

Minutes  
OF THE  
Fifty-fourth Annual Session  
OF THE  
Liberty  
*Baptist Association,*  
HELD WITH  
New Hope Church,

Tubal, Arkansas, September 8, 9 and 10, 1899.



The next—Fifty-fifth—session will convene with Salem church, two miles west of Mt. Holly, Ark., Sept. 21, 1900, at 11 o'clock a. m.



OFFICERS:

H. T. HAWKINS, Moderator, Mt. Holly, Ark.  
F. E. MORGAN, Clerk, Caledonia, Ark.  
B. W. REAVES, Treasurer, El Dorado, Ark.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1st. Reading letters and enrolling delegates.
- 2nd. Permanent organization.
- 3rd. Petitionary letters from churches
- 4th. Receiving correspondence.
- 5th. Returning correspondence.
- 6th. Appointing committees as follows:

(1) State and Associational Missions. (2) Home and Foreign Missions, (3) Education. (4) Publications. (5) Temperance. (6) Sunday-schools. (7) Orphans' Home. (8) Nominations. (9) Divine Service. (10) Finance.

- 7th. Report of committees in order.

---

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Bishop, J. R. Junction.  
Britt, H. T. Cornie.  
Byram, R. A. Junction.  
Crawford, J. D. Three Creeks.  
Dorris, W. F. Camden.  
Faulkner, E. C. El Dorado.  
Gathwright, M. F. Hillsboro,  
Green, B. C. Dilola.  
Hereford, W. M. Camden.  
Hudson, Jno. W. Cornie.  
Hughes, J. H. New London.  
Kinard, C. P. Tubal.  
McCain, J. G. Champagnolle.  
Newsom, W. J. Wesson.  
Simmons, W. G. Oakland, La.

---

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES.

B. F. Milam, Junction.  
W. F. Dorris, Camden.  
H. T. Hawkins, Mt. Holly  
B. W. Reeves, El Dorado.  
M. P. Muse, Junction.  
J. K. Sheppard, Three Creeks.

# Proceedings.

---

TUBAL, ARK., SEPT. 8TH, 1899.

---

The Fifty-fourth Annual Session of Liberty Baptist Association was held with the church at New Hope, Union County, Arkansas, Friday and Saturday before the second Lord's day in September 1899, when the following proceedings were had:

## FRIDAY FORENOON.

At 11 a. m. the messengers and a large concourse of the people, having assembled in the house of worship, engaged in singing "Are you washed in the blood?" and was led in prayer by Elder H. T. Britt. After prayer "How Sure a Foundation" was sung.

The appointee, Elder E. C. Faulkner being absent, Elder W. F. Dorris, alternate, proceeded to deliver the introductory or associational sermon. The preacher read from Daniel 2: 35-45 and Matthew 16: 13-20. He led the congregation in a very earnest prayer, at the conclusion of the prayer the grand old song "Jesus Lover of My Soul" was sung in the spirit of love and devotion.

Brother Dorris chose for a text Matthew 16:18—"and I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The subject of the discourse was "The church of Christ," and the spirit must have led the speaker for it was a well timed and well received sermon.

Elder B. F. Milem led in prayer and the benediction was pronounced by Elder C. P. Kinard.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

After partaking of a most bountiful dinner on the grounds the congregation re-assembled in the house at 2 o'clock when the moderator H. T. Hawkins called the house to order and read the 20th chapter of Matthews. Elder J. W. Hudson led in prayer. The chair called for letters from the churches composing the Liberty Association.

Brethren J. D. Crawford, J. M. Hollensworth and J. K. Sheppard read the letters.

Letters were presented and the delegates enrolled as follows:

Blanchard Springs—W. P. Cate.

Camden—W. F. Dorris and W. B. Yorborough.

Cargile—I. H. Ingran.

Center Point—T. K. Move.

Champagnolle—S. L. Adams.

Ebenezer—J. E. Haney and H. H. Leverett.

Elliott—B. F. Rogers and H. M. Warnack.

Eldorado—B. W. Reeves, H. W. Goodwin and T. T.

Jones.

Green Grove—J. E. Graves and W. T. Stegall.

Hillsboro—M. F. Gathwright.

Hopewell No. 1—H. T. Britt, J. W. Hudson and E. L.

McGraw,

Hopewell No. 3—J. P. Neeley.

Holly Grove—E. H. Jones, R. E. Eiland and J. P. Hays.

Junction City—B. F. Milam, W. A. Moore and J. R.

Bishop.

Liberty—R. B. Axum.

Lisbon—

Lonoke—Tom Howard, Tom Scott and L. O. Parks.

Louan—By letter.

Midway—A. B. Sessoms, E. D. Primm, Silas Davison,

Eli Primm and June Deason.

Mt. Hope—J. P. Goesham and J. B. Roberson.

Mt. Moriah—David Sawyer and J. P. Gardner.

Mt. Pleasant—R. E. Gray and Harvey Jean.

New Hope—J. G. Adams, T. M. Hicks, J. W. Wright and J. L. Perry.

New London—

Norphlet—C. L. Stocks.

Philadelphia—By letter.

Pleasant Grove—I. N. Ogden.

Smackover—

Salem—W. T. Jameson, H. T. Hawkins and James Lewis.

Shiloh—A. R. Britt, L. B. Young and L. W. Young.

Spring Hill—A. R. Cobb, F. E. Morgan and H. A. Mayfield.

Three Creeks—J. D. Crawford, A. C. Jones and F. N. Jones.

Union—J. M. Graves and Clyde Stegall.

Zion Hill—E. Ward, W. D. Ward and W. J. Newsome.

At the conclusion of enrolling the names of messengers the chair announced the body ready to proceed to a permanent organization

On motion by Bro. A. C. Jones, the rules were suspended and Bro. H. T. Hawkins was chosen moderator, Bro. F. E. Morgan, clerk, and Bro. B. W. Reeves, treasurer.

On motion of Elder W. F. Dorris the following order of business was adopted:

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading letters and enrolling delegates.
2. Permanent organization.
3. Petitionary letters from churches.
4. Receiving correspondence.
5. Returning correspondence
6. Appointing committees as follows: (1) State and

Associational Missions; (2), Home and Foreign Missions; (3), Education; (4), Publications; (5), Temperance; (6), Sunday-schools; (7), Orphans' Home; (8), Nominations; (9), Divine Service; (10), Finance.

7. Report of committees in order.

The chair called for correspondence, where upon Bro. J. M. Hollensworth responded from Columbia Association. (Elder T. J. Brazier, moderator of Columbia Association, appeared upon the floor on Saturday morning and was heartily welcomed by the moderator on behalf of the body.)

The chair appointed as corresponding delegates to Columbia Association Brethren W. T. Jameson, H. T. Hawkins and A. R. Britt and Elders J. R. Bishop and J. W. Hudson.

To Everett Association: Elders M. F. Gathwright, B. F. Milam and Bro. T. K. Moore.

To Concord Association: Elders J. D. Crawford, B. F. Milam and Bro. W. A. Moore.

The body took a recess of twenty minutes to enable the

moderator to make up committees, which were made as follows:

State and Associational Missions—W. F. Dorris, E. Ward and H. W. Goodwin

Home and Foreign—B. F. Milam, W. A. Moore and David Sawyer.

Education—B. W. Reeves, A. R. Cobb and A. B. Sessoms.

Publications—Ben F. Rogers, J. G. Adams and M. F. Gathwright

Temperance—J. D. Crawford, J. W. Hudson and J. P. Neely

Sunday-schools—J. R. Bishop, James Lewis and W. B. Yarborough.

Orphans' Home—A. C. Jones, H. T. Britt, and C. L. Stocks.

Nominations—W. T. Jameson, T. T. Jones, H. M. Warnock, T. K. Moore and H. A. Mayfield.

Divine Service—The pastor and deacons of New Hope church and Brethren R. H. Reeves, W. A. Moore and E. L. McGraw.

Finance—Tom Howard, T. K. Moore and W. D. Ward.

The Committee on Divine Services made the following partial report: Preaching tonight at the church house by Elder J. R. Bishop; tomorrow at 11 o'clock by Elder B. F. Milam.

On motion association adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. After singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" Elder B. F. Milam led in a short prayer.

Owing to rain Brother Bishop failed to attend and Brother David Sawyer preached from Mark 13: 37, "And what I say unto you I say unto all; watch."

#### SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9 o'clock the congregation engaged in singing "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," at the conclusion of which the moderator called the house to order and read the first Psalm. Bro. J. W. Hudson led in prayer. The clerk read the proceedings of yesterday which upon motion were approved as correct. The committees and Sunday-schools made the following report.

## SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Our Sunday-school work is one of vital interest. The great benefits to be gained, and results received by the churches should be a sufficient incentive for every baptist in the bounds of Liberty Association in the Sunday school work. With the Bible helps we have at hand at so small a cost, there can be no excuse for so much negligence along this line. We appeal to every church in our association to use every effort in the coming associational year in the interest of the Sunday-school work. We find that out of the twenty-nine churches reported, only nine have reported Sunday-schools, with an enrollment of only 401. While we find so little interest manifested in Sunday-school work, it leaves great room for much and great improvement along this line. We would earnestly and prayerfully urge the different churches that have not organized Sunday-schools to organize at once, and fall in line in this work, and thus help the cause of Christ.

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. BISHOP, *Chairman.*

J. T. LEWIS,

W. B. YARBOROUGH,

Pending a motion to adopt, Brethren J. R. Bishop, M. F. Gathwright, W. F. Dorris, H. T. Hawkins, A. R. Britt and T. J. Brazier made enthusiastic and telling speeches on the subject. The report was then unanimously adopted.

## PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications beg to submit the following:

First. As a safe guide we would most earnestly request that the study of the Bible be a daily practice. Read it by verse, by chapters, by books, and by subjects. We should keep no literature in our homes that is not in keeping with the Bible.

Second. We would recommend the *Arkansas Baptist*. It is the only paper that we have to foster our State and denominational work. Then let us work for, talk and pray for, the success of our State paper, until it shall be second to none as a denominational paper.

Third. We again most urgently request our Sunday-schools to use Southern Baptist Convention series of literature. We noticed with sadness, while the letters were being read yesterday, that one church reported Union literature. Brethren in the fear of God, let us as a denomination teach what we profess, and then practice what we teach.

Fourth. We would urge our people to take and prayer-

fully read our Mission Journal. We can not but believe that if they more thoroughly understood the needs and workings of our mission fields, there would be more enthusiasm along this line.

Respectfully submitted.

BEN F. ROGERS, *Chairman.*

M. F. GATHWRIGHT,

J. G. ADAMS.

The chairman read the report, and Elder W. F. Dorris spoke on same, which, upon motion, was adopted.

Upon motion and second, the body adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Eleven o'clock having arrived, after singing "Jesus, the Light of the World," the congregation was entertained for more than one hour by Elder B. F. Milam, in a most acceptable and forcible sermon from the text found in 1. John 1:7: "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Elder T. J. Brazier preached during the same hour, at the school-house, to a large and attentive audience. The brother preached in his peculiarly characteristic earnestness and force as of days "agang "

Today, as on yesterday, the good people of New Hope fed the immense crowd bountifully on the most palatable viands.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator took the Chair at 2 p. m., and called the body to order. A call of the roll of churches showed a quorum present when business was resumed.

The Committee on Home and Foreign Missions submitted the following report, which was read by the chairman, B. F. Milam.

#### HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home and Foreign Missions, beg your consideration of the following:

That the chief means employed by our Lord to save the world is the preached word of God by the church; that we, as Baptists, are Christ's church; that it becomes ours as his body to furnish the light to all lost nations of the earth; that if we fail, great shall be the penalty, and fewer the stars in our crowns; that while "Home and Foreign Missions" are but

distinctions for our convenience, yet all enterprises of missionary zeal are comprised in the one great commission of Christ, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Furthermore, we recommend that our pastors of Liberty Association preach "missions;" that they hold special meetings, taking contributions; that they distribute tracts on the subject of missions.

Respectfully submitted.

B. F. MILAM, *Chairman.*

W. A. MOORE,

DAVID SAWYER.

Pending the motion to adopt the report, Brothers B. F. Milam and W. F. Dorris discussed the subject of missions with a zealous interest characteristic of the faithful servant of the Master. The report was adopted as read.

Elder W. F. Dorris read the report from the Committee on State and Association Missions.

We, your Committee, submit the following report: Our Association has made some material progress during the last associational year. We have reported more baptisms and larger contributions for the various objects fostered by our boards, yet there is still destitution within our bounds that should be occupied by us. We recommend that this work be done as far as possible by our pastor.

Our State Board is doing all in its power to occupy the vast destitutions in our State. Several evangelists have been employed to hold meetings at points in need of such aid with good results. Our Board is helping weak churches to sustain their pastors as far as the limited means it receives from the churches will permit. The amount of work the board does depends upon the contributions received from the churches.

Your committee earnestly recommends that our association enter into hearty co-operation with the board in its stupendous work. That each church contribute regularly to State missions in order that the gospel be preached in every nook and corner of our great State.

W. F. DORRIS, *Chairman,*

E. WARD,

H. W. GOODWIN.

Elders W. F. Dorris and J. D. Crawford and Brethren A. C. Jones and B. W. Reeves made strong speeches in support of the report. The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance:

Temperance is one of the rich and grand Christian graces that should abide with every Christian, for then would the

cause of temperance grow and flourish as the green bay tree, and joy and sunshine, peace and happiness would reign in our homes; then would the prohibition laws be executed and intemperance would surely weaken and give way.

Brethren and sisters, we would urge that we, as a people, and as a Christian denomination, arise in our strength and in God's name use our influence and our efforts in the prosecution and extermination of the rum fiend, that curse which has blighted the lives and homes of so many people. Then let us guard well the outer door. There is no consistency in voting against license and then electing men to legislate and make laws for us who are in favor of wine shops and whiskey. Then let us look well as to how we vote and whom we vote for when the time comes to elect our senators and representatives. We think the ballot box is the place where we should begin to suppress this, the greatest evil that is imposed upon us as a people.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. CRAWFORD, Chairman,  
J. W. HUDSON,  
J. P. NEELY.

The report was spoken to by Elder J. D. Crawford, H. T. Britt, J. R. Bishop and Bro. A. C. Jones. It was adopted.

### EDUCATION.

Your committee on education beg to report:—

That as a denomination we are making fair progress along this line. We wish to emphasize the great importance of parents giving their children a good, moral education; regarding it the greatest legacy that they can leave them. We deem it a christian duty. As Missionary Baptists, we believe in an educated ministry, carrying out the injunction of the New Testament II. Timothy 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We would admonish all young men who contemplate going into the ministry not to be too hasty in their zeal, but prepare themselves for this grand and noble work of the master.

We know of no other school that we can commend more highly than our own Ouachita, Central and Mountain Home Colleges. They are first-class, and worthy of our patronage. While we feel that it is important to educate our ministry we would not lose sight of the great work of many of our pioneer preachers in extending the borders of the Master's kingdom. Your committee would urge the churches of this association to do all they can in aiding in ministerial education.

B. W. REEVES, *Chairman.*

A. B. SESSOMS.

A. R. COBB.

Brethern Milam, Newsome, Dorris and Brozier made speeches on the adoption of the report of such earnest character that quite an interest was manifested amongst the brethern, and under a motion to table temporarily, pledges from the various churches and cash as follows were taken for Ministerial Education:

Blanchard Springs.....	\$ 5 00	Mt. Moriah.....	5 00
Camden.....	10 00	Mt. Pleasant.....	2 50
Center Point.....	5 00	New Hope.....	1 00
Ebenezer.....	1 00	Norphlet.....	1 00
Elliott.....	5 00	Salem.....	2 50
El Dorado.....	10 00	Shiloh.....	2 50
Green Grove.....	2 50	Spring Hill.....	5 00
Hillsboro.....	5 00	Union.....	5 00
Hopewell No. 1.....	5 00	Zion Hill.....	2 50
Junction City.....	10 00	Lonoke.....	2 50
Miday.....	2 50		
Mt. Hope.....	2 00		\$92 50
CASH			
B. W. Reeves.....	\$ 50	T. J. Brozier.....	1 00
I. N. Ogden.....	50	J. J. Holland.....	1 00
W. T. Stegall.....	25	F. E. Morgan.....	1 00
John Cate.....	10	W. A. Moore.....	1 00
H. W. Goodwin.....	25	Mrs. Amanda Griffin.....	1 00
E. V. McDaniel.....	25	Mrs. Mattie Wade.....	1 00
Mrs. H. A. Mayfield.....	1 00		\$8 85

A hat collection was taken at the preaching hour Sunday, which resulted in cash—\$7.65.

On motion the cash was turned over to the Treasurer to be paid out upon the order of the executive committee, equally between M. F. Cathwright, David Sawyer and Harvey Jean. The committee was instructed to examine into the merits of these brethren before drawing upon the treasurer for their assistance.

Upon motion the report was taken from the table and unanimously adopted.

Brother A. C. Jones read report of committee on

### ORPHANS' HOME.

Your committee on the Orphans' Home beg leave to report as follows:—

The Baptist Orphans' Home is located at Monticello, Drew County, Ark., and is under the supervision of Mrs. Hannah Hyatt Gardner, with Elder W. W. Gardner as financial agent. The fitness of these parties for the responsible positions they occupy has been demonstrated by their

successful management of the institutions for some years past.

They have under their charge at this time about twenty-six children who are fed and clothed, and as comfortably lodged as the limited home room will allow. The children are also instructed in the usual branches of the English language, as well as various industrial employments.

Sister Gardner has really made a happy home for these poor little waifs, who otherwise would be left to the cold charities of the world.

The institution is greatly in need of funds with which to erect suitable building, B. W. Gardner having secured \$2,000 of the \$4,000 needed.

Brethren, if you desire to contribute to a worthy object here is your opportunity.

A. C. JAMES, *Chairman.*

H. T. BRITT.

C. L. STOCKS.

The report was adopted as read.

The treasurer submitted the following report:—

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Liberty Association to B. W. Reeves, treasurer, Sept. 10, 1898 by cash (amount paid in) \$50 90.

To cash paid for clerk.....	\$15 00
“ “ “ “ Printing minutes.....	20 40
“ “ “ “ W. J. Newsome.....	3 75

\$39 15

Amount due Association .....\$11 15

Report was adopted.

On motion the clerk was allowed \$15.00 for his services.

On motion the clerk was instructed to let the Arkansas Baptist Company have the contract for printing the minutes. The clerk was also instructed to supply the clerks of the churches of this association with blank letters to the association, at least sixty days before the convening of the next session.

Elder W. F. Dorris offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:—

#### THANKS.

RESOLVED: That this association extend most sincere thanks to New Hope Church and surrounding community for

the untiring and inexhaustible hospitalities extended to us while here.

W. F. Dorris.

B. F. Rogers.

F. E. Morgan.

The finance committee submitted the following:—

### FINANCES.

We your committee on finance have received from the various churches as follows:—

For State and Associational Missions.....	\$ 13 15
“ Home Missions.....	3 95
“ Foreign Missions.....	7 30
“ Minutes.....	36 10
“ Orphans' Home.....	26 35
“ Ministerial Education.....	13 07
	<hr/>
	\$100 82

All of which we submit.

TOM HOWARD, *Chairman*.

T. K. MOORE.

W. D. WARD.

On motion report was adopted.

The committee on nominations made the following report:—

### NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on nominations would submit the following:—

We suggest that next session of this Association be held with Salem Church, commencing Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1900, at 11 a. m.

We recommend that Elder B. F. Milam preach the introductory sermon and Elder J. H. Hughes alternate.

We recommend Elder W. F. Dorris as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention to meet in Hot Springs, Ark., in May next and Brother B. W. Reeves alternate.

We recommend as delegates to the Baptist State Convention Elders B. F. Milam and W. F. Dorris and Brethern H. T. Hawkins, B. F. Rogers and R. A. Faulkner.

We recommend that the Executive Committee be as follows: Elders B. F. Milam, W. F. Dorris and Brethern H. T. Hawkins, B. W. Reeves, M. P. Muse and J. K. Sheppard. Respectfully submitted.

W. T. JAMESON, *Chairman*.

T. T. JONES.

H. A. MAYFIELD.

T. K. MOORE.

H. M. WARNOCK.

The report was adopted as read.

This closed the business work of the fifty-fourth annual session of the Liberty Baptist Association which will long be remembered as one of the most pleasant sessions ever held by this Association.

It is to be hoped that the brethren will enter into the Master's service with a deeper consecration and a more prayerful zeal for greater results within the next associational year than even in the one just closed.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. The congregation sang "God be with You Till We Meet Again," and the Moderator declared the fifty-fourth annual session of Liberty Association adjourned to meet with Salem church two miles west of Mt. Holly, Ark., at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, Friday before the fourth Lord's day in September (21) 1900.

H. T. HAWKINS, *Moderator.*

F. E. MORGAN, *Clerk.*

### SATURDAY NIGHT.

Elder W. J. Newsom preached at the church house at night from Luke 24:48: "And ye are witnesses of these things."

### SUNDAY MORNING.

Elder B. F. Milam occupied the pulpit at the church house and preached from Gal. 2: 9—"And when James, Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision."

After services a collection was taken for Ministerial Education which resulted in \$2.35.

Elder T. J. Brazin preached during the same hour in the grove near the school house from Matthew 24:19-20—"Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Amen."

At the conclusion of the sermon a collection was taken

for missions which resulted in \$5.30. Making in all the cash collections for Ministerial Education \$16.50.

After partaking of a most bountiful dinner at the solicitations of the brethren, Brother Brazier preached in the house at 2 o'clock using the same text that he used in the forenoon; the rain having interrupted him at the house so that he did not finish the discourse.

He delivered this sermon with a great deal of warmth of love which was shared by the audience, and many gave their hands in a request for prayer. F. E. MORGAN, *Clerk*.

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, 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 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, can not 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 eighteenth 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 church 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, excommunicated,

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 manifest 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 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 can not 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 contributions 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.

## 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 twice 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.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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

ART. II. 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. III. 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. IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.

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

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

ART. VIII. 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. IX. 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. X. 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. XI. We believe that none but regular baptized members 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 religious devotion.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Total Increase	Dis. by Letter Excluded.	Died	Total Decrease	Males.	Females.	Pre-ent Mem-ber-ship.	State and Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Orphans' Home.	Incidental.	Repairs.	Pastor's Salary.	Minutes and Associational	Value Church Property.	Day of Meeting.	Sunday-Schools.						
																						Paid for Literature	Officers.	Teachers	Classes.	Enrolled.	Average Attendance	
Blanchard Springs	1	...	...	1	11	1	12	14	17	31	\$1 00								\$1 00		3rd							
Camden	13	3	...	16	4	...	4	47	73	120	55 00	\$48 00	\$40 00		\$55 20		\$121	\$600 00	2 00	\$3000	evy							
Cargile	...	4	...	4	6	...	6	...	...	34	5 00				1 50				1 00		3rd	\$ 6 00						
Center Point	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	43	71				3 10		3 15			1 75									
Champagnolle	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52				2 90					1 10									
Ebenezer	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	10	13	23					50			8 00	1 25		2nd							
Elliott	8	4	...	12	1	2	1	4	17	30	47	3 00	1 25	1 25	\$2 00	2 00	85 00	100	180 00	1 25	400	2nd	7 00	2 5				
El Dorado	37	10	1	48	7	4	3	14	74	103	177	108 55	30 50	30 00	10 00	10 00	75 00	75	600 00	4 50	4000	1 2 4	33 00	2 10	9	121	95	
Green Grove	6	3	...	9	...	...	...	18	25	43		1 00	60						36 00	1 50								
Hillsboro	7	9	1	17	6	1	1	8	...	91									2 00		3rd							
Holly Grove	1	2	...	3	...	1	1	16	25	4									1 60		300	4th						
Hopewell No. 1	2	...	...	2	2	...	1	3	24	16	40	1 00	3 00	3 20	5 00			50 00	1 25	300	2nd							
Hopewell No. 3	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	11	20	31									65		1st	1 00	3 3		40			
Junction City	4	19	...	23	11	2	1	14	55	60	115	3 75	6 50	10 00		90 00	15	250 00	3 00	2500	2a 4	39 61	3 6	6	105	85		
Liberty	...	...	1	1	1	2	3	22	32	54			25		50			72 00	75	150	3rd							
Lisbon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...																		
Lonoke	18	8	...	26	...	1	1	20	18	38									1 00		3rd							
Louan*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10									50									
Midway	3	1	...	4	2	5	2	9	49	73	122		60		10				75		300	3rd		5 3	3	40		
Mt. Hope	3	19	1	23	2	...	2	22	24	46					2 00	1 50		45 00	1 00	200	1st							
Mt. Moriah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	32	48									1 25		150	1st						
Mt. Pleasant	3	1	...	4	2	...	4	14	14	28									50		250	4th						
New Hope	...	...	...	3	5	3	11	31	47	78					2 50				1 55		300	2nd	2 00	3 4	4	30		
New London	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...																		
Norphlet	...	...	...	...	4	...	2	10	22	32				1 00	2 00				65									
Philadelphia*	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	17	23	40				1 20	2 50				1 00		1st							
Pleasant Grove	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	8	7	15									25		4th							
Salem	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	76		5 75	5 00	2 87	5 00			125 00	1 40	500		5 00				35		
Shiloh	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	48									1 20		1st							
Smackover	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...																		
Spring Hill	12	8	1	21	1	2	1	55	65	120	4 15		3 80		2 85		56	65 00	1 50	40	1st	4 00	3 3	3	30	25		
Three Creeks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	21	36	2 35		2 00		3 00				1 20									
Union	22	22	4	48	1	1	2	65	73	138					2 56				1 25		2nd							
Zion Hill	5	7	...	12	2	...	3	40	50	90		35			35			50 00	80	300	1st							
Totals.	149	122	9	229	68	24	24	116	698	924	1935	\$133 80	\$96 95	\$101 10	\$29 01	\$99 71	\$171 50	\$367	\$ 2081	\$39 40	\$13950		\$97 61	19	34	25	401	95

+Not represented \*Represented by letter. †Reports parsonage value at \$1,000. \$Reports \$17.70 for relief of poor.