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OF THE

GRAND PRAIRIE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

—HELD WITH—

CENTER POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

Prairie County, Arkansas

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OFFICERS:

W. J. JOHNSON, MODERATOR	Hazen, Ark.
R. H. PARKER, VICE-MODERATOR	Van, Ark.
GEORGE CRAIG, CLERK	DeValls Bluff, Ark.
H. G. MILLER, TREASURER	Hazen, Ark.

*Next Session to be held with DeWitt Church
on Friday night before the First Sunday in
October, 1914, at 7:30 o'clock.*

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LIST OF MINISTERS:

H. M. Long
W. J. Johnson
M. Culp
W. H. Gregory
B. F. House
J. E. Bogard
W. H. Pharr

C. C. Kerr
Jno. R. Davenport
L. H. Dodson
G. W. Martin
W. H. Andrews
H. W. Birdsong

GRAND PRAIRIE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Evening, October 17, 1913.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That at the Thirty-Ninth Annual Session of the Grand Prairie Baptist Association begun and held in Center Point Baptist Church on Friday night before the third Sunday in October, 1913, the time and place prescribed by last association for holding said annual session; present and presiding R. H. Parker, moderator. The Association was called to order by the moderator at 7:30 p. m., and the following proceedings had, to-wit:

Song—"Wear a Crown."

Bro. H M. Long, pastor of DeWitt church having been selected at the last annual session to preach the introductory sermon was present and read for a lesson the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. Prayer by Bro. John T. Christian.

Song—"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood." Text: "Matt. 1.21. (Thou shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins).

The constitution and rules of decorum were read.

Moved and carried that the Association do now adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00 a. m. Prayer by Bro. W. H. Gregory. Song: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." Dismissed by Bro. W. J. Johnson.

Saturday, October 18, 1913—9:00 a. m.

The Association was called to order pursuant to adjournment. Presiding, R H. Parker, moderator. Song: "Ne'er My God to Thee." Prayer by Bro. B. F. House.

Visiting brethren were called for and none were present. Bro. Elam Hall and Bro. B. F. House were appointed reading clerks.

Letters from the churches were called for, resulting in the following responses and messengers enrolled as follows:

Almyra—Represented by letter.

Big LaGrue—Dosia Parker and Sister Elizabeth Woods.

Bellview—Not represented.

Center Point—M. P. Calley, B. F. Holmes and Elazer Russom.

Cross Roads—W. H. Highfill and Miss Vera Patton.

Crooked Creek—Not represented.

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DeWitt—Bro. H. M. Long and Sister T. C. Wilkinson.
DeValls Bluff—Sister Geo. Westrope.
Fairmount—Motion carried that Fairmont be dropped.
Forks LaGrue—Not represented.
Gum Woods—Dropped from this Association.
Hazen—R. E. Greenwalt, G. W. Billings and Sister H. G. Miller.
Harmony—S. W. Carson and Paul Buffalo.
Hebron—W. J. Gresham and A. J. Williams.
Mill Bayou—Not represented.
Macedonia—Julius Addison and Sister Maggie Ross.
New Bethell—J. B. Flowers and B. F. House.
New Salem—Not represented.
New Hope—By letter.
New Home—Not represented.
New Zion—Not represented.
Oak Grove—Larry Weaver, A. Lisby and W. L. Cole.
Prairie Chapel—J. S. Owen, W. H. Adrews and J. W. Martin.
Pleasant Ridge—Jim Ricks, Lena Stanley and Ada Rowe.
Point DeLuce—Wm Long.
Prairie Grove—Not represented.
Rising Sun—J. L. Reagan.
Roe—Not represented.
Stuttgart—Not represented.
St. Charles—Not represented.
Sweet Home—J. H. Roach.
Ulm—Not represented.

Visiting brethren were called for and Bro. Jno. T. Christian Isaac Dicus and wife were welcomed by the moderator.

Report of the executive board was called for and no report made.

Motion carried that the Association elect its officers for the coming year.

Motion carried that the two in nomination for moderator with the largest number of ballots be voted for the second time, which resulted in Bro. W. J. Johnson being elected moderator and R. H. Parker vice-moderator.

Song—"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood."

Moved that the rules be suspended and the moderator cast the entire vote of the Association for George Craig for clerk. Motion carried and George Craig was elected clerk.

Moved that the rules be suspended and the moderator cast the entire vote of the Association for H. G. Miller for treasurer. Motion carried and H. G. Miller was elected treasurer for the coming year.

Moved and carried that the same order of business adopted by last association be adopted by adding an amendment which calls for petitionary letters.

Petitionery letters called for and no response.

Moved and carried that the Association now adjourn until 1:30 p. m. Song: "Standing on the Promises." Dismissed by Bro. M. Culp.

Saturday, 1:30 p. m.

The Association was called to order by W. J. Johnson, moderator.

The moderator appointed the following committee on Religious Exercises: Bro. B. F. House and the Deacons of Center Point church.

Time and place for holding next meeting.

Moved and carried that the time for holding the next Association be Friday night before the first Sunday in October, 1914.

After a contest between New Hope, Rising Sun and DeWitt the latter was selected as the place for holding the next annual session.

On motion Bro. M. Culp was selected to preach the introductory sermon and Bro. C. C. Kerr his alternate.

On motion carried Bro. W. H. Gregory was selected to preach the missionary sermon at the next Association and Bro. J. E. Bogard was selected as alternate.

Moved and carried that Bro. Jno. T. Christian be allowed time to talk to the Association in the interest of the Baptist and an inspiring talk was made by Bro. Christian.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Resolutions—W. L. Cole and Wm. Luckett.

Education—B. F. House and H. M. Long.

Sunday schools—B. F. Holmes, Mrs. Lizzie Woods and Mrs. Geo. Westrope.

Foreign Mission—H. M. Long and B. F. House.

Temperance—M. Culp, W. H. Gregory and R. E. Greenwalt.

Publications—L. H. Dodson and C. C. Kerr

Finance—W. L. Cole, W. J. Gresham and J. L. Reagan.

State Mission—L. H. Dodson, R. E. Greenwalt and M. Culp.

Orphanage—Miss Dosia Parker, Mrs. T. C. Wilkerson and J. B. Flowers.

Orbituaries—Paul Buffalo, S. W. Carson and Elazer Russom.

Motion carried that the Committee on Sunday Schools report tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Treasurer's Report.

DeWitt, Ark., October 15, 1913.

To amount received	156.09	
By amount paid out for minutes and clerk.....		\$32.15
By amount paid out for Monticello Orphans' Home		3.25
Total paid out		\$35.40
Balance on hand	\$120.69	

C. W. Fox, Treasurer.

Adopted as read.

Moved that we now adjourn until 7:00 p. m. Song: "I Want to be a Worker for the Lord." Dismissed by J. E. Bogard.

Saturday Evening, 7:00 O'Clock.

The Association was called to order by W. J. Johnson, moderator.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

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

We find that there have been twenty-two deaths within the bounds of this Association since we last convened.

Be It Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved ones our heart-felt sympathy and pray heaven's benedictions rest and abide with them forever.

Respectfully submitted.

S. W. CARSON,
P. A. BUFFALO,
ELZER RUSSOM.

Adopted as read.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee on Publications beg to report as follows:

First of all, we would recommend a prayerful and a careful study of the word of God; and also the reading of such books as are in harmony with the Bible, and the use of Baptist literature. We recommend that all Christians speak to them that they know to be out of Christ, as they come in company with them, and urge them to become Christians before it is too late; as we believe it is the duty of the laity as well as the preachers.

We also recommend the reading of our denominational papers such as the Baptist Advance and the Arkansas Baptist and also the Liberator.

J. H. DODSON,
C. C. KERR.

Discussed by C. G. Kerr, L. H. Dodson, W. J. Johnson, B. F. House, Will Andrews and J. E. Bogard.

Adopted as read.

Song—"We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Bro. Eliam Hall read a lesson from the 11th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles beginning with the 19th verse. Text: Mat. 20:20. Prayer by Bro. W. J. Johnson.

Moved and carried that the Association adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00 a. m. Song: "Draw Me Near'er." Dismissed by Bro. B. F. House.

Sunday Morning, October 19, 1913.

The Association was called to order by W. J. Johnson, moderator

and the following proceedings had, to-wit:

Song—"Pass Me Not, Oh Gentle Saviour."

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We your Committee on Education, beg leave to report as follows:

We believe there cannot be too much importance placed on education and we believe Baptists should place their sons and daughters in our Baptist schools if possible as we believe such schools are free from the taints of modern infidelity. We also believe they should have a religious training as well as a literary education.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. HOUSE.

AMENDMENT.

Your committee would recommend:

1. That all our people and churches give our Baptist schools their rightful place in their hearts and prayers.
2. That each pastor in the Association preach, say, twice a year on Christian Education and otherwise keep the matter before his people.
3. That regular collections be taken in every church every year for Christian Education.
4. That our people patronize our Baptist schools for the education of our people.

B. F. HOUSE,

H. M. LONG,

Committee.

Discussed by B. F. House, W. J. Johnson and H. M. Long.

Report and amendment adopted as read.

Motion carried that the Sunday school report be made a special order of business at 2 p. m.

Song—"Rescue the Perishing." Preaching by Bro. L. H. Dodson who read as a lesson a part of the Fourth Chapter of Amos beginning with the seventh verse. Prayer by Bro. H. M. Long. Song: "Holy Manna." Bro. L. H. Dodson took his text from Mat. 28:19.

Motion carried that the Association adjourn until 1:30 p. m. Song: "Now I Am Coming Home."

Moved and carried that the motion to adjourn be withdrawn and a collection taken for associational missions.

Moved and carried that the moderator appoint a committee to take a collection for associational missions and the following were appointed: J. R. Sanders, J. E. Bogard, Elazer Russom, Effie Russom and Stella Calley.

Song: "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

Moved and carried that the Association adjourn until 1:30 p. m. Dismissed by W. H. Gregory.

NAMES OF CHURCHES	IN-CREASE			DE-CREASE			Total Membership	Sunday Schools	Minutes and Clerks Fees	Pastor's Salary	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions
	By Baptism	By Letter	By Restored	By Letter	By Expulsion	By Death								
Almyra						2	75	1	\$ 2 50	\$120	\$ 5 00			
Big La Grue						*	64							
Bellview														
Center Point	16	6	1	1	3	5	201		3 40	250	9 30	\$ 2 50		
Cross Roads	6			1			64			50				
Corinth														
Crooked Creek														
De Witt	4	10		7	4	4	111	1	2 50	780		140 00	\$75 00	\$90 00
DeValls Bluff		4		6	2		131	1	1 00	400		50 00	17 50	17 50
Forks La Grue														
Hazen		2		5	2	2	137	1	1 00	250	15 00			
Harmony	7	1		3	1		52	1	1 50		5 00			
Hebron	5		1		6	2	60		1 00	120				
Mill Bayou														
Macedonia									1 40					
New Bethell	2	1	1	1		1	28	1	60					
New Salem														
New Hope	7	2	1			1	83	1	1 50	50				
New Home														
New Zion														
Oak Grove	3		1	1		1	67		1 50	75	5 00			
Prairie Chapel				1			32		1 50					
Prairie Grove						*	21							
Pleasant Ridge	1			6	1			1	1 00					
Point De Luce		1		6		6	48	1	1 00					
Rising Sun	2	1				2	48	1	1 00		3 25			
Roe														
Stuttgart							*157							
St. Charles														
Sweet Home	1						19		1 00	17				
Ulm														
TOTALS	54	28	6	37	19	26	1198	10	25 45	2112	41 55	192 50	92 50	107 50

TABLE

Building and Repairs	S. S. Expenses	Colleges and Schools	All Other Objects	NAME OF PASTOR AND P. O. ADDRESS	NAME OF CLERK AND P. O. ADDRESS
88 00	\$ 3 00		\$ 5 00	C C Kerr, Carlisle	Dosia Parker, Van
				W J Johnson, Hazen	Elzer Russom, Hazen
				Joe Johnson, Hazen	M Miles, Hickory Plains
101 77	18 41	\$101	152 50	H M Long, DeWitt	Duffy Allen, DeWitt
8874 69	44 60	51	46 30	M Culp, DeValls-Bluff	Edith Cook, DeValls Bluff
	34 56	10	44 15	W H Gregory, Hazen	R H Hazen, Hazen
				J E Bogard, Carlisle	S W Carson, Carlisle
				C C Kerr, Carlisle	A J Simpson, DeLuce
				W J Johnson, Hazen	Maggie Ross Hazen
8 00	2 50		8 00	W J Johnson, Hazen	G W Gerrin, Carlisle
			20 00	J R Davenport, Hagler	Emma Walters, Almyra
				W H Pharr, Carlisle	C L Boytte, Carlise
				L H Dodson, DeValls Bluff	J W Slaughter, Roe
				L H Dodson, DeValls Bluff	James Ricks, Carlisle
				L H Dodson, DeValls Bluff	H E Adams, DeLuce
				L H Dodson, DeValls Bluff	W C Hinderson, Almyra
				W H Andrews, Hazen	J H Roach, Hazen
1072 46	103 17	162	275 95	*Last Report.	

Sunday, 1:30 p. m.

The Association was called to order by W. J. Johnson, moderator and the following proceedings had, to-wit:

Song—"When We All Get Home." Prayer by Bro. J. E. Bogard.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee of Sunday School work, beg to submit the following report:

We recognize the Sunday school as the teaching service of the church. Our Master put great emphasis on teaching. He taught and preached in their synagogs. He often gathered together His disciples and taught them, as in the Sermon on the Mount, Mat. 5:7. The Apostle Paul laid great stress on teaching, so did the early Church Fathers. Ninety per cent of the conversions comes through the work of the Sunday school or teaching services. It is our conviction that each church should have a Baptist Sunday school throughout the year. We further recommend that the parents should attend the Sunday school and discourage the idea that Sunday school is for children only. We further recommend that if there is no churches, Sunday schools should be established in all communities.

MRS. LIZZIE WOOD,
MRS. GEORGE WESTROP,
B. F. HOLMES.

Discussed by Bro. J. E. Bogard and Bro. H. M. Long.
Adopted as read.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mission work, or carrying the gospel to the unevangelized, and developing the weak places, in our denomination, is of primary importance. For this, and this alone, our Lord established His church in the world. When we cease to be useful in this regard we lose all right to standing and recognition as churches of Christ Jesus.

For the sake of convenience this work has been divided into State, Home, Foreign, District and City Missions. The principal and obligation are the same in all of these; the territorial division being for convenience only.

The foreign mission work of the Southern Baptists is done mainly through the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. We occupy fields in China, Japan, Italy, Africa, Mexico, South America and are slightly interested in some European work at present.

In all these fields the past year has exceeded in visible results any former year in the history of our work, except in Mexico. The revolution down there has crippled our work seriously. We trust that the providence of God will bring good even out of this reign

of carnage and bloodshed.

The call of Foreign Missions is a call to the deepest principles of our churches. It is also the call of our Lord, which we cannot refuse to hear without suffering for it. Added to this there is the humanitarian call of the millions who are lost in darkness and enveloped in eternal ruin. We must hear this call.

Your committee would recommend the following:

First. Let every pastor in the Association secure and read at least one good book on Foreign Mission enterprise.

Second. Let pastors and churches make large use of the tracts which the Foreign Mission Board issues and which can be had free of cost by writing to R. J. Willingham, secretary of the foreign mission board, Richmond, Va.

Third. That pastors and laymen ought to take the Foreign Mission Journal, which costs 25 cents a year, and is issued by our Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va.

Respectfully submitted.

H. M. LONG,
B. F. HOUSE.

Discussed by Bro. H. M. Long.

Adopted as read.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Bro. J. E. Bogard was selected to preach tonight.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg to report as follows:

We believe the temperance question is the second greatest question of the day, therefore, we believe that every church member should abstain from the use of strong drink both at home and abroad, and use every effort in our power to banish the same from our land.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. GREENWALT,
W. H. GREGORY.

Discussed by W. H. Gregory. Adopted as read.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

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

We have received for minutes and clerk's fees \$21.55. Associational Missions \$66.85. Orphans' Home at Texarkana \$4.91. Public collection for Orphans' Homes, Monticello and Texarkana, \$8.65.

W. L. COLE.
W. J. GRESHAM.

Adopted as read.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We, the Committee, beg leave to make the following report:
Our God is a Father to the fatherless, and has given us special

command to care for the orphans, whose helplessness appeals to us for the protection of a home. The God who changes not, required the Jews to give all their increase and give it to the Levite the stranger and the fatherless. I have not transgressed their commandments neither have I forgotten them. So long as the Jews obeyed these commands they were prosperous, but when they neglected these commands the drouth and destroyer came and reduced them to poverty.

We have two orphans' homes in our state—one at Monticello enrollment 152 children and the other at Texarkana enrollment 30 children. Both of these homes are in need of money to meet current expenses. The Lord commands us to visit the widows and the orphans in their afflictions and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. FLOWERS,
MISS DOSIA PARKER,
MRS. T. C. WILKERSON.

Adopted as read.

Moved and carried that a committee be appointed to take a collection for Monticello and Texarkana Orphans Homes and the amount collected divided equally between the two. Bros. J. B. Flowers and W. H. Gregory were appointed to take the collection which amounted to \$8.65.

Song: "Wear a Crown."

Moved and carried that the Association take pledges for Associational missions to be paid at the next annual session, and the following pledges were made:

Big La Grue	\$ 5.00
Center Point	5.00
Cross Road	2.00
De Valls Bluff pledged collection.	
DeWitt pledged collection.	
Hazen	10.40
Hebron	2.50
New Bethell pledged collection.	
Oak Grove	5.00
Prairie Chappel	5.00
Rising Sun pledged collection.	

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

We, your committee on State Missions, beg to report as follows:

We believe it to be the great commission that Christ gave to His followers: "Go ye, therefore, 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." We believe it to be a commission of Christ to go into all the world and we believe it is our duty to go into foreign nations to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, but we don't believe we should neglect our own home and State. See the destitute places in our own State that has no preaching. Let us awake to our duty and pray the Lord of the Harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest, yea more laborers into His vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. DODSON

R. E. GREENALT

Adopted as read.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee, beg to offer a resolution that we put a missionary in the field for all his time, beginning the first of May, 1914.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. COLE

WM. LUCKET

Discussed by J. E. Bogard, L. H. Dodson, R. H. Parker, C. C. Kerr and W. J. Johnson.

Adopted as read.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Your committee on resolutions beg to submit the following:

Be it Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to Center Point Baptist Church and community for their hospitality and kind attention to our comfort while in their midst and that we pray God's richest blessings upon them in all their undertakings, and especially in the efforts of this church together with all Christian Workers in this community in their efforts in driving saloons out of the country.

W. L. COLE

WM. LUCKET

Adopted.

Brother R. H. Parker, Vice Moderator, stated he was compelled to go home before the Association adjourned and on motion, the congregation joined in a hand shake with Brother Parker while singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

The Moderator appointed the following Executive Board for the coming year:

Almyra, Ray Jackson.

Big La Grue, B. K. Adams.

Center Point, B. F. Holmes.

Cross Roads, Arthur Mask.

DeWitt, J. W. Burnett.

De Valls Bluff, George Westrope.

Corinth, P. W. Alcorn.
 Ulm, F. E. Linstead.
 Pleasant Ridge, Jim Ricks.
 New Bethel, Ben Richmond.
 New Salem, W. H. Blankenship.
 New Home,
 New Hope, J. E. Cook.
 Prairie Grove, Will Turner.
 Oak Grove, W. L. Cole.
 Pt. De Luce, R. L. Fletcher.
 Prairie Chapel, J. S. Owens.
 Roe, J. H. Crutchfield.
 Stuttgart, C. F. Brandum.
 Bell View, Jno. Fred.
 New Zion,
 Rising Sun, W. B. Ward.
 Forks La Grue,
 Sweet Home, R. A. Jackson,
 Macedonia, Geo. Smith.
 St. Charles,

Moved and carried, that a collection be taken tonight for minutes.
 Moved and carried that the clerk be allowed \$5.00 for his service
 to be paid out of the sum sent in for minutes and clerks fees, and
 the balance of the fund paid for printing minutes.

The congregation joined in singing that grand old hymn, "Amazing Grace" and the Association adjourned to meet with DeWitt Church, in Arkansas County, Friday night, before the 1st Sunday in October, 1914.

Dismissed by C. C. Kerr.

GEO. CRAIG, Clerk.

W. J. JOHNSON, Moderator.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be known by the name of the Grand Prairie Baptist Association, and composed of members chosen by the different churches in the union, who, on producing letters, shall be entitled to seats; also the ordained ministers in good standing, retiring moderator and all committees appointed at one session to report the next.

Article 2 The motto of this Association shall be: "The truth in its purity, preached in every section of our bounds."

or Missionaries, in our bounds; to solicit and collect money, or
 Article 3. The letters from the churches must state the number of members baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter.

Article 4. The members thus chosen and convened, shall have excluded, the name and postoffice of pastor and clerk.

no power to infringe on any of the rights of the churches, but may act as an advisory counsel for the common good of all the churches and advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and have power to exclude any church from her fellowship which may depart from the gospel of Christ, either in faith or practice.

Article 5. Every church composing this Association shall be entitled to three delegates.

Article 6. Should any church fail to represent herself for two consecutive years, she may be dropped from the list of churches, should a satisfactory reason not be given.

Article 7. New church may be admitted into this body who petition by letter and delegates, if found to be sound in faith and in good order, the reception to be manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the messengers.

Article 8. This Association shall annually elect a moderator from among themselves whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed, and take the voice of the Association on all questions properly brought before it; also, a vice Moderator, and a Clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep a correct record of all the business of the Association; also a treasurer, to receive and disburse the funds sent up to the Association, as directed by the body, or churches sending the same.

Article 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to retain on the Minutes the names of all churches admitted to membership, until such are dropped by action of the Association; and in cases of non representation, it shall be his duty to write: "Not represented" in the proper place opposite their names in the statistical table.

Article 10. This Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception and dismission of a church, which shall be unanimous.

Article 11. This Association may correspond with other Associations and Conventions as may be agreed upon while in session.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a minister to preach an Introductory sermon, with an alternate; also one, with an alternate to preach a Missionary sermon at each succeeding session; and to fix the time and place for the next meeting of the body.

Article 13. The Moderator shall appoint, at each annual session, an Executive Board, consisting of at least one member from each church whose duty it shall be to elect and employ a Missionary. Issue orders on the Treasurer of the Association to pay the same, which orders the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay out of any money that he may have for this purpose; also to change during vacation, the time or place, or both, for next meeting of the Association, whenever in the providence of God, it may be necessary. The of-

ficers of the Association shall be considered members of the board.

Article 14. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, by a two-third vote of the members present, except that clause in fourth article which prohibits interference with the internal rights of the churches; which shall forever remain in tact.

Article 15. The Minutes shall be signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. The Association shall be opened by singing and prayer.

Article 2. The Moderator, vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot by the members present.

Article 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the body.

Article 4. The moderator shall be entitled to the privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote, unless it is a tie.

Article 5. All questions shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been discussed a reasonable time, the Moderator shall, when the question is called for, proceed to take it by calling for the yeas and nays, and if a call for a division is made, he shall call for a standing vote.

Article 6. Any member wishing to speak, shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one shall speak at the same time, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

Article 7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject, until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice without permission.

Article 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and the Association.

Article 9. The names of Messengers shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

Article 10. The appellation of "brother" shall be used in addressing each other.

Article 11. Any member violating the rules, shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator.

Article 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

Article 13. Any case coming before the Association not provided for in these rules shall be governed by general parliamentary rules.