg to make the following report:

We see some improvement on Sunday Schools and we recommend that Churches go to work and have more Sunday Schools, and we believe that it is the best medium of reaching the children.

T. I. MATTHEWS,
C.-G. LOUIE,
B. F. LACKEY.

Bro. G. T. Kilpatrick read the following report on Home Missions, which was adopted:

We, your Committee on Home Missions do submit the following report:

We would recommend a hearty support of Home Missions, both by your prayers and giving you means for this great work, through which many souls are being saved with the Gospel of the Son of God.

We would recommend that each person contribute through either of the great Baptist bodies.

We would further recommend that each pastor in the Greenbrier Association urge each Church, take special collections for this work, which is our duties to our God.

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. KILPATRICK,
J. W. DICKENS,
C. C. HARRORD.

Devotional Committee announced preaching tonight by Bro. Parrett.

Motion to suspend rules and select place of next meeting. Carried. Spring Hill was selected.

Elder P. H. Glover was elected to preach the Introductory sermon. Adjourned to 7:30.

At 7:30 Bro. Parrell preached from Jer. 31-31-36.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Re-assembled at 8:30. Prayer by Bro. E. Lovless.

The Committee on Obituaries was read Bro. J. T. Ingram and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to submit the following report:

By reference to the various letters from the churches, we find that there has only been twenty-one deaths during the past year. We are thankful to God for His mercy towards us.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BRYANT,
B. M. VESTELL,
J. T. INGRAM.

Devotional Committee announced preaching today by Bro. Moderator.

Elder G. M. Ford submitted the report of the Executive Board. Discussed by Bros. Ford, Yarbrough, Crye, Roberts, Lovil and Bro. Moderator. Adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee submit the following report:

Immediately after the Association at Pleasant Grove, we met, and together with your Missionary, Elder W. E. Roberts, laid out the work for this year. The Missionary agreed to put in each Saturday and Sunday until the 15th of July, and full time from then with the Association, and we promised him \$200 for

his services. The amount of work done will be found in the Missionary's report. We, your committee, have done the very best we could to raise the amount promised the Missionary, and have received and paid him \$153.69, leaving a balance of \$46.31 yet unpaid.

Therefore, we, your committee would recommend :

First—That this Association elect a committee as it has always done.

Second—That it be the duty of this committee to first try and raise the balance of our present Missionary's salary, and pay it over to him as soon as collected.

Third—That this committee be authorized to employ one or two good men to take the field as missionaries during the summer months of that year, provided that the contributions from the churches will justify them to do so.

G. M. FORD,
J. M. BRYANT,
F. C. FLOURNOY,
K. F. ADAMS,
W. W. LOVIL,
Committee.

Treasurer Lovil made the following report which was accepted :

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Amount received at last Association for | |
| Associational Missions..... | \$ ' 59 14 |
| State Mission..... | 1 25 |
| Foreign Missions..... | 1 96 |
| Orphan's Home..... | 1 65 |
| For minutes..... | 26 65 |
| Total..... | \$ 90 65 |

Which was all paid out according to its order, and have received during the year the following amounts :

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| Macedonia church..... | \$ 2 30 |
| Marcus Hill..... | 3 55 |
| Mt. Zion..... | 2 20 |
| Bethany..... | 3 00 |
| Barney..... | 2 25 |
| Robertine..... | 3 30 |
| Bethlehem..... | 5 02 |
| Sulphur Springs..... | 1 05 |
| Needs Creek..... | 1 22 |
| Star Gap..... | 80 |
| New Home..... | 2 50 |
| Cash Springs..... | 1 11 |
| Total..... | \$ 28 30 |

Bro. Lovil read the report of the Finance Committee which was accepted:

W. W. LOVIL.

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following:

FINANCE.

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| For Associated Missions..... | \$ 37 13 |
| For State Missions..... | 1 00 |
| For Home Missions..... | 65 |
| For Foreign Missions..... | 2 20 |
| For Orphans' Home..... | 10 29 |
| For printing Minutes..... | 28 00 |

Total.....\$ 79 27

W. W. LOVIL,
ARTHUR J. SIMMONS,
W. F. MEARS.

Bros. J. M. Bryant, G. M. Ford, F. C. Flournoy and J. T. Ingram were elected as the Executive Board.

Missionary W. E. Roberts read the report on Associational Missions, also the Missionary report. Discussed by Bro. Roberts. Pending adoption, an adjournment was taken for preaching.

At 11 o'clock Bro. Glover preached from Mathew 28-19-20. Adjourned to 2 o'clock.

Re-assembled at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Yarbrough. Discussion of report on Associational Missionaries; report resumed; led by Bro. Ford, followed by Bro. Yarbrough, after which the reports were adopted:

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, beg to submit the following report:

We are glad to note that the Lord has blessed the labors of the Missionary this year; there has been twenty-two professions of faith and one new church organized under his labors. Brethren, this is a small start towards what we need to do in the way of Associational Missions in the Greenbrier Association. There is great destitution in our bounds; in almost every neighbor-

hood there are persons that hardly ever hear the Gospel of the Son of God preached, because they fail to have interest enough in themselves to attend church. We need a Missionary to go into their homes with an open bible and talk with them about their soul's eternal welfare. But it is a deplorable fact that our churches are failing to take the proper interest in this work, that is so near and should be so dear to us Brethren throughout the Association. We ought to awake to our duty in this line of work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. ROBERTS,
J. R. W. MATHEWS,
T. K. NOLEN.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

To the Greenbrier Baptist Association:

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

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| Days of actual labor | 111 |
| Miles traveled in performance of labor | 1,117 |
| Sermons preached | 124 |
| Religious addresses | 11 |
| Total sermons and addresses | 135 |
| Religious visits | 162 |
| Conversions | 22 |
| Baptized | 15 |
| Received by letter | 10 |
| Witnessed baptisms | 20 |
| Total received | 25 |

Collected on field for Associational Missions:

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| New Sharron church | \$ 2 10 |
| Old Liberty church | 1 75 |
| J. W. Bryant | 1 00 |
| P. T. Shock | 75 |
| Congregation at Ebenezer | 7 75 |
| W. F. Mitchell for Harmony church | 1 00 |
| T. M. Lasler for Marcus Hill church | 25 |
| Sister Barbara Bailey | 25 |
| Sulphur Springs church No. 1 | 5 55 |
| Oak Bowery church | 2 45 |
| Happy Hollow church | 5 30 |
| Mt. Pisgah church | 12 85 |
| W. E. Hodge | 25 |
| Total collected on field | \$ 41 25 |

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| Received of Elder P. H. Glover for Pleasant Grove church..... | \$ 3 65 |
| Received of Elder P. H. Glover for Shady Grove church..... | 1 25 |
| Received of Elder P. H. Glover for Cadron Ridge church..... | 50 |
| F. C. Flourney, member of Executive Board..... | 4 50 |
| F. M. Ford, member of Executive Board..... | 7 80 |
| J. M. Bryant, member of Executive Board..... | 28 46 |
| R. F. Adams for Pleasant Grove church..... | 1 05 |
| W. W. Lovil, treasurer..... | 65 43 |
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| | \$ 112 44 |
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| Total received..... | \$ 153 69 |
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| Balance due and unpaid | \$ 46 31 |

I have pastored one weak church, to-wit, Mt. Pisgah. There has been added to its membership 5 by baptism and 6 by letter. I kept up two other monthly appointments in places of destitution; the other Sunday I put in going to places of destitution and visiting churches, trying to preach the Gospel of Christ as best I could. I have held 4 meetings and have assisted in the ordination of 4 deacons. Have organized one new church, to-wit: Happy Hollow. Its present membership is 39. Again we come to the close of the year thanking God for His blessings upon the work; also thanking all the brethren and sisters for any help or encouragement that they have given. My companion joins with me in sincere thanks to the sisters of New Liberty church for the missionary quilt which they so beautifully prepared and donated to us. May the blessings of God rest on them.

Brethren, we all need to awake to our duty on our Associational Missions. There is a great deal of territory in our midst that needs to be supplied with missionary labor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. ROBERTS.

NOTE.—After the above report had been adopted Bro. Lovil discovered that he had erroneously credited \$3.05 to the Associational Mission fund that belonged to the Orphans' Home fund. The balance should be \$49.34 instead of \$46.31. Of this Conway church has since contributed \$15, leaving a balance of \$34.36.

Correspondents to Sister Associations :

Little Red—Bro. Yarbrough.

United—Brethren Glover, Ford and Yarbrough.

Caroline—Brethren Ford, Kilpatrick and Roberts.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That thanks of this body be and the same hereby tendered the people of this community for their kind hospitality during our stay with them.

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he be allowed \$7 for his services.

Devotional Committee announced preaching tonight by Elder W. E. Roberts.

Adjourned to meet with Spring Hill Church, Thursday, before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1908.

ELD. P. H. GLOVER, 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 as 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; the contribution for pastor's salary; other home expenses; Associational Missions; State Missions; Home Mis-

sions; 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 of 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 statedly 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. XII. 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 the 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 with-

draw 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 seat.
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.

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| P. H. Glover, Greenbrier, | G. T. Kirkpatrick, Conway, |
| E. Loveless. Linder, | J. W. McPeak, 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, | W. W. Reed, Wooster, |
| J. J. Hurt, Conway, | M. M. Kelley, Conway, |
| R. M. Scott, Conway, | J. A. Yarbrough, Mayflower. |

LICENTIATES.

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| Earl Atwater, Conway, | George A. Freeman, Conway, |
| J. M. C. Vaughter, Conway, | David Kilpatrick. |

ROLL OF PASTORS, CLERKS AND MESSENGERS.

| CHURCHES | PASTORS | CLERKS | POST OFFICE | MESSENGERS |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--|
| Palestine | G. M. Ford | W. W. Lovil | Holland | W. W. Lovel, G. W. Webb, C. J. Lovil |
| Cadron Ridge | J. A. Crye | E. Kuykendall | Conway | J. A. Crye |
| Vilonia | G. M. Ford | Gus Bush | Vilonia | Gus Bush |
| Conway | J. J. Hurt | W. E. Livingston | Conway | W. W. Rivers, W. R. James |
| Mt. Pisgah | W. E. Roberts | J. S. Boydston | Mayflower | J. A. Yarbrough |
| Gosnell Chappel | W. E. Corder | H. C. Price | Cato | J. R. Brothers |
| Needs Creek | J. A. Crye | F. C. Flournoy | Linder | F. C. Flournoy, C. W. Abrams |
| Macedonia | J. O. Cantrell | J. W. Dickens | Greenbrier | T. I. Matthews, J. W. Dickens |
| Oak Bowery | J. A. Yarbrough | M. M. Kelly | Saltillo | W. C. Kelly, H. S. Sowell |
| Bethlehem | J. M. McGee | W. M. Langston | Wooster | L. T. Patton, L. McRae |
| Mt. Zion | G. T. Kilpatrick | W. M. Harper | Enola | J. M. Bryant |
| Pleasant Valley | J. O. Cantrell | J. S. Ball | Wooster | W. R. Hiett |
| New Liberty | J. M. Ford | J. H. Hall | Conway | J. Hall, B. F. Lackey, Jones Hartley |
| Harmony | J. A. Yarbrough | C. S. Harrell | Cato | C. E. Mitchell, W. F. Mitchell |
| Pleasant Grove | J. A. Yarbrough | R. L. Turner | Conway | R. L. George, R. F. Adams |
| Mt. Vernon | J. A. Yarbrough | S. H. Keathley | Mt. Vernon | Leo Crafton, B. H. Traylor, J. B. Traylor |
| Star Gap | I. M. Polk | J. S. Treadway | Greenbrier | J. B. Belote, W. L. Farris, J. T. Treadway |
| New Sharan | C. N. Davis | P. E. Bryant | Vilonia | P. E. Bryant |
| Old Liberty | | R. C. Bryant | Conway | E. V. Johnson, L. T. Southerland |
| Spring Hill | J. O. Cantrell | J. W. Rhea | Wooster | J. B. Tilley, E. W. Milam, John Robinson |
| Smyrna | M. A. Thompson | W. L. Nolen | Hammons ville | T. R. Nolen |
| Shady Grove | P. H. Glover | R. B. Simms | Greenbrier | R. B. Simms, G. J. Simms |
| Barney | H. P. Glover | T. M. Matthews | Enola | J. T. Ingram, E. C. Jewgelder |
| Marcus Hill | P. H. Glover | B. L. Thompson | Enola | W. T. Weaver, J. R. W. Matthews |
| Bristol | J. O. Cantrell | J. Atkison | Bristol | M. J. Gunter, J. H. Lester |
| Happy Hollow | W. E. Roberts | B. F. Bass | Vilonia | W. F. Bass, C. C. Harrod, J. C. Wallis |

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES | MEMBERSHIP | | | | | | | | | | FINANCIAL | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Rec'd by Baptism | Rec'd by Letter or Recommendation | Restored | Dismiss'd by Lett'r | 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 | Orphans' Home | S. S. Expenses | Incidental Expenses | Salary of Pastor | Total Contributed for all purposes | Value of Church Property | |
| Palestine | 58 | 5 | 3 | 35 | | 2 | 115 | | 5 | 65 | \$ 1 20 | \$ 3 35 | | | | | \$ 5 50 | \$ 1 00 | \$ 21 40 | \$ 11 05 | \$ 250 00 | |
| Cadron Ridge | 19 | 1 | | 4 | | | 38 | | 5 | 40 | 1 66 | 2 87 | | | 1 05 | | 5 49 | | | 11 07 | 250 00 | |
| Vilonia | | | | | | | | | 5 | 75 | 1 00 | 2 50 | 1 00 | | | | 8 00 | | 14 50 | 12 50 | 250 00 | |
| Conway | 30 | 30 | | 19 | 1 | | 237 | 4 | 16 | 250 | 2 00 | 15 00 | 141 00 | 60 00 | 100 00 | 25 00 | 40 00 | 411 75 | 1125 00 | 2089 75 | 4000 00 | |
| Mt. Pisgah | 5 | 6 | | 3 | 2 | | 54 | 2 | 4 | 70 | 50 | 12 85 | | | | | 2 65 | 12 05 | | 28 05 | 200 00 | |
| Gosnell Chappel | | | | 5 | 2 | 2 | 26 | | 4 | 36 | 1 40 | 1 70 | | | | | | | 43 50 | 2 10 | | |
| Needs Creek | 31 | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 86 | 1 | | | 1 35 | 1 25 | | | 1 15 | | | 2 65 | 22 00 | 6 40 | 200 00 | |
| Macedonia | 3 | 1 | | 2 | | | 65 | | 4 | 50 | 80 | 4 75 | | | | 5 75 | 13 00 | | 50 00 | 24 30 | 300 00 | |
| Oak Bowery | | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 25 | 45 | 3 | | | 1 00 | 1 65 | | | | | | 2 45 | 100 00 | 5 10 | | |
| Bethlehem | | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 113 | 1 | | | 2 00 | 10 00 | 3 63 | | 3 63 | | | | | 19 26 | | |
| Mt. Zion | 6 | 2 | | | | | 92 | | | | 1 00 | 14 30 | | | 3 63 | | | | 1 00 | 16 30 | 600 00 | |
| Pleasant Valley | 7 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 77 | 1 | | | 70 | 2 00 | | | | 1 00 | | | | 3 70 | | |
| New Liberty | 37 | 10 | | 2 | | | 142 | 1 | 4 | | 1 00 | 5 00 | 2 00 | | 2 00 | | 5 00 | | 50 00 | 16 10 | | |
| Harmony | 5 | 1 | | | | 2 | 130 | | | | 2 30 | 4 10 | 3 00 | | | | | 5 00 | 75 00 | 14 40 | 600 00 | |
| Pleasant Grove | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 75 | 2 | | | 1 00 | 5 00 | | | | | | | 60 00 | 6 00 | 800 00 | |
| Mt. Vernon | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | 54 | | 6 | 50 | 1 00 | 5 20 | | 2 65 | | 73 | | | 60 00 | 9 58 | | |
| StarGap | 4 | 1 | | | | 1 | 33 | | | | 65 | | | 1 05 | | 85 | | | | 2 55 | | |
| New Sharon | 6 | 2 | | | | | 29 | | | | 1 00 | 2 10 | | | | | | | | 3 10 | | |
| Old Liberty | 23 | 1 | 1 | 6 | | | 75 | | | | 1 90 | 1 90 | | | | | | | 20 00 | 3 80 | 700 00 | |
| Spring Hill | 42 | 4 | | 1 | 2 | | 106 | | | | 2 10 | 5 25 | | | | | | | 50 00 | 7 35 | | |
| Smyrna | | | | | 1 | 3 | 28 | | | | 70 | 2 00 | | | | | | | | 2 70 | | |
| Shady Grove | | 1 | | 1 | | 8 | 30 | 1 | | | 95 | 3 56 | | | | | | | | 4 57 | | |
| Barney | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | 85 | 2 | 7 | 50 | 75 | 4 86 | | | | | 2 85 | 1 00 | 20 00 | 7 46 | | |
| Marcus Hill | 2 | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 76 | | | | 55 | 2 00 | | | | | | | 40 00 | 2 55 | | |
| Bristol | | | | 3 | | 6 | 38 | | | | 60 | 1 30 | | | | | | | 45 50 | 1 90 | | |
| Happy Hollow | 6 | 4 | | | | | 39 | | | | 1 20 | 5 20 | | | | | | | | 6 40 | | |
| Total | 289 | 80 | 11 | 95 | 20 | 63 | 1888 | 18 | 58 | 686 | \$ 10 90 | \$ 109 29 | \$ 109 63 | \$ 63 70 | \$ 107 83 | \$ 33 33 | \$ 80 49 | \$ 435 00 | \$1896 40 | \$2249 73 | | |

In addition to above named objects Conway Church gave to Education \$10 and to Ministerial Aid \$10.