

MINUTES
OF THE
NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
HOWARD COUNTY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH

OCTOBER 26, 27, 28, 1901.

OFFICERS:

J. T. HOLT, MODERATOR, NASHVILLE, ARK.

R. D. NEAL, CLERK, NASHVILLE, ARK.

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before the
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of Arkansas*

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY--Morning Session.

The Howard County Association met with Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. After singing, the Moderator read the 12th chapter of Romans. Prayer by Brother J. H. Milburn. The Moderator declared the Association organized and ready for business. By request of the Moderator, the messengers presented their several church letters. Brethren N. R. Lewis, E. Q. Boon and J. L. Rivers were appointed by the Moderator to read said letters. The letters having been read the messengers' names were enrolled as follows:

Pleasant Valley—J. H. Copeland, S. B. Ponder, J. W. Reams.
Holly Creek—James Farley, J. H. Stephenson, T. F. Westbrooks.
Oak Hill—J. W. Morgan, J. W. Hill, J. H. Lewis.
Mine Creek—Willie Davis, J. T. Holt, R. D. Neal.
Euclid—John B. Hester, L. C. Haynes, Russia Hester.
Friendship—Represented by letter only.
Brushy Creek—W. H. Cannady, J. Barnes, H. C. Seals.
Cedar Hill—J. L. Baggett, M. S. Ravan, J. C. Blackburn.
Amity—J. T. Corbell, J. W. Turquett, W. R. Walker.
Providence—D. H. Waller, E. Q. Boon.
Centre Point—J. L. Cannon, W. F. Lee, J. L. Rivers.
Zion—J. W. Hampton, T. L. Farley, N. R. Lewis.
Columbus—J. T. Burns, Loney Sipes, J. W. Hutchens.
Liberty—W. C. Stone, W. M. Gantt, W. E. Tiffin.
Maple Springs—G. W. Bell, I. C. Cooley, John Theobolt.
Clear Springs—F. H. Hall, J. C. Cornish.
Unity—W. H. Jones, D. A. Clark.
County Line—R. J. Austin, M. Z. Cheshier, Thomas Glasgow.
Yellow Creek—D. W. Hutchens, J. L. Odell.
Antioch—G. F. Tommy, L. M. Keeling, J. F. Compton.
Mount Pleasant—Oliver Bright, Thomas Goodwin, Oscar Keeling.
Edon—J. H. Jones, Henry Townsend, J. A. Turner.
Ozan No. 2—L. B. Ramage, A. H. Cagle, T. L. Epton.
Sweet Home—Morrison Terrell, W. T. McFarland, Joe Henderson.
Pleasant Grove—A. L. Mayson, J. M. Cooley, W. B. Boyd, W. H.

Byrd.

New Home—C. C. Spears, B. G. Simms.
Red Colony—H. L. Skinner, A. C. Borum, I. N. Borum.
Fellowship—Thomas McCowart, T. H. Westbrooks.

All pastors in this Association are, by virtue of their position, members of this body. After the reading of the letters and the enrolling of the names of messengers, the Moderator renewed the call for letters.

The next order of business being the permanent organization, by motion and second the Association proceeded to elect a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. It was moved and seconded that the Moderator and Clerk be elected by the casting of one vote, and that vote be cast for J. T. Holt, Moderator, and R. D. Neal, Clerk and Treasurer, which was done, and they were duly elected. The body then took indoor recess to hear the sermon to be delivered by Brother D. W. Cornish, the appointee. After preaching the Association adjourned for refreshments to meet at 1:30 p. m., refreshments being on the ground.

Afternoon Session.

At 1:30 the messengers assembled, and after a suitable hymn, and prayer by Dr. Frank White, the Moderator announced ready for business. The call was extended for letters. An address of welcome to the messengers and visitors was delivered by Eld. C. W. Strickland in behalf of the Pleasant Grove church.

Petitionary letters were called for. Two were presented asking admittance into the fellowship of this body. The letters were read and the messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Pleasant Hill—A. Sweat, E. D. Allin.

Rosedale—T. T. Ebbs, John L. Chandler, Thomas Shannon.

The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. Inquiry was made for corresponding messengers. Several brethren present from sister associations were invited to take part in the discussion of questions and made to feel welcome by the Moderator.

By motion and second the Association proceeded to select a place for the first 5th Sunday meeting. Amity and Holly Creek churches were placed in nomination. Ballots were had and the Moderator declared Holly Creek the place selected for the meeting, which will be held in December, 1901. By motion and second 'pro-

ceeded to elect associational member to State Board. D. W. Cornish and C. W. Strickland were placed in nomination. A vote was had and the Moderator declared that C. W. Strickland was the choice of this body to represent and act for the Howard County Association on State Mission Board. By motion and second proceeded to elect messengers to represent this Association in the State Convention. Brethren T. H. Westbrooks, D. W. Cornish, L. M. Webb, L. M. Byers and J. L. Cannon were elected. By motion Brother C. W. Strickland was elected messenger to attend the Southern Baptist Convention, Nobe R. Lewis, alternate. By motion proceeded to select corresponding messengers to attend sister associations: Red River Association, J. M. Copeland, M. M. Patterson. Union Association L. M. Webb, C. W. Strickland. Southwestern Association, John B. Hester, C. W. Strickland.

A committee on divine service consisting of the pastor and messengers of this church, was appointed. The Moderator appointed as finance committee, N. R. Lewis, W. C. Stone and J. T. Corbell.

The committee on divine service submitted their report as follows: Elder C. W. Strickland to preach at this church at 11 o'clock a. m Sunday; Dr. J. H. Milburn in schoolhouse near church at same hour. Brother J. T. Welch to preach at church 7:30 o'clock, p. m.; Brother Story to preach at Avery's Chapel at same hour, also, at same hour, J. T. Bennett at Bell's schoolhouse. At 9 o'clock, a. m., Sunday, prayermeeting, conducted by J. L. Baggett; at 10 o'clock, Sunday School mass meeting, conducted by D. W. Cornish. L. M. Byers, J. T. Burns and A. H. Cagle were appointed a committee on Sunday Schools with instructions to submit their report Sunday morning at Sunday School mass meeting for discussion. The messengers were assigned homes, after which the Association was, by motion and second, adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock, a. m., Monday. Benediction by J. T. Welch.

SUNDAY PROCEEDINGS.

At the appointed hour the congregation met in a prayermeeting. After singing, and several prayers

being offered by the different brethren, there were some good talks on prayer. The Sunday School mass meeting was opened by the reading of scripture and prayer. The committee on Sunday Schools submitted their report as follows:

After having read reports from different churches we find some report no Sunday School. Therefore, realizing the great importance of Sunday Schools, and the injunction enjoined upon us as Baptists, to teach our children the Word of God, and as we believe the Sunday School one of the best channels to reach the children with the Word of God, we therefore urge all churches that have no Sunday School to organize at once. Our observation is that God does bless the Sunday School work in bringing the children to Christ.

L. M. BYERS, Chairman.

Motion to adopt was made. The Moderator announced the report ready for discussion, which discussion was entered into by several of the brethren, setting forth duties of parents in this work and the good influence a well conducted Sunday School has over the children, not only those that attend, but all in the immediate neighborhood. The report was adopted as read.

The Moderator appointed the various committees as follows:

Foreign Missions—D. W. Cornish, I. C. Cooley and J. W. Hutchens.

Associational Missions—T. H. Westbrook, J. L. Badgett and D. H. Waller.

State Missions—C. W. Strickland, L. M. Webb and J. H. Stephenson.

Home Missions—C. W. Strickland, W. C. Stone and J. L. Cannon.

Orphans' Home—J. L. Rivers, A. C. Borum and A. L. Mason.

Obituaries—L. B. Ramage, J. Blackburn and J. F. Compton.

Prayermeeting—M. Z. Chesher, John Theobolt and W. S. Boyd.

Nominations—R. D. Neal, E. Q. Boon and J. W. Morgan.

Destitution—M. M. Patterson, W. A. Vessels and J. L. Chandler.

Program—W. A. Vessel, J. L. Ferguson, John B. Hester.

Family Devotion—J. W. Turquett, M. M. Patterson and Thomas Glasgow

Colleges—W. F. Lee, L. M. Keeling, M. S. Ravan.

Ministerial Support—E. Merrel, C. A. Westfall and W. R. Walker.

Literature—J. M. Copeland, D. N. Dove and J. F. Westbrooks.

Evils of Intemperance—B. G. Sims, A. L. Mason and J. W. Hampton.

THIRD DAY--Morning Session.

Monday at 8 o'clock, a m., the messengers assembled at the church. After singing, the Moderator read the 23d psalm. Prayer by D. W. Cornish, after which the Moderator announced the Association ready for business. The committee on Associational Missions submitted their report as follows:

Feeling that missions are paramount to everything, we therefore recommend that this body employ one man, or more, and locate them in, or as near as possible, to the destitution, to fill the same. We further recommend that the board be continued, to receive and pay out money and look after this work.

T. H. WESTBROOKS, Chairman.

Motion to adopt was made. The Moderator announced that the report of the committee was now open for discussion. After being discussed, pro and con, by several of the brethren, there was a motion and second to recommit said report. Motion lost. The question was called on the adoption of the original report. The yeas and nays were taken and the report was adopted as read. The committee on Foreign Missions submitted their report, as follows:

We regard the subject of foreign missions as one of great importance, and something that every Missionary Baptist should feel a deep interest in. We believe the Gospel to be the power of God to the saving of every one that believes. Hence, as obedient children of God, and in keeping of the command of our Lord and Master, who said, go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel, we therefor recommend that the pastors of this Association preach upon the subject of foreign missions

and take collections for same and forward to corresponding secretary of Foreign Board. God has abundantly blessed the labors of our missionaries in the conversion of many the past year. Let us pray for the mission work, and that the Lord may send more laborers into the field; and give of our means liberally, that said laborers may be supported.

D. W. CORNISH, Chairman.

Motion to adopt was made and seconded. The Moderator announced the report open for discussion. Brother Frank White, of Little Rock, opened with a good mission speech, followed by J. H. Milburn, Webb, and others, after which a collection was taken for foreign missions amounting to \$19. The question was then called for the adoption of the report, which was adopted as read. The committee on Evils of Intemperance submitted their report as follows:

We recommend that we obey the injunction of the Bible—we should be temperate in all things; but the question assigned us, the evils of intemperance, or the evils of strong drink, which are too numerous for us to attempt to mention; knowing that drunkenness is a pestilence and poisons many habitations, destroys the peace and happiness of many families, we, your committee, would recommend that each and every member of this body stand firm on prohibition and drive the great monster, strong drink, from our land and country. We further recommend that a prayerful and life-time fight be made against alcohol in all its various forms, as it has made widows and orphans, and left many homes desolate, therefore resolved, 1, that we with a bold front meet it at the ballot box, as we believe this the surest and safest place to destroy the enemy of souls; and we further recommend that all christians, of whatever name, should aid, in every way they can, to drive the monster from us, as we believe it is one and the greatest evil of our beloved land and country.

A. L. MAYSON, Chairman.

Motion and second to adopt. After some discussion the report was adopted as read. The committee on Religious Literature submit their report as follows:

We recommend first of all, the Bible, as the book of all books, which should be, by all means, in every home. We would recommend as Sunday School literature, the Southern Baptist Convention Series, also the American Publication Society literature. We recommend the Arkansas Baptist as our denominational paper.

J. M. COPELAND, Chairman.

By motion and second the report was adopted as read without discussion. The committee on Orphan's Home submitted their report as follows:

We find that the Home is in need of larger buildings. There are about forty inmates, and fifteen applicants last month that could not be accommodated for want of room. We understand the health of the children is good. They all attend church and Sunday school regularly. We recommend that all the churches give to this great and good institution, to enable the completion of the building. The sisters can greatly aid and assist in this grand work by sending bedding and clothes to the dear orphans. All goods should be sent to Sister Hannah Hyatt Gardner, Monticello, Ark., and all moneys should be sent Dr. W. W. Gardner, Arkadelphia, Ark., who will receipt for same in Arkansas Baptist.

A. L. MAYSON, Chairman,

Motion and second to adopt. Open for debate. After being discussed by several of the brethren the report was adopted as read. A collection was taken for the Home, amounting to \$13. A resolution was offered instructing messengers to State Convention to vote that the orphans in the Home be let out, when applied for by good, reliable persons, they giving good references from their neighbors. This resolution was discussed pro and con, by several of the brethren. The question was called, vote taken, and the resolution passed by a large majority. The committee on Colleges submitted their report, as follows:

Since infidelity skepticism, Judeism and Romanism has succeeded in driving the Bible from our public schools in the cities and towns and in many sections of the country, Christian education must begin at the mother's knee, around the fireside, and be completed in

our Christian colleges. We therefore recommend to our people the Ouachita College, located at Arkadelphia, and Central College, located at Conway. These institutions are well equipped with modern advantages and a cultured, Christian faculty.

L. M. KEELING, Chairman.

Motion and second to adopt. After some debating the report was adopted as read. The committee on State Missions submitted their report, as follows:

We, your committee, after investigation find that the State Board of Missions has attempted a larger work this year than ever before. Believing that state missions means Christianity throughout the state, not religion, (for the heathen might have that) but Christ's nature, Christ's life. To be a Christian the soul must be born again and its life conformed to the life and teachings of the Lord, Jesus Christ. In the light of this teaching, is our state a Christian state? Who rules in civic life? Are they governed by His teachings? Look at the wickedness and misery of our cities! What means this legalized liquor traffic and the crimes that follow? Could this exist if Christ ruled? Would we be burdened with this curse if men voted as they should pray? Equality in justice and morality in government, as in the sanctuary; then we would be truly a Christian state. The Gospel being the only means by which we can produce such a condition of affairs in church and state, we recommend that our Association most heartily co operate with our state board in its efforts to preach the Gospel in all our destitution, for the great resources of our rapidly growing state are attracting many people with many religions, and infidel views, seeking homes among us, which will corrupt our children, divide our churches, unless the light of the Gospel shines in their hearts and communities. The railroads traverse our country and build up towns as by magic. These towns must be visited by our missionaries, churches must be built and error refuted. To do this will require the combined effort of our Baptist brotherhood. So let us come up to the help of the Lord. We find the work laid out on a basis of \$8,000, one corresponding secre-

tary, two general missionaries, ten associational and twenty-six missionary pastors, whose reports indicate a fine year's work—perhaps one thousand conversions and over six hundred baptisms. Money raised for all purposes, \$6,627, perhaps the greatest work we have ever done. But to reach the Convention out of debt, we must have money to pay our laborers. Therefore, 1st, we recommend that a collection be taken for state missions now. 2nd, That all of our churches do so at their earliest convenience. Send amounts collected to Dr. Kitchens, treasurer. 3d, That our messengers to State Convention be instructed to vote to discontinue the corresponding secretary's office. 4th, Vote for election of one or more general missionaries who shall preach and conduct the correspondence and take collections, believing this to be a plan on which our people can and will agree, so where there is agreement there is concord, for we read that God is well pleased with a quiet and peaceable life, so let us pray and contribute for this work as the spirit leads us, exercising patience and charity towards all men, especially the household of Faith, for God is not the author of confusion. After some discussion, the report was adopted as read.

C. W. STRICKLAND, Chairman.

The Chairman Executive Board submitted their report as follows: We have carefully inquired of and visited all places mentioned by your committee on destitution at our last annual meeting. After consultation with brethren, we thought best to leave Saratoga to Yellow Creek church, and Independence Hall to Pleasant Valley church, as these points were in reach of the pastors of the two churches. All others were supplied as we thought best. We held protracted meeting at various points, as the cause seemed to demand, which meetings resulted in several conversions and the organization of two churches. We have had but one application for help from the churches, viz: Providence, which was granted. We have received from the churches. \$242.15. Paid to Providence church, \$15; to missionaries, \$50; to foreign missions, \$90; home missions, \$70; state missions, \$40; leaving balance in your treasury,

\$69.75. We recommend a continuation of our present plan of work, and urge all pastors and churches to greater zeal, for we find from applications filed, a greater demand for funds to supplement salaries of pastors of young and weak churches than in the year just closed. We recommend that the preachers and lay members furnish to your board all information they have concerning the destitution in our bounds. Also, that our preachers, as they have time, endeavor to build up God's cause in their immediate sections. Thanking your body for your forbearance towards us, as well as the confidence reposed in us, we sign ourselves with respect, your executive board,

C. W. STRICKLAND, Chairman.

Report was adopted as read. The committee on Home Missions submitted their report as follows:

We, your committee on Home Missions, recognize the importance of the work and as the field has, by recent events, been very much enlarged, we recommend that we bestow greater help and sympathy upon those people for whose spiritual welfare we have certainly become, in a great measure, responsible. We suggest that our ministers who talk so well on missions at our associations give more frequent opportunities to the churches for contributing to this particular work.

C. W. STRICKLAND, Chairman.

Motion and second to adopt. After some discussion the report was adopted as read. The committee on Family Devotion submitted their report as follows:

We believe that holding family prayer and erecting an altar in the home is incumbent upon every man and woman whom God has blessed with a family. God commands that all men, everywhere, should pray, therefore, we believe there is no place where praying is more effectual than at the family altar. We therefore recommend that the brethren erect family altars in each and every home.

M. M. PATTERSON, Chairman.

By motion and second the report was adopted as read. The committee on prayermeeting submitted their report as follows:

We believe that a well organized prayermeeting, where the membership meet once a week and pray for each other, is a great factor in the development of a church and will have its influence in bringing souls to Christ. We therefore recommend that each and every church in this Association organize and keep up a weekly prayermeeting. As the Apostle James says: Instruct the brethren not to neglect the assembling of themselves as the manner of some is. We further recommend that the pastors urge the brethren of their churches to organize a weekly prayermeeting.

M. Z. CHESHIR, Chairman.

Motion and second to adopt was made. The question was called and the report was adopted as read without discussion. The committee on Obituaries submitted their report as follows:

Since our last meeting it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from his labors here, to that rest above, our beloved brother, J. D. Rodgers. Several more are reported by the churches. In the death of these beloved brothers and sisters, we recognize the hand of God and humbly bow to His will.

J. C. BLACKBURN, Chairman.

By motion and second the report was adopted as read. The committee on Program submitted their report for first 5th Sunday meeting to meet with Holly Creek church on 5th Sunday in December, 1901:

Brother T. H. Westbrooks to preach introductory sermon, subject to criticism. Question: What is scriptural evidence of conversion? Assigned to L. M. Byers. What is the end of Christian faith—D. W. Cornish. What is meant by association—J. M. Copeland. Why are we baptised—L. M. Webb.

W. H. VESSEL, Chairman.

By motion and second the report was adopted as read. The committee on Ministerial Support submitted their report, as follows:

We recognize the fact that preaching the Gospel is the most sublime calling that has ever engaged the heart and mind of mortal man, hence, a minister to accomplish the most good should give his entire time to the

work. Now, in order to give all of his time, he must have the hearty and prayerful co-operation of the membership of the churches he serves. He should be supported with contributions from the church, or churches, to meet the temporary wants of himself and family. The Scriptures teach that they that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. We recommend that ministers and brethren exhort and pray with and for one another, that each may faithfully discharge their respective duties on this line as well as all others.

E. MERRELL, Chairman.

By motion and second report was adopted as read. The treasurer submitted his annual report, as follows:

The treasurer charges himself with monies collected at last annual meeting, and all that has been paid in since that time up to the present.

Oct. 30, 1900.	To amount down from last report	\$ 68.50
	Rec'd. at session for associational missions . . .	48.50
	Do minute fund	39.90
	Do state missions	3.40
	Do foreign missions	6.25
	Do home missions	3.30
Dec. 30,	To amt. collected first 5th Sunday meeting . .	38.55
May 1, 1901,	To amt. collected second 5th Sunday meeting .	42.85
July 1,	To amt. collected third 5th Sunday meeting . .	39.86
Oct. 1,	To amt. collected fourth 5th Sunday meeting .	27.49

Total collections \$312.10

Oct. 30, 1900.	By amt. paid D. W. Cornish, order of board . .	\$ 2.50
Nov. 3,	amt. pd. board members, expense board meeting	5.00
"	paid A. J. Barton, secretary board	3.00
Dec. 10,	Pd. board members expense, board meeting . .	5.00
"	M. M. Patterson, mission work	10.00
"	Printing minutes and clerk's services	40.00
Feb. 22, 1901,	R. J. Willingham, foreign mission	50.00
"	Kerfoot, home missions	50.00
"	B. S. Terrell, mission work	7.50
May 12,	Messengers' expense S. B. C.	16.00
"	Home missions . . . . .	.50
July 2,	Expense member to state board meeting	7.00
"	B. S. Terrell, mission work	3.75
"	D. W. Cornish, mission work	5.50
Aug. 26,	Home missions	20.00
"	Foreign missions	20.00
Sept. 20	Expense member to state board meeting	5.00
Oct. 2,	I. N. Scaggs, mission work	5.00

Total expenditures \$255.75

To balance on hand \$56.35.

R. D. NEAL, Treasurer.

By motion and second report was adopted as read. Moved and seconded that the clerk have Articles of Faith printed in the minutes. Motion was carried. The committee on Nominations submitted their report, as follows:

We recommend the following brethren to constitute the executive board: C. W. Strickland, chairman, M. L. Dennis, W. C. Stone, Jno. L. Ferguson, J. H. Holt, D. W. Cornish and T. F. Westbrooks.

We recommend that the next annual session of this body be held with Antioch church, commencing on Saturday at 10 o'clock, a. m., before the 4th Sunday in October, 1902, and that C. W. Strickland preach the introductory sermon, and D. W. Cornish his alternate, the services to be arranged by committee on Divine Service, appointed at next session of this body.

R. D. NEAL, Chairman.

Motion to adopt was had. Open for discussion. An amendment was offered by erasing the name of D. W. Cornish and inserting that of J. T. M. Holt. After the amendment was discussed by D. W. Cornish and others, the vote was called. The Moderator declared the amendment lost. The original question was called and the report was adopted as read. The committee on Destitution submitted their report as follows:

We, your committee, after making inquiry as to the localities destitute of Baptist preaching, find all, or nearly all, to be in the northern portion of Howard county.

M. M. PATTERSON, Chairman.

A resolution was offered by D. W. Cornish, that this body return their thanks to the members of Pleasant Grove church, and community generally, for kindness and generous hospitality shown us during our sojourn with them.

The business being completed, by motion and second the Association was adjourned to meet with Antioch church at 10 o'clock, Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1902.

J. T. HOLT, Moderator.

R. D. NEAL, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in the true and living God.
2. We believe that the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the words 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 the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.
5. We believe in man's incapacity of his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.
6. We believe that 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 ordinances of Jesus 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 the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, but one who has been regularly baptised, called, and comes under the hands of the presbytery.
11. We believe that none but regularly baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.
12. We believe that the Lord's Day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the session of the Association, the Moderator shall open business by 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 the opening session the church letters shall be read by persons whom the Moderator may appoint, and the names of the delegates enrolled by the clerk.
3. When the delegates' names are enrolled and called by the Clerk, the Association shall then 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 in inverse order to the original motion; but the 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 by calling the person or otherwise, and no one, thus in order, shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart 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 some of his former remarks.
6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for discussion of

any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association and declare the result, a plurality governing in all cases except those provided for.

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

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

9. The Moderator may have the names of the delegates called whenever it is necessary.

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

11. The Moderator may invite visiting members in good standing to seats in the council, who may speak, but not vote.

12. The minutes of the Association may be read as the body may think necessary.

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

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of Howard County Baptist Association.

ART. II. This Association shall be composed of brethren from the churches in the union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their several churches before they take their seats.

ART. III. The brethren, 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 association, and continue in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. IV. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent in matters of internal government, and shall act as advisory counsel, assuming no authority, except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied from the nature of the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its own members, the brethren from churches, 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 practice. 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, and the means in accordance with that gospel to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially those united in this constitution.

ART. V. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by sending three delegates to the annual meeting of this association, with petition for admission, and by their delegates agreeing to the abstracts of principles herewith published.

ART. VI. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the association a written communication, specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fellowship, number baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored or deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

ART. VII. This association shall have a fund to be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the committee of finance, to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his 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 sufficient statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. VIII. This association will furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. IX. The association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulty between the churches, unless they have pursued the directions in Matthew, 18; and have not been able to settle them. Then the association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

ART. X. It shall be the duty of the clerk of this association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. XI. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of this association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members then present.

ART. XII. That all Baptist ministers within the bounds of this association, be and are hereby made members of the same; that they shall have the same rights and privileges as regularly elected delegates, and their names shall be enrolled as delegates from their respective churches.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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| 1. Devotional exercises. | 6. Election of officers. |
| 2. Call for letters. | 7. Call for correspondence. |
| 3. Appoint committee to read letters. | 8. Invite visiting brethren to seats. |
| 4. Call for petitionary letters. | 9. Appointment of committee. |
| 5. Roll call of delegates. | 10. Miscellaneous business. |
| | 11. Call for report of committees. |

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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| Antioch; L. M. Byers, Nashville. | Maple Springs. M. M. Patterson, Roy. |
| Amity; G. C. Bandy, Nashville. | Maple Springs, J. E. Haines, Pike. |
| Brushy Creek; J. E. Scaggs, Pate. | Ozan, Gordon Harris, Bingen. |
| Clear Springs; W. H. Vessel, Centre Point. | Oak Hill, Brack Littlefield, Fairbaville. |
| Cedar Hill; J. L. Baggett, Umpire. | Oak Hill, James Westbrooks, Fairbaville. |
| County Line; E. Merrell, Centre Point. | Pleasant Valley, J. M. Copeland, Nashville. |
| Euclid; John B. Hester, Euclid. | Sweet Home, D. W. Cornish, Nathan. |
| Fellowship; T. H. Westbrooks, Centre Point. | Yellow Creek, D. N. Dove, Columbus. |
| Liberty; B. A. Ferrell, Buck Range. | Red Colony; D. W. Elkins, Lockesburg. |
| Liberty; U. J. Newel, Buck Range. | |
| Mine Creek; C. W. Strickland, Nashville. | |
| Mine Creek, L. M. Webb, Clow. | |

LICENTIATES.—County Line, W. J. McBay, Forgy; Ozan, Thomas Epton, Bingen; Ozan, J. B. Luck, Bingen.

STATISTICAL

Churches.	Clerks and Address.	Pastors.	Rec. by Bapt.	Rec. by letter.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.
Antioch	J F Compton, Nashville ..	L. M. Byers	12	1	..	4
Amity	W R Walker, Nashville ..	J. M. Copeland ..	6	5	..	7
Brushy Creek..	H C Seals, Pate	J. E. Scaggs.....	..	4	..	18
Clear Springs ..	F H Hall, Nathan	W. H. Vessel.	2	2	..	1
Columbus	J W Huchens, Columbus ..	.....	1	13	..	13
Centre Point..	J L Rivers, Centre Point ..	.....	..	2	..	2
Cedar Hill	J C Blackburn, Umpire...	W. H. Vessel....	1	..	..	..
County Line...	M Z Chesher, Centre Point	L. M. Byers.	23	9	1	2
Euclid	Russia Hester, Euclid	Wm. Allen.	2	..	..	1
Edon	S Y Turner New Hope...	J. L. Baggett.	2	6	..	..
Friendship	J H Gorden, Dial	J. E. Scaggs.....	..	..	..	..
Fellowship	J D Boggs, Martha .....	.....	..	..	..	..
Holly Creek...	W T Lovell, Hattie.	T.H. Westbrooks	5	1	1	6
Liberty	W C Stone, Yancy .....	.....	12	4	..	2
Mine Creek	R D Neal, Nashville.....	C. W. Stricklaad	16	10	..	18
Maple Springs..	W M Cooley, Roy	D. W. Cornish..	1	1	1	9
New Home.	L C Ayers, Centre Point..	.....	..	..	..	8
Ozan No. 2.....	F A Holt, Bingen.....	L. M. Byers	1	11	..	3
Oak Hill	J H Lewis, Centre Point..	J. L. Tolbert	1	..	..	1
Pleasant Grove.	J F Box, Westbrook....	L. M. Webb.....	9	8	3	7
Providence.....	H H Hosey, Schaal.....	L. M. Webb.....	..	1	..	2
Pleasant Valley	W L Power, Nashville	U. J. Newell .....	..	..	..	12
Mount Pleasant	L L Loveliss, Doyle	W. M. Patterson	9	3	1	8
Sweet Home ...	J W Brewer, Nathan.	D. W. Cornish..	1	3	2	2
Unity	J B Sillavan, Nashville...	U. J. Newell	2	1	..	..
Yellow Creek ..	P G Clayton, Saratoga...	D. N. Dove	23	2	2	5
Zion	N R Lewis, Bell	L. M. Byers	2	3	..	12
Red Colony ...	I N Borum, Milford	L. M. Webb	6	4	2	..
Pleasant Hill...	G W Sanders, Henry	J. E. Scaggs	1	8	..	..
Rosedale	T T Ebbs, Rosedale.....	Jno. McWhorter	8	4	3	..

Note: Mineral Springs and Ozan No. 1 not represented.

Contributions to Orphan's Home fund were as follows: Antioch, \$8; Mine Creek, \$22.50; Pleasant Valley, \$6.60; Mount Pleasant, \$2.25; Yellow Creek, \$14.50.

To Woman's Work: Mine Creek, \$104.95.

Poor Fund: Liberty, \$10.00.

TABLE.

Excluded.	Died.	Present membership	Pastor's salary.	State missions.	Home missions.	Associational missions.	Foreign missions.	Value church property.	Minute fund.	Sunday School work.	Ministerial education.	Incidental.	Repairs or building.
5	2	120	\$75.00	\$2.00	\$4.50	15.80	...	1000	2.00	7.40	....	\$12.	\$75.00
4	1	89	.....	.....	.....	10.70	...	....	1.00	3.50	...	.....	.....
...	...	41	20.00	.....	.60	.....	...	....	1.00	....	....	.....	.....
...	...	19	30.00	.....	.....	.....	...	....	1.00	....	....	.....	.....
4	1	117	300.00	10.00	20.00	6.00	\$9.00	1000	2.11	15.	....	30.00	.....
1	...	22	40.00	.....	.....	.....	...	1000	....	5.00	....	3.00	.....
2	...	25	25.00	.....	.....	1.00	....	\$120	.75	....	....	.....	.....
...	...	118	70.90	.....	.....	8.70	....	500	1.50	10.	....	20.00	.....
1	...	11	6.10	.....	2.25	.....	...	....	.50	....	....	.....	.....
...	...	23	8.00	.....	.....	2.65	...	....	.90	....	....	.....	.....
1	...	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....	.35	....	....	.....	.....
...	...	52	.....	.....	.....	1.40	....	....	.80	....	....	.....	.....
...	1	51	25.00	.....	.....	3.60	....	200	1.00	....	....	.....	.....
1	1	76	137 50	.....	.....	9.20	....	500	2.00	....	....	37.00	225.10
2	1	212	450.00	20.60	16.50	17.60	29.17	1400	3.00	18.	36.90	82.30	49.40
1	...	51	30.00	.....	.....	3.00	....	....	1.50	....	....	.....	.....
1	1	30	.....	.....	.....	.50	...	150	.80	....	....	.....	.....
1	1	107	33.00	.....	.....	12.00	...	1000	2.15	6.00	....	2.00	260.00
...	1	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....	1.00	....	....	.....	.....
...	2	100	.....	.....	.....	11.25	....	....	2.00	....	....	.....	.....
2	...	22	22.00	.....	.....	5.20	....	150	.75	....	....	.....	.....
1	...	80	.....	.....	.....	5.55	....	300	1.00	2.00	....	.....	.....
1	...	70	50.00	.....	.....	10.00	3.50	....	1 50	4.00	2.00	.....	.....
2	1	70	40.00	.....	.....	1.00	....	150	1.25	3.00	....	.....	.....
...	1	60	.....	.....	.....	10.63	....	200	1.50	2.40	....	.....	.....
5	2	88	150.00	.....	1.55	2.05	....	500	1.00	5.00	2.50	.....	.....
4	1	100	75.00	.....	.....	6.20	....	500	1.50	4.00	9.00	.....	55.00
...	1	49	.....	.....	.....	4.07	....	....	1.25	....	....	.....	.....
...	...	25	25.00	.....	.....	1.10	....	....	1.15	....	....	.....	.....
...	...	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.75	....	....	.....	.....