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Review
Sept 22nd

Minutes

—OF THE—

Sixtieth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Liberty Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH THE—

Three Creeks Church, Three Creeks, Arkansas,

September 23, 24, 25, 1905.

The next session will be held with the Union Church, 8 miles east of El Dorado, beginning Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1906, at 10 a. m.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

WM. COOKSEY, Junction City
C. P. MCGRAW, Tubal

OFFICERS.

B. W. REEVES, Moderator, El Dorado, Ark.
W. F. DORRIS, Clerk, Camden, Ark.
R. A. FAULKNER, Treasurer, El Dorado, Ark.

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THREE CREEKS BAPTIST CHURCH,

Three Creeks, Arkansas.

September 23, 1905.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Liberty Baptist Association met with the Three Creeks Church in its 60th Annual Session September 23, 1905.

Previous to the hour for the Annual sermon the Association engaged in a helpful prayer and song service.

At 11 o'clock Moderator, B. W. Reeves called the body to order and read the 103rd Psalm. C. P. Kinard led in prayer.

W. S. Young preached the Annual Sermon using Matt. 11:29. Theme: "Learning of Jesus the Great Teacher."

After announcements the association adjourned to 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 p. m the Moderator called the body to order and read the 23rd Psalm. J. D. Crawford led in prayer:

F. E. Morgan, G. W. Mason, H. W. Goodwin, and B. F. Rogers were appointed to read letters.

The following churches responded by letter and Messenger:

LISBON:—Bonnie Jackson, Paul Lawrence.

VICTORIA:—T. M. Davis.

SALEM:—B. B. Hawkins, Jim Lewis, W. T. Jameson.

ZION HILL:—W. D. Ward, J. N. Foster, C. F. Harrison.

EL DORADO:—T. T. Jones, B. W. Reeves, H. W. Goodwin, A. F. Riley, G. W. Mason, T. T. Sheppard.

Hillsboro:—J. W. Newsom.

MT. OLIVE:—A. Hinson, M. A. Harper.

UPLAND:—F. E. Morgan, H. A. Mayfield.

NEW HOPE:—C. P. McGraw, C. P. Kinard, T. J.

Langley, C. B. Adams.

NORPHLET:—E. G. Murphy, N. G. Murphy.

THREE CREEKS:—W. J. Jenkins, A. C. Jones, J. D. Crawford.

JUNCTION CITY:—Wm. Cooksey, J. R. Bishop, W. A. Moore, J. G. Muse, J. L. Green.

LONOKE:—D. A. Crawford, L. O. Parks, J. T. Howard.

HOLLY GROVE:—J. P. Hays, R. Eiland, J. P. Hanry.

PHILADELPHIA:—J. H. Lee.

SPRING HILL:—C. C. Jones.

MT HOPE:—W. J. Roberson, J. P. Gresham.

EBENEZER:—J. E. Hampton, J. B. Murphy, J. P. Leverette.

CAMDEN:—W. F. Dorris,

MIDWAY:—G. M. McCuller, J. H. Scarbrough, A. B. Sessoms, W. R. Campbell.

HOPEWELL NO. 3:—J. H. Hicks, C. E. Creamer, L. D. Neely.

CHAMPAGNOLLE:—S. D. Betts.

ELLIOTT:—B. F. Rogers, W. S. Young.

HOPEWELL NO. 1:—W. E. Mason, W. S. New, R. C. Hudson.

UNION:—D. F. Jackson, W. L. Rowland, J. V. Jenny.

CENTER POINT:—W. G. Simmons.

LIBERTY:—W. E. Axum.

The Moderator announced that the Association was ready to be organized in its sixtieth Annual Session. On motion of A. C. Jones, the present officers were unanimously re-elected by acclamation: viz: B. W. Reeves, Moderator, W. F. Dorris, Clerk and R. A. Faulkner, Treasurer.

The Moderator on resuming his duties made a short and appropriate speech thanking the brethren for the honor conferred upon him, and asked them to give him their hearty co-operation in the con-

duct of the business of the association.

By motion the same order of business as last year was adopted.

Petitionary letters were called for; none responded.

The following visitors and corresponding messengers were enrolled and welcomed among us: E. J. A. McKinney, Caroline Association and representing the Baptist Advance H. W. Jean, Eugene Raley, R. W. Raley, corresponding messengers from Liberty Association, La. On Monday, T. J. Brasier was enrolled as a messenger from Columbia Association, at which time the Association appointed the following messengers to correspond with Associations as follows: Wm. Cooksey, W. A. Moore, J. D. Crawford, G. W. Mason, W. G. Simmons, to Liberty Association, La; to Columbia, M. A. Harper, J. E. Hampton, F. E. Morgan, B. B. Hawkins, Jim Lewis; North Louisiana, W. S. Young.

The pastor and deacons of Three Creeks church, together with R. A. Faulkner and F. E. Morgan were appointed a committee on Divine Service. The committee made the following partial report: C. P. McGraw to preach at 7:30 p. m. and E. J. A. McKinney tomorrow at 11 a. m.

Adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

C. P. McGraw preached a helpful sermon, using Prov. 3:17, as a text.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

- 1 State and Associational Missions:—A. F. Riley, B. B. Hawkins, A. Hinson, D. F. Jackson, S. D. Betts.
- 2 Home and Foreign Missions:—C. P. McGraw, T. T. Jones, Jim Lewis, T. M. Davis, W. E. Mason.
- 3 Education:—G. W. Mason, T. T. Sheppard, W. E. Axum, J. D. Crawford, J. W. Newsom.
- 4 Publication:—W. S. Young, J. P. Crawford, J.

H. Lee, J P Hall, E. G. Murphy.

5 Temperance:—F. E. Morgan, H. A. Mayfield, J T Howard, C. P. Kinard, J. R. Bishop.

6 Sunday School and Colportage:—A. C. Jones, M. A. Harper, Harrison Hall, J. B. Murphy, J. H. Lee

7 Orphan's Home:—J. P. Crawford, A. B. Sessoms, E. L. McGraw, J. L. Green, J. E. Hampton.

8 Nominations:—R. A. Faulkner, W. A. Moore, D. F. Jackson, J. H. Lee, B. B. Hawkins.

9 Obituaries:—B. F. Rogers, J. P. Gresham, J. W. Welch, L. O. Parks.

10 Finance:—H. W. Goodwin, W. A. Moore, J. G. Muse.

11 Ministerial Relief:—W. G. Simmons, R. C. Hudson.

On motion the following committee was appointed.

12 On 'Digest of Letters':—F. E. Morgan, C. P. McGraw, J. R. Bishop.

Adjourned to 9:30 a. m. Sunday

SUNDAY MORNING.

At 10 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order and read Rom. 12 chapter, W. F. Dorris led in prayer.

A. C. Jones read the report on Sunday Schools and Colportage.

The time has long since passed when any intelligent Christian will oppose the work of Sunday Schools. From the days of Robert Raikes it has spread and extended its powers for good to the utmost limits of the Christian world, and is today the greatest moral and religious force, not only for the propagation of Christianity, but for the preservation of good order in society.

Sunday Schools from natural causes, are more practicable in the towns and cities than in the country places. but that does not release us from the obligation to work in this department of our Master's.

The difficulties of conducting Sunday Schools in the country are conceded, but brethren, we should persevere..

We are glad to note from the reading of the letters that the number of schools has increased within our bounds, and we earnestly express the hope that at no distant day, not a church or neighborhood shall be without a good working school.

We also recognize the value of Colportage work in the dissemination of religious knowledge and truth. No power and influence for good is more potent than the circulation of good books, and sound Christian literature.

The report was discussed with enthusiasm, and adopted at the evening session.

The Association then repaired to the grove to hear the eleven o'clock sermon which was preached by E. J. A. McKinney, text Neh. 4:6. Theme, "The Five Points of Successful Building". At the close of the sermon the Association made a free will offering to State Missions, of \$61.50, in celebration of our 60th anniversary.

AFTERNOON.

Wm. Cooksey preached a practical and suggestive sermon on the "Go" of the Commission, using Mark 16:15, 16, as a text. At the close of the service, a collection of \$26.32 was taken to be equally divided between W. S. Young and J. W. Hudson, two of our afflicted ministers.

EVENING.

W. F. Dorris conducted the evening service using Luke 10:39 as a text. An opportunity was given the unsaved to make known their desire for salvation. Four came forward and expressed such desire, and one noble young man professed faith in Christ, and was received for baptism by Three Creeks Church. Thus closed a great day in the service of our Master.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9 a. m. the Moderator called the Association to order, and read Ps. 23rd chapter. J. W. Hudson led in prayer. Minutes of the preceding session were read, corrected and approved. By motion all speeches were limited to five minutes. Regular order of business was suspended to consider the report on Obituaries which was read by B. F. Rogers:—

Obituaries.

IN LOVING MEMORY TO OUR DEPARTED
LOVED ONES.

HOPEWELL, No. 1:—John Y. Hudson, Sister
Jno. Y. Hudson.

HOPEWELL, No. 3:—Thos. Green, Sallie
Green. Will Elliott, J. H. McKenzie,
Mattie C. McKenzie, Mattie F. McKen-
zie, S. McKenzie.

CAMDEN:—W. J. Carroll, Mrs. Dr. A. Davison
HOLLY GROVE:—Mrs. N. C. Reynolds, Mrs.
Margaret Smith.

JUNCTION CITY:—Miss. Sallie Bishop.

NEW HOPE:—Mrs. N. I. Langley, Mrs. Nancy
Cole.

SALEM:—Mrs. Lida Rogers.

EL DORADO:—Sister Chandler, Dan Craw-
ford, Fahy Tatum.

SPRING HILL:—Hosie Cobb, Willis Brown.

HILLSBORO:—Mrs. Minerva Hunt.

Respectfully,
B. F. ROGERS, Chairman,

G. W. Mason read the report on Education:—

With many of our people, it is no longer a question of whether they will send their children to school or not, but what school will they patronize? Christian schools have done more than any other one thing in the progress of education and Christianity, to check the spirit of agnosticism and infidelity in our institutions of learning. These schools have ever stood for the sacredness and authority of the Bible; for the development of the purity of life and character of their pupils.; for the cultivation and development of the spiritual nature of the youth. We proudly point to the efficient work and phenomenal growth of our great Ouachita—Central system of colleges and academies. We recommend Ouachita for boys and girls and Central for girls as institutions where the best educational advantages can be had, and where the finest moral and Christian influences prevail.

Discussed and adopted.

A. F. Riley read the report on State and Associational Missions.—

The Executive Board in obedience to the demand of the Convention to “go forward” placed the basis of work for the present conventional year at \$20,000.00, an increase of about \$6,000 over the previous year and about \$3,000.00 over the combined State Mission and Colportage work. Of this \$20,000 the Home Board will give \$5,300.

The last conventional year Arkansas gave \$8,600.00, employed fifty one Missionaries, built and improved twenty three churches, organized twenty four Sunday schools and eighteen churches.

As a result of this expenditure of time and money there were 1591 professions of faith, 1081 baptisms, 550 received by letter, making a total of 1631 additions to the churches. The State Mission work is done by

means of Colportage wagons such as we had in our Association run by Bro. R. E. Sutton, by helping Associations to sustain missionaries on the field; by assisting weak churches to support their pastors; and by employing missionaries and evangelists to go everywhere in the state and preach the gospel.

The outlook for the present year is most encouraging. There are more conversions than there have ever been up to this date. We have sixty efficient missionaries on the field. But to do all this work has required money. Bro. Love is calling for help. Let each church and individual give just a little more. It would never do to go to the Convention in debt.

As to the Associational Missions, we have had no regular missionary on the field this year. But now is the opportune time. The new railroads recently built and those now under construction give the opportunity for the Baptists "to go up and possess the land" and this opportunity is God's call. Will we hear and obey?

We recommend that pledges be taken for State and Associational missions before the adoption of this report.

The following pledges were taken for State Missions to be paid at as early an opportunity as possible:—

Camden	\$100.00
Center Point, W. G. Simmons	5.00
El Dorado,	200.00
El Dorado, Ladies Aid	10.00
Elliott, B. F. Rogers	5.00.
Hopewell, No. 1, J. K. Sheppard	7.50
Hillsboro, J. W. Newsom,	2.50
Junction City, Wm. Cooksey	50.00
Lisbon, J. P. Crawford	5.00
Midway, W. R. Campbell,	10.00
Mt. Hope, J. T. Gresham	2.00
Mt. Olive, M. A. Harper	5.00
New Hope, C. P. McGraw	5.00

Philadelphia, J. H. Lee	\$ 5.00
Salem, B. B. Hawkins	25.00
Three Creeks, A. C. Jones	25.00
Union, D. F. Jackson	15.00
Victoria, T. M. Davis	10.00
Total	<hr/> \$487.00

Adopted.

C. P. McGraw read the report on Home and Foreign Missions:—

The Savior said to his disciples just before leaving the world: “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”—

Again he said: “If ye love me ye will keep my commandments”.

The only way we can show our love and appreciation of our dear Savior, is to render perfect and cheerful obedience to all his commands. We shall not have obeyed perfectly, the command in the great commission, until we have carried the glad tidings of Salvation to every creature under heaven. We note with joy of heart the great things we are doing toward the evangelization of the world, but we ought to “abound yet more and more”.

The last report of our Home Board shows that Southern Baptists contributed during the last conventional year to Home Missions \$147,705.31, a considerable gain over any previous year. The report of our Foreign Board shows \$283,415.88 contributed to Foreign Missions during the year with 2,831 baptisms in foreign fields, a gain of 755 baptisms over the previous year. These are indeed encouraging signs, but let us remember that our Southern Convention is year by year enlarging the work, which calls for greater effort and increased contributions. New mission fields are being opened up, and new missionaries are being sent out,

and these last must have our hearty co-operation and support. The doors of all the nations of earth are now open to the Missionary. Perishing souls are crying for the "Bread of Life". Oh let us be equal to our opportunities, and take the world for Christ! Let us "lengthen our chords and strengthen our stakes". Let us "undertake great things for God, and expect great things from God".

Your committee would urge pastors in the bounds of our association to preach more frequently on world-wide evangelization, and urge increased contributions to missions.

Respectfully submitted

C. P. McGraw,
Chairman.

Discussed and adopted.

Adjourned to 1:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association assembled at 1:30. By motion the regular order was suspended and W. G. Simmons read the report on Ministerial Relief:—

We your committee on Ministerial Relief would respectfully submit the following:

First we realize that there has been a great sin of neglect of our worn out and afflicted preachers and we now feel that our brethren are determined to do their duty along this line of Godly Work. We have two afflicted brethren, viz: W. S. Young and J. W. Hudson. Brother Young is almost completely helpless by rheumatism and brother Hudson has had his hip dislocated and has rheumatism very bad and can scarcely get about.

We recommend that their churches notify all the churches within the bounds of this association by postal card and that the churches take a quarterly collection as long as these brethren are in need of help, also any

others that may become in distress in the future.

Adopted.

The report on publication was read by W. S. Young:

We believe the Bible containing both the Old and New Testaments is the Word of God and we should receive it as the only rule of our faith and practice. We believe that it is the only written revelation of God and that in it God has revealed his plans and purposes in the salvation of as many as believe on the Lord Jesus Christ even to the uttermost parts of the world. Let us therefore be diligent in its study and loyal to its teachings.

As to our denominational paper let it be said that the one which abounds in love and truth is invaluable as a helper in every department of the cause we love and foster. We therefore recommend its hearty support and that we both welcome it in our homes and endeavor to extend its circulation.

We also recognize the Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal as important publications. We should take them, read them, and give them a strong support.

Our own Southern Baptist literature is near and dear to us; its Sunday school series deserves a place in our Sunday School work. Let us therefore take pride in using it and supporting it.

Discussed and adopted.

By motion A. F. Riley was appointed to look after the 5th Sunday meeting rallies.

F. E. Morgan read the report on Temperance:—

The drink habit is without excuse, and is of no benefit whatever to mankind. On the contrary it is the broad way to the level of the brute. The child of God who indulges in the habit forfeits his right to the respect of his brethren and they should apprise him of that fact.

We rejoice at the stand the courts are taking in the license question. It is certainly a great victory for the

temperance cause.

It behooves us in the name of our Master to stand firm against license and to attend the elections and vote against liscense.

The tobacco habit has reached an enormous extent among all classes regardless of age, sex or standing.

It is a sinful habit that effects the victim socially, morally and physically.

We would urge our brethren to consider these thoughts soberly and devoutly to the end that our God and Savior be honored and his cause strengthened.

Discussed and adopted:

J. P. Crawford presented the report on Orphan's Home.

Mrs. Gardner of Monticello, being impressed by the Lord of the great need of a Christian Home for the orphan children of the state donated her own home consisting of a brick dwelling and a farm to the Baptist State Convention for that purpose. She for several years, has devoted her entire time to these homeless children.

There are at present sixty six children in the Home depending upon the Baptist people for their support and education. There are other children knocking at the door for admission, but they cannot be admitted on account of the lack of accommodations. It is our duty not only to support these who are already in the home but to furnish ample accommodations to all the orphans who may apply.

The Home as shown by the calls made through the Advance is in straightened circumstances being very much in need of funds. These children in the providence of God are ours to care for.

We therefore recommend that our children be encouraged in the support of these orphans by each Sunday School in the Association setting apart the collec-

tion of one Sunday in each month for the Home; also every member of every church in this association be urged by the pastor or some one appointed for this purpose to make a liberal contribution to this object.

We are glad to state that Bro. W. W. Gardner has regained his health and is again in the field, also that Bro. Finch of Little Rock, is now in the field in the interest of the Home, to whom all contributions should be sent.

The Following pledges were taken for the Orphan's Home to be paid during the year.

Camden	\$ 50 00
El Dorado	100 00
Elliott	5 00
Hopewell No 1	2 50
Junction City	25 00
Lisbon	5 00
Lonoke	5 00
Midway	5 00
Mt Olive	2 50
New Hope	5 00
New London	5 00
Philadelphia	2 50
Spring Hill	10 00
Three Creeks	5 00
Victoria	5 00
Zion Hill	2 50
Total	<u>\$235 00</u>

Report on nominations was presented by R. A. Faulkner.

We recommend the next session to be held with Union Church, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September 1906, at 10 a. m. Wm. Cooksey to preach the annual sermon. and C. P. McGraw alternate, W. F. Dorris messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, next May, and Wm. Cooksey alternate, R. A. Faulkner

member of State board.

Executive board of this association:—A. F. Riley, A. C. Jones, W. F. Dorris, J. T. Hawkins and J. G. Muse.

Adopted.

The financial committee reported the following moneys:—

For Minutes and Clerk	\$ 51 65
Foreign Missions	7 50
Home Missions	4 50
Orphan's Home	45 25
Ministerial Education	5 50
Sunday Schools and Colportage	5 00
State Missions	6 75
Total	\$126 50

F. E. Morgan read the report on Digest of Letters:—

The total membership this year from 25 churches represented is 5236 to which, if we add the membership of the 4 churches not reporting this year we have a total membership of 2,306 against the total of 2,355, a decrease of 49.

For all purposes this year is \$10,855.90, against \$8,829.00 last year, making a net gain of \$2,026.90.

We regret that we did not have the time to go more thoroughly into the subject that every feature of the Master's work in this association might be more fully brought out.

Adopted.

Treasurer Faulkner submitted the following report:—

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ASSOCIATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

1904.

Sept. 27, amount for minutes	\$ 59 70
“ “ “ “ State Missions	15 95
“ “ “ “ Home Missions	17 25

“	“	“	“	Foreign Missions	2 00
“	“	“	“	S. S. and Colp'g.	58 35
“	“	“	“	S. S. and “	5 30
“	“	“	“	Orphans Home	49 75
Oct.	1st	El Dorado	“	“	5 00

Total	\$213.30
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Oct.	1st	By amt.	paid	R. E. Sutton	\$ 50 00
“	“	“	“	“ W. F. Dorris	20 00
Nov.	4th	“	“	for Minutes	40 70
“	14th	“	“	State Missions	15 95
“	“	“	“	Home Missions	17 25
“	“	“	“	Foreign Missions	2 00
“	“	“	“	Orphan's Home	59 70

Total	\$205 60
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Sept. 22,	Balance on hand	\$ 7 70
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The following resolutions were presented and adopted unanimously:—

Resolved, that we extend to Three Creeks church and communities our heart felt thanks for their kind hospitality and courtesy in caring for the Association.

B. F. Rogers,
J. H. Lee.

Resolved that we allow the clerk \$20.00 for his services as clerk and instruct him to superintend the printing of the minutes and have same done as cheap as is consistent with good material and good work.

B. F. Rogers,
J. H. Lee.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Union Church Saturday, before the fourth Sunday in September 1906, at 10 a. m. The parting song was sung, and the brethren bade each other good bye till we meet again. May our Father in Heaven use us all to the ad-

vancement of his glorious Kingdom on earth.

Benediction by E. J. A. McKirney.

B. W. Reeves, Moderator,

W. F. Dorris, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Bates, T. M.,	Norphlet,	Ark.
Bishop, J. R.,	Junction City,	"
Burns, Van,	Sandy Bend,	"
Burnside, L. B.,	New London,	"
Cooksey, Wm.,	Junction City,	"
Crawford, J. D.,	Three Creeks,	"
Crawford, J. P.,	New London,	"
Dorris, W. F.,	Camden,	"
Graves, N. B.,	Junction City,	"
Green, B. C.,	Wilmington,	"
Harper, M. A.,	El Dorado,	"
Hinson, A.,	El Dorado,	"
Hudson, J. W.,	Wesson,	"
Kinard, C. P.,	Tubal,	"
McGraw, C. P.,	Tubal,	"
Newsom, J. W.,	El Dorado,	"
Powell, B. F.,	Smackover,	"
Sawyer, D. L.,	Upland,	"
Simmons, W. G.,	Sandy Benb,	"
Young, W. S.,	Elliott,	"

LICENTIATES.

Chaney, A. C.,	Juno,	Ark.
Hampton, J. E.,	El Dorado,	"
Morgan, F. E.,	Upland	"
Oliver, E. M.,	Lisbon,	"
Parker, W. S.,	Three Creeks,	"
Preddey, G. W.,	Elliott,	"
Taylor, J. W.,	Juno,	"
Ward, D. W.,	Juno,	"

PASTORS, CLERKS and THEIR SALARIES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES
Camden	W. F. Dorris ..	Camden, Ark. ...	S. B. Lide	Camden, Ark. ..
Champagnolle.	T. M. Bates ..	Norphlet.....	G. B. Armour ..	Champagnolle.
Ebenezer	C. P. Kinard ..	Tubal	J. A. J. Harrell..	El Dorado.....
El Dorado	W. S. Young. ..	Elliott.....	H. W. Goodwin..	El Dorado.....
Elliott	T. M. Bates ..	Norphlet.....	B. F. Rogers.....	Elliott.....
Hillsboro	C. P. McGraw ..	Tubal	R. D. Newton....	Hillsboro
Hopewell, No 1	Wm. Cooksey..	Junction City...	R. C. Hudson....	Wesson.....
Hopewell, No 3	J. P. Crawford.	New London...	J. P. Neely	Smackover.....
Holly Grove ..	C. P. Kinard ..	Tubal	J. L. Perry	Attaway
Junction City ..	J. P. Crawford.	New London...	W. A. Moore.....	Junction City..
Liberty	J. P. Crawford.	New London...	J. E. Bull	Dilola
Lisbon	C. P. Kinard ..	Tubal	S. A. McCarty ..	Lisbon
Lonoke	J. P. Crawford.	New London...	D. A. Crawford..	Smackover.....
Midway	A. Hinson	El Dorado.....	J. H. Scarbrough	Shuler
Mt. Olive	C. P. McGraw ..	Tubal	E. H. Hail, Jr. ...	El Dorado.....
New Hope	J. P. Crawford.	New London...	J. G. Adams	Tubal
New London ..	T. M. Bates ..	Norphlet.....	J. R. Harrison ..	New London...
Norphlet	W. S. Young. ..	Elliott.....	J. T. Murphy	Norphlet.....
Mt. Hope	J. P. Crawford.	New London...	S. T. Cobb	Wesson.....
Philadelphia ..	W. S. Young. ..	Elliott.....	H. B. White	Wilmington ..
Salem	J. P. Crawford.	New London...	B. B. Hawkins ..	Mt. Holly
Spring Hill ..	W. S. Young. ..	Elliott.....	I. T. Hale	Caledonia
Three Creeks ..	J. D. Crawford.	Three Creeks..	W. J. Jenkins	Junction City..
Upland	J. W. Hudson ..	Wesson.....	C. C. Mayfield ..	Upland
Union	J. D. Crawford.	Three Creeks..	G. L. Graves	Juno
Victoria	A. W. King	Gurdon	J. M. Wallace	Strong
Zion Hill	D. K. Sawyer ..	Upland	J. N. Foster	El Dorado.....

CONSTITUTION.

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

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

ART. 3. The churches in our union shall transmit

to every annual session of the Association a written communication, specifying the names of the messengers 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 messengers 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 messengers bearing petitionary letters. If, upon due examination, they be found orderly and orthodox, the moderator shall manifest their admission by giving their messenger 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 messengers 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 churches with the minutes of every session.

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

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

ART. 12. The Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contribution of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted for the churches by their messengers 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 the same agreeable to order; and make at every session a fair and substantial report of its proceedings.

ART. 13. 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. 14. The Association shall not adjourn until it shall have finished all the business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

ART. 15. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the session closes.

ART. 16. In all cases the Association shall be governed by a majority, only when conflicting with the constitution.

ART. 17. Amendments to the constitution may be made by submitting the same at one session of the Association, which stand over until the session following, and then be voted upon, requiring two-thirds of the members present voting in the affirmative to affect a change.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

eternal.

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

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

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

RULES OF DECORUM.

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

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

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

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

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

ART. 6. No member shall speak more than once on the same proposition, without permission from the

Association, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debates have been carried through.

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

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

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

ART. 10. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another in 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 reprov'd by the moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

MEMBERSHIP.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

CHURCHES.

INCREASE.

DECREASE.

CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Total Increase By Restoration By Letter Baptized	Total Decrease By Death By Excommunication By Letter	Total This Year	Number Pupils	Kind of Literature	Baptisms this Year	Sunday School Expenses.	Minutes	Pastor's Salary	Building, Repairs on Churches	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	The Poor	Associational Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Other Objects	Sunday School and Colportage	Orphans Home	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Total	Value Church Property			
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