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H. T. HOWELL, Moderator	-	-	Opal, Arkansas
C. C. ROBERTS, Clerk	-	-	Mt. Ida, Arkansas
J. W. HULSEY, Treasurer	-	-	Mt. Ida, Arkansas

# PROCEEDINGS.

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## FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Sixty-third Annual Session of the Caddo River Association met at the Big Fork Church, Friday night, September 17th, 1920. The service was opened by singing and prayer. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. C. C. Roberts, using Jer. 8-20 as a text.

The Moderator, J. O. Butler being absent H. T. Howell was elected Moderator pro. tem.

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## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Saturday morning session was called together by the Moderator at 8:30 a.m. After the usual devotional service the Moderator appointed Robt. Standridge, Henry Lawrence and A. H. Bell as committee on Divine Service. A call was made for the letters from the churches, and letters were received from Black Springs, Womble, Mount Ida, Mt. Gilead, Little Hope, Missouri River, Sulphur Springs, Big Fork, Pleasant Hill, Mt. Olive, and two from Brushy Creek.

J. W. Hulsey, W. L. Compere, and Sam Sherman were appointed to read the letters, After the letters were read the messengers were all enrolled except those from Brushy Creek Church. There being two letters and two sets of messengers from that church the letters were tabled till the afternoon session.

The Moderator declared the Session ready for the transaction of business. The next order of business being the election of officers for the following year, H. D. Garman, Lee Sherman and J. H. Edwards were appointed as tellers. The election resulted in the election of the following: Moderator, H. T. Howell, clerk; C. C. Roberts, treasurer; J. W. Hulsey, W. L. Compere was seated as a visiting messenger.



J. W. Hulsey was appointed as corresponding messenger to the Buckville Association. By motion the business session of the Association was adjourned till 8 o'clock, p.m.

At the eleven o'clock service W. L. Compere preached a powerful sermon from Romans 8-28 as a text.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called together by singing and prayer.

The letter from the Walnut Grove Church was read and the messengers were enrolled.

The two letters from the Brushy Creek Church were called up and after a lengthy discussion the following were appointed as a committee to report on the matter: J. W. Hulsey, Ernest Berry, W. L. Compere, G. W. Vandiver and Sam Sherman. The committee made the following report; We, your committee on the Brushy Creek matter recommend that the Association take no action at this session.

We recommend further that both parties of the church unite in asking a council of other brethren to meet and advise with them, with the hope that reconciliation may be effected.

We further recommend that for the present session the messengers from both sides be enrolled as members of the Association.

J. W. Hulsey  
Ernest Berry  
W. L. Compere  
G. W. Vandiver  
Sam Sherman.

The following committees were appointed: State Missions, W. L. Compere, O. L. Lawrence, L. L. Willhite; Orphans Home, Sam Sherman, J. G. Mobely, H. H. Vaught; Christian Education, J. W. Hulsey, H. H. Vaught, Charlie McDaniel; Nominations, B. F. Brewer, G. W. Vandiver, W. R. Lackey; Home Missions, J. W. Hulsey, John Mobley, J. W. Dilbeck; Foreign Missions, Ernest Berry, J. N. Love, Lee Sherman; Associational Missions, C. C. Roberts, Sam Sherman, A. E. Suit; Obituary, Sam Sherman, G. W. Vandiver, J. L. Rowton; Sunday Schools, Lee Sherman, E. A. Lewis, L. L. Wilhite; Temperance, Sam Sherman, J. N. Love, C. L. Lawrence; Ministers Names and Addresses, J. W. Dilbeck, Lee Sherman, O. L. Lawrence; Religious Literature, P.

R. Abernathy, H. H. Vaught; Finance, P. R. Abernathy, B. F. Brewer, John Mobley.

Report on State Mission read, discussed and adopted. By motion the business session of the Association adjourned till 9 a.m. Monday morning.

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#### SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was opened by singing and prayer. Bro. Sam Sherman read as a lesson Acts 26th, using Daniel 6-20 as a text he preached a splendid sermon on the theme "God's Ways and Ours."

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#### SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Devotional service was opened by singing "What a Friend We Have In Jesus." Bro. Sam Sherman read the 1st Psalm as a morning lesson.

The report on Sunday Schools was read and discussed by several brethren.

J. W. Hulsey occupied the pulpit at the 11 o'clock service and preached the Missionary sermon. The text was 2 Chronicles 29-3-5. The theme was "Wise Leadership."

At the close of the sermon pledges were made for Associational Missions to the amount of \$217.50.

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#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon service was spent in a memorial service in honor of Bro. J. M. White and others who had passed away since the last session of the Association. It was led by the Moderator, H. T. Howell.

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#### SUNDAY EVENING SESSION.

Bro. W. L. Compere preached on the following subject: "Two Citizens of this World." Text, Luke 12:19, 16:25.

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#### MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Moderator called the body together and read as a Scripture



lesson the 3 chapter of I John, Reports of committees were called for. The following reports were read, discussed and adopted: Education, Foreign Missions, Orphans' Home, Temperance, Obituaries, Publications, Home Missions, and Associational Missions.

By motion the body dispensed with preaching at the 11 o'clock hour and proceeded with the business of the Association.

The report of the committee on Ministers names read and adopted. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools adopted. Treasurer's report read and adopted. A motion was read and carried instructing the Clerk to have 200 minutes printed and allowing him \$20 for his services. Report of committee on Nominations read and adopted. Motion made and carried to give the Clerk the privilege to eliminate any superfluous words and sentences in the minutes.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Association extend its thanks to the members of Big Fork church and the people of this community in general, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the messengers and visitors of this Association, and that we especially extend our thanks and appreciation to the good women who have labored so faithfully to minister to our needs and wants.

Resolved, further, That we thank the officers of the Association for the able and faithful manner in which they have performed their duties.

Relative to a letter sent from the Mt. Olive church the following resolution was passed: In response to the query from brethren of Mt. Olive church, Be it resolved: That the testimony before the Association is insufficient to enable us to give intelligent advice. Resolved further, That we recommend that both sides of the controversy ask brethren of other churches to advise with them, hoping that reconciliation may be affected.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet at Black Springs Friday night, September 15, 1921.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS.

### STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is the co-operative work of Arkansas Baptists to

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present every person in this State perfect in Christ at His coming.

The Board of the State Convention is merely a committee appointed to look after the work, to farther contributions, and to employ missionaries.

Last year this Board employed 120 workers for full or part time, who reported 21,870 days of labor. For the first six months of the year there were 262 workers for full or part time, who reported 16,703 days of labor. This increase of workers greatly increased the Board's expenditures, especially as the high cost of living made it absolutely necessary to increase the salaries of all workers.

The Board began the year under financial embarassment from two causes. The regular campaign for State Missions was left off last year to avoid conflict with the 75 Million campaign. And the Board spent considerable money in promoting the 75 Million Campaign. These two causes made the Board start the year with a debt of more than \$100,000.00.

The 75 Million Campaign was a great success, but it did not provide sufficient funds for the increased expenses of the Board, to say nothing of the debt.

Because of these conditions the Board has found it necessary to drop a number of its workers. The Board is in serious financial straits. But let no one be discouraged; the loyalty, prayers and contributions of the faithful, with the blessings of God will bring us through.

This Association has been greatly helped by the Board this year in the labors of Brethren Hulsey and Roberts.

We recommend that every church press the work of collecting and sending in the 75 Million campaign pledges, and that all new members be solicited to make pledges. We further recommend that earnest prayer be made for members of the Board that they may have Divine guidance in directing the work.

The work is gréat and the adversaries are many, but God will give us victory if we press the battle.

Committee: W. L. Compere  
C. L. Lawrence  
L. L. Willhite.

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#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Every good Baptist in Arkansas rejoices over the prosperity of our



educational institutions.

Ouachita College, at Arkadelphia, has property values in buildings, grounds, and equipment, worth about \$250,000.00. The endowment is about \$112,000.00. New buildings to cost about \$250,000.00 are now in course of construction.

In Central College, at Conway, we have property worth about \$125,000.00, and new buildings to cost about \$100,000.00 are to be constructed right away.

In Mountain Home College, at Mountain Home, our junior college, we have property worth \$60,000.00 or more.

The property values of our academies at Maynard, Blue Eye, and Hagarville, average about \$12,000.00 for each school.

A Baptist College is to be built at Jonesboro soon, and Baptist academies opened their first sessions this fall at Mount Ida in Montgomery, and in Union county.

Our colleges and schools are well patronized, so well that additional buildings are absolutely necessary, and yet only a very small per cent of our boys and girls are attending Baptist schools. We urge upon our people the duty of sending their children to our own schools and colleges.

Never has there been a greater need for an educated ministry. Young preachers are given free tuition and additional financial help in Ouachita College and in our Mountain schools. Let us call out the called and help them to attend college. To fail in this means ruin. Several good friends have recently remembered Ouachita College in their wills, a splendid way to bless mankind.

The most hopeful sign of progress in all our work is the prosperity of our Baptist schools and colleges, and the ever increasing interest of our brotherhood in this work, manifested by the enlarged patronage and the liberal contributions through the 75 Million Campaign.

Let us pray for our schools and support them.

Committee: J. W. Hulsey  
H. H. Vaught  
Charlie McDaniel.

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## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The statistics of the Foreign Mission Board, published May, 1920,



show we have 542 churches in Foreign lands, one-fourth of which are self-supporting, more than half of which worship in houses owned either by the Board or by these churches.

There were 6,834 baptisms during 1919, the largest number ever reported in a single year. The total membership has now reached 57,438, about three-fourths as many as there are Baptists in Arkansas or Oklahoma.

These native churches contributed last year \$242,460.00, which represents a gift of \$4.22 per member. This is a good showing when compared with the per capita gifts by Southern Baptists. The report of May, 1919, shows Southern Baptists gave \$6.19 per member.

The Sunday Schools now number 836, with an enrolment of 47,672 scholars. Comparing the number of Sunday School scholars with the total membership, we have 83 per cent enrolled in Sunday Schools abroad, and 70 per cent enrolled in Sunday Schools in our Southern Baptist Convention territory.

The school work has grown wonderfully. Last year the Board had 554 schools of all grades, from kindergarten to Theological Seminary, into which were gathered 18,514 students. These schools served especially two great ends: They offer a great field for direct evangelistic effort and a training ground for the development of leaders. In these schools a very large per cent of our converts are made and, of course, from them must come the leaders. It is encouraging to note that in our ten Theological Training Schools there were enrolled 345 students.

We can hardly realize the sweep and importance of the medical work. We are astonished to know that our fourteen medical missionaries could give 205,098 treatments during 1919, but they did, and preached the Gospel to many a patient under favorable conditions and sent the message into many a home which might have remained closed but for the effective work of the medical missionary.

The foreign missionary force rose to 341 during the year. This was not a gain in foreign missionaries, but there was a gain of 208 in the number of native missionaries, who now number 979.

The 75 Million Campaign has brought a new day to the work of our great Board. It has helped the Board profoundly among the churches abroad. Our foreign churches were so greatly inspired by the campaign at home that similar campaigns were organized in all our fields and more than a million dollars were pledged in these foreign lands.

There have been 65 new missionaries sent out this year. A large percentage of these sailed for China and Japan. This party, including a number of old missionary families returning to their work from furlough, was the largest missionary party ever sent out on one ship by any foreign mission board. We urge the churches to pay up on the 75 Million Campaign.

Committee: Ernest Berry  
J. N. Love  
Lee Sherman.

### ORPHANS' HOME.

Since the establishment of our Orphan's Home at Monticello, approximately one thousand children have been cared for.

These have gone out into the various walks of life making good and useful men and women, many of whom, but for your benefactions would in one way or another have become a menace to the social order and a burden to the state.

There are now about sixty children in the Home. They are received at any age up to 13 and are released at 18.

The health of the children has been remarkably good the past year, there being no deaths and no cases of serious illness.

There are enough cows on the farm to furnish milk and butter for one meal each day. There are also a number of cattle and hogs to be slaughtered for food this fall and winter.

We understand that Mr. Horton is a very practical farmer, and that the farm is in a good state of productivity. This year there will be a good crop of corn, peas, peanuts, sweet potatoes and sorghum harvested. Ample feed is raised on the farm to supply the live stock.

Indications are good that the year will close with a cash balance on hand in the maintenance fund.

The buildings and equipment are sadly inadequate. Our Five Year Program provides for proper construction and maintenance and we recommend that the State Board proceed early to ascertain just what is necessary in the way of reconstructing the plant and what changes, if any, are needed in the matter of management in view of our enlarged program.



We recommend further that our Sunday Schools continue to contribute one Sunday's collection each month to the Orphans' Home, not only because of the need but for the educational value to our Sunday School pupils in systematic giving.

We commend Brother Dorris and Brother and Mrs. Horton and all who are connected with the management for their faithful labors in behalf of this sacred trust. We urge all the churches to pay their pledges to the 75 Million Campaign promptly that our orphans may be cared for properly.

Committee: Sam Sherman  
H. H. Vaught  
I. G. Mobley.

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### TEMPERANCE.

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

We heartily endorse the Government's move for national prohibition. Believing, as we do, that temperance is a great evil, we insist that every Baptist abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks. We also insist that all Baptists co-operate with the authorities in putting intoxicants out of existence.

Committee: Sam Sherman  
J. N. Love  
O. L. Lawrence.

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### OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries find that since our last meeting God has deemed it well to take home the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. G. H. Speer, Mrs. Ernest Kilby, J. H. O'Neal, C. E. Brunt, J. M. Rowton, Miss Anna Singleton, and Rev. J. M. White.

Brethren, this reminds us that it is appointed unto man once to die, and after death, the judgment. We exhort the brethren to live the life of the righteous that we may die in the love and service of the Master.

Committee: Sam Sherman  
G. W. Vandiver  
J. L. Rowton.



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## LITERATURE.

It is hardly possible to overestimate the importance of getting and using the right kind of reading matter. For many years we have been saying that this is a reading age. It becomes more and more so every year. The great war united the people's appetite for the printed page, and the reading habit is bound to grow.

The future belongs to the people who produce and read the best literature and the most of it. The country is being sown down with literature, and a great deal of it is harmful in the extreme. A very large per cent of the literature that our young people read is shot through with vulgar and profane suggestions as well as infidel teachings. The most senseless and unreasonable heresies are widely advertised in the literature that is being read on all sides. It is not possible to overcome the bad effects of such literature except by circulating the right sort.

The Bible holds first place in our literature. When we know what the Bible teaches on any subject that settles it. There is not the slightest excuse for our people to be in ignorance of the teachings of the Bible. We urge regular systematic Bible study by all our people, and that parents teach the Bible to their children.

The Baptist Advance is the property of the Baptist Convention. It is our paper. It promotes all the work in which we are engaged. It ought to go to every Baptist home in the State. We recommend that special effort be made by pastors and churches to see that every family represented in their resident membership gets the Advance.

Committee : P. R. Abernathy  
H. H. Vaught.

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## HOME MISSIONS.

In 1919 the missionaries of our Board baptized one convert for every three received into our churches. Regularly they baptize from twenty to twenty-five per cent as many converts as the entire number who enter our churches. For fifteen years its evangelists have averaged 450 baptisms per year per worker, a record far outstripping that of any other similar agency. Its system of Mountain Schools is larger than any other and is the acknowledged standard in adaptability. Its Enlistment work is rapidly bringing a more adequate standard of spiritual instruction and effectiveness in hundreds of churches. Its Church Extension work has grown from infancy to lusty strength in only a few years.

Every loyal Baptist will rejoice in the admirable efforts of our Board to meet the crucial needs of these days by enlarging its work. At its Annual Meeting at Atlanta in June, after long and painstaking efforts to reduce the appropriations as far as possible, the brethren of the Board found that \$2,875,000.00 was necessary for work of the present year.

We commend to our people the Mission Study Books of the Home Board, through which a true view is presented of the large problems we confront, and recommend that the pastors, superintendents, Mission Society leaders and others write often for the large and splendid assortment of free tracts about its work and the needs, which our Home Board gladly furnishes on request. We urge our churches to pay up on the \$75,000,000.00 Campaign.

Committee: J. W. Hulsey  
John Mobley  
J. W. Dilbeck.

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#### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We the committee on Associational Missions submit the following report:

We find there has been a half time missionary on the field giving the following report: During the fall, winter and spring months I preached from two to five times each week of the two weeks in each month devoted to mission work, to some pastorless church or destitute place. I sold and gave away twenty-six good books, distributed five hundred tracts.

During the summer I held protracted meetings with the following results: Thirty-four conversions, twenty-eight baptisms, two received by letter, one restored.

The churches are on a much better financial basis and are built up spiritually.

I received on the field one hundred and sixty-eight dollars. I received from the State Board three hundred dollars, which makes a total of four hundred and sixty-eight dollars. Amount due from Associational Board eighty-five dollars.

Brethren, we find an open door in this Association for Baptists and a great need of active preachers.

We urge that this Association put their young preachers in school at Mount Ida, and use them Saturdays and Sundays as missionaries and give them full time work during the summer months.

Committee: C. C. Roberts  
Sam Sherman  
E. E. Suit

## MINISTERS NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

H. T. Howell	-	-	-	-	-	Opal
A. A. Bates	-	-	-	-	-	Waters
Elijah Abee	-	-	-	-	-	Mount Ida
J. O. Butler	-	-	-	-	-	Black Springs
J. T. Covington	-	-	-	-	-	Black Springs
Sam Sherman	-	-	-	-	-	Fancy Hill
A. F. Smith	-	-	-	-	-	Mount Ida
J. W. Hulsey	-	-	-	-	-	Mount Ida
C. C. Roberts	-	-	-	-	-	Mount Ida
S. W. Sherrod	-	-	-	-	-	Albert
George Vandiver	-	-	-	-	-	Oden
L. L. Willhite	-	-	-	-	-	Oden
S. S. Singleton	-	-	-	-	-	Oden
W. F. M. Posey	-	-	-	-	-	Oden
J. B. Liles	-	-	-	-	-	Mena
Philip Abernathy	-	-	-	-	-	Big Fork
F. F. Edwards	-	-	-	-	-	Alf
S. S. Lee	-	-	-	-	-	Sims
N. F. Hill	-	-	-	-	-	Gaston

### LICENSED MINISTERS.

Z. C. Edwards	-	;	-	-	-	Black Springs
J. M. Bow	-	-	-	-	-	Egger

Committee: J. W. Dilbeck  
Lee Sherman  
C. L. Lawrence.



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## SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is the teaching service of the church—teaching is pre-eminent. It is truly the Church studying and teaching God's Word.

Baptists have ever been in the forefront in the making of Sunday School history. Just a few facts connected with what they have done in the past and are now doing.

William Fox, a Baptist deacon, organized the first Sunday School for the study of Bible.

William Gourney, a Baptist, started voluntary teaching in the Sunday School.

Joseph Hughes, a Baptist, organized the work of Sunday School tracts and literature.

Mrs. Harriet Bishop, a Baptist, organized the first Sunday School in the great Northwest of our own American territory.

B. J. Jacobs, a Baptist, gave birth to the uniform lesson system.

There is great need of more effort on the part of the leaders of church work to extend this important Kingdom work. Every church should have a Sunday School and every member of the church should become members of some department of the church school. Let us all work and pray to this end.

Your committee would recommend:

1. That every church in the association maintain a Sunday School twelve months in the year.
2. That only Baptist literature be used and that we connect ourselves with and encourage only Baptist Sunday School organizations.
3. That all possible effort be made to make every Sunday School in the association a standard school and that our Sunday School workers attend all Sunday School conferences and institutes that they can in order that they may be efficient workers. Organize a class in the Convention Normal Manual right away. God bless our Sunday School.

Committee: Lee Sherman  
E. A. Lewis  
L. L. Willhite.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

### RECEIPTS.

Received from ex-Treasurer	-	-	-	\$ 12.62
Received from Finance Committee	-	-	-	180.12
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	<u>\$192.74</u>

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid Clerk	-	-	-	\$ 20.00
Paid to C. C. Roberts, Missionary	-	-	-	111.50
Paid for printing Minutes	-	-	-	40.00
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	<u>\$171.50</u>

Balance in treasury	-	-	-	\$ 21.24
				C. C. Roberts, Treasurer.

### NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, report as follows:

We recommend that the next session of the Association be held with the Black Springs Baptist Church.

We recommend that Bro. Sherman preach the introductory sermon, and that Bro. H. T. Howell be the alternate.

We recommend that Bro. J. O. Butler preach the Missionary sermon, and that J. W. Hulsey, Ernest Berry and J. O. Butler be appointed on the Mission Board of the Association.

Committee: W. R. Lackey  
B. F. Brewer.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

### FRIDAY NIGHT.

Introductory sermon.

### SATURDAY.

Call of letters from the churches.

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Reading of the letters and enrolling the messengers.  
Call for petitionary letters.  
Election of officers.  
Call for visiting ministers.  
Call for correspondence.  
Appointment of Committee on Divine Service.  
Report of Committee on Divine Service.

#### SUNDAY.

Devotional exercises.  
Missionary Sermon.  
Song service.  
B. Y. P. U. or Sunday School lecture.

#### MONDAY.

Roll call and corrections.  
Call for reports of committees.  
Call for motions.  
Call for resolutions.  
Appointments of and for next session.  
Reading, correcting and adopting of minutes.  
Exhortation and closing prayer.  
Parting song and parting hand.

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### CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Union shall be known and distinguished by the name of Caddo River Baptist Association.

Article 2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from the churches of the Union and the ordained ministers of the various churches of the Union. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by the several churches before they can take their seats.

Article 3. The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session of the Association, and continue in office till their successors shall be chosen.

Article 4. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent in matter of internal government, and shall act as an advisory



counsel, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the nature of the compact.

It, nevertheless, claims authority over its members, the messengers from the churches and the ordained ministers, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches which depart from the spirit of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practices.

It should, therefore, regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God by extending the kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of preaching the gospel, to cultivate fellowship and union with all churches of Christ, especially those united under this constitution.

Article 5. Newly constituted churches, and churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Union by sending three messengers, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

Article 6. This Association shall have a fund to be supplied by voluntary contributions from the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and be paid over through the Committee on Finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the Association and present annually for inspection, in the minutes, a clear and distinct statement of receipts and expenditures.

Article 7. This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

Article 8. The Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and failed; nor of any difficulties between the churches unless they have perused the 18th chapter of Matthew and have not been able to settle them. Then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its own discretion.

Article 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body and deliver the same to his successor.

Article 10. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular

meetings of this Association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present, provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches comprising the Association.

Article 11. That the Moderator and Clerk be considered and hereby are ex-officio members of the Executive and Associational Mission Boards.

Article 12. Visiting brethren shall be eligible as committeemen.

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### RULES OF DECORUM.

1. When the messengers of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the session of the Association, the Moderator shall open business with praise and prayer in person or by proxy. If the former Moderator or Clerk be absent, the Association shall appoint one pro tem.

2. Immediately after opening the session the church letters shall be read by persons the Moderator may appoint and the names of the messengers be enrolled by the Clerk.

3. When the messengers' names have been enrolled and called by the Clerk, the Association shall elect by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, the plurality of votes governing the election.

4. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they can be entertained by the Moderator. When motions or amendments to motions are made, the last one made shall be first in order, and so on in inverse order, to original motion, but mover may at any time withdraw his motion.

5. Any person wishing to make a motion or speak on any matter before the Association shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the Moderator, and if he be in order, the Moderator shall signify it by calling the name of the person, and no one thus in order shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject, or for personal reflections; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association or to explain a further remark.

6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for the discussion of any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the voice of its members and declare the result, a plurality governing in all cases except those provided for.



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7. No member may vacate his seat without the consent of the Moderator, while the body is in session.

8. When one member shall speak to or of another, he shall call him "Brother."

9. The Moderator shall have the names of its messengers called whenever it is necessary.

10. The Moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members, by calling someone else to fill his seat while he is speaking; but not until all others have spoken who desire to speak.

11. The Moderator may invite visiting members in order to seat in the council, who may speak but not vote.

12. The Minutes of the Association may be read as may be necessary.

13. The Moderator shall be the judge of the order, but the objector may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in a true and living God.

2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the Word of God, and the only Rules of our faith and practice.

3. We believe in the Doctrine of Election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

4. We believe in the Doctrine of the Original Sin by the fall of Adam.

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

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

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

8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordin-



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ances of Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the Apostolic mode.

9. We believe in the Resurrection of the Dead and in the General Judgment, and that felicity of the righteous and that punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who has been regularly baptized, called, and comes under the imposition of the hand of the Presbytery.

11. We believe that none but baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's Supper.

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



## Statistical Table

CHURCHES	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Dismissed by Let.	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Minute Fund	Ass'n'l Missions	State Missions	Orphans' Home	Incidentals	Schools	Ministerial Education	Pd to 75 Million Campaign	Value of Church Property	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Pastors	Sunday Schools	PASTORS	Post Offices	CLERKS	Post Offices
Big Fork.....	10	2	3			70	\$ 2 00	\$41 00	\$81 50	\$	\$86 00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 800 00	\$ 52 77	\$	\$	C C Roberts	Mt. Ida	W. R. Lacky	Opal
Brushy Creek.....	2					91	6 00	29 50						5 00	600 00	50 00			E. Abbe	Black Springs	W. Z. Duke	Black Springs
Black Springs ..			4	2		84	2 50							88 00	750 00	50 80			C. C. Roberts	Mt. Ida	O. L. Lawrence	Opal
Little Hope.....	4	1	3	1		60	4 85							68 00	500 00	163 00			Sam Sherman	Fancy Hill	W. F. Cook	Black Springs
Mount Gilead.....				1		66	3 00			5 50					500 00				J. W. Hulsey, Sup.		G. L. Graham	Mt. Ida
Mount Ida .....	12	6	13	3		114	6 00		20 00	8 75		50 00	2 50	270 00	1600 00	190 80	121 00	56 00			B. F. Brewer	Oden
Mount Olive.....				8		58	3 00								500 00	41 00					Lee Sherman	Fancy Hill
Missouri River.....			2			9	2 50							15 00		40 00			E. Abbe	Black Springs	Sam Fried	Big Fork
Pleasant Hill .....	14			2			5 00							114 50					C. C. Roberts	Mt. Ida	F. F. Edwards	Alf
Sulphur Springs...						49	3 00								1000 00	68 00			Sam Sherman	Fancy Hill	J. H. Holmes	Egger
Walnut Grove .....	6	3				27	1 50			50						25 00			H. T. Howell	Opal	R E Breedlove	Womble
Womble .....	2	5	1			31	2 50			14 00	47 70			116 20	1200 00	100 00	55 00	58 30	W. L. Compere	Amity		

**MESSENGERS:**—Big Fork—W. R. Lackey, A. E. Suit, V. C. Standridge. Brushy Creek—J. N. Fiddler, Martha Singleton, Lessie Willhite; J. C. Singleton, J. R. Miller, G. O. Mullenax. Black Springs—A. N. Bell. Little Hope—O. L. Lawrence, W. B. Lawrence. Mount Gilead—H. H. Vaught, J. N. Love. Mount Ida—J. W. Hulsey, Ernest Berry. Mount Olive—P. R. Abernathy, L. L. Willhite, B. F. Brewer. Missouri River—Lee Sherman, Sam Sherman. Pleasant Hill—J. W. Dilbeck, John Liles, E. A. Lewis. Sulphur Springs—J. L. Rowton, John Mobley, W. M. Reecer. Walnut Grove—J. W. Martin, J. M. Bow, J. H. Holmes. Womble—Charlie McDaniel