

# MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

## OUACHITA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Mt. Olive Church

Polk County, Ark., Sept. 27, 28 and 29, 1902

# ...Minutes...

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**T**HE MESSENGERS composing the Ouachita Baptist Association, convened with Mt. Olive church, Saturday September 27, 1902. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. M. L. Ridling at 11 a. m.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, J. O. Butler, at 1:30 p. m. After devotional exercises S. A. Neighbors, R. R. Pace and I. R. Anderson were appointed as a committee on enrollment; Wm. Shelton, John Sargent and J. A. Beavers, as a committee on finance.

W. L. Compere and W. L. A. Stranburg were appointed to read letters from the churches. Twenty-four churches were represented, three of which came in by petitionary letters, namely: Oak Grove No. 1, Oak Grove No. 2 and Mt. Prospect.

Eld. S. A. Neighbors was elected moderator; J. J. Mershon, clerk and J. E. Taylor Treasurer. On motion Bro. Jim Holmes was seated as corresponding messenger from Caddo River Association.

A motion to let the collection on Sunday go for State and Associational Missions was amended by striking out the word "State."

Eld. J. E. Smail was appointed to preach Saturday night at the church. The body then adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Monday morning. Homes being assigned the messengers by the Pastor, J. O. Butler.

Sunday morning a prayer service was conducted by S. E. Chote. The missionary sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Eld. S. A. Neighbors and the collection taken for Associational Missions amounted to \$20.05.

Sermon at 2:30 p. m. by Eld. W. L. A. Stranburg, after which Bro. S. E. Chote started a voluntary collection for foreign missions which amounted to \$10.38. Eld. G. W. Reeves preached at



the church Sunday night, Eld. R. R. Pace at Hatfield and Eld. C. I. Walker at Bro. Billy Taylor's.

The association came together about 8:30 Monday morning. The moderator read the 46th Psalm, prayer by W. L. Compere. On motion Eld. G. W. Reeves was seated as a visitor from Second Baptist church of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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## REPORTS

### ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

We your committee beg leave to submit the following: 1st. We recommend the Bible. 2nd. We would recommend such other literature as would be a help to understand the Bible. 3rd. We would recommend the Southern Baptist Convention Literature for Sabbath Schools.

S. E. CHOTE,  
EMMETTE ROWE,  
G. W. DAVIS.

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### STATE MISSIONS

The state mission board employed 41 missionaries last year, who reported 1299 baptisms. Contributions to the work were 44 per cent. larger than the previous year. There has been steady growth in the contributions for several years. In 1897 there was only reported \$691.36. In 1898 it grew nearly \$1,000 reaching \$1664.68. The next year it grew more than \$1,000, reaching \$2,798.07. In 1900 it grew nearly another thousand dollars reaching \$3,703.38. Last year it increased more than ever reaching \$5,369.12 or \$1,665.74 more than the year before.

The plan of work pursued by the state convention is substantially the same as that used by the Southern Baptist Convention and nearly all state conventions but for the past two years there has developed a strong opposition to the plan. Many brethren thought that a change would be made when the convention assembled at Paragould. Such a deep interest was felt in this matter in the churches and associations over the state that there gathered by far the largest state convention ever assembled in the state, 444 messengers. After a long discussion the convention voted, by an overwhelming majority, to continue the same plan of work. Many good brethren have felt that the convention made a mistake. We venture no opinion on this question.

Some churches and associations are withdrawing co-operation from the conventions. We find that there exists in our association a very strong feeling on both sides of this question. We believe that any attempt at this time to ENDORSE or CONDEMN the convention would plunge us into a bitter fight, from the results of which we would not recover in many years. We therefore recommend that neither side press their views upon the Association, and that the Association defer action another year. If fidelity to Baptist principles finally renders it necessary for us to withdraw from the convention no serious harm can result from deferring action a year. While hasty action at this time would make a rupture which would require years to heal. And besides all this, the state board is helping us liberally in our Associational Mission work, having given us this year \$120. To cut loose abruptly from the state convention would cripple our Associational work. Let us take no hasty action. For one is our master, even Christ and all we are brethren.

W. L. A. STRANBURG,  
WM. SHELTON,  
J. F. WILCOX.

## REPORT OF ASSOCIATION MISSION BOARD

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your board submits the following report: The board received from the old board \$1.439; received from the state board \$116.98; received from other sources \$121.24. total receipts \$252.61. We have employed Bro. C. I. Walker for eleven months and paid him \$220.00; also paid Bro. Shelton \$2.00 to help Bro. Walker hold meeting at Two-mile; other expenditures \$6.86, leaving on hand \$23.75. The state mission board is due us \$50.00. The following is the report of Missionary C. I. Walker:

Sermons, public 120, Services and sermons in homes 40, total number of services 160; Miles traveled 1975; Visits in the interest of work 250; Sunday Schools organized 2; Sunday School addresses 4; Pages of tracts distributed 1150; Prayer meetings held 12; Professions of conversion 11; Baptisms 2, Restored 1; Received by relation 2; Money collected on field \$28.09; Days of actual labor 320. J. O. BUTLER, Chairman.

Sold and gave away \$50.00 Worth of religious books and bibles.

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### EDUCATION

We your committee on education, beg leave to submit the following.

Education means the proper development of our God given faculties. It means to train the mind to think for itself. "Study," said the great apostle Paul, "to show thyself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Therefore if we would properly develop our minds, we must read, think and investigate for ourselves.

### OUR NEEDS

We need to better educate our sons and our daughters. We need a better educated laity. We need a better educated ministry.

### A DIVINE CAUTION.

Beware of false teachers said the Master. Much depends upon the school in which your child is educated. And much depends upon the kind or character of the teacher under which your child is trained.

We therefore recommend that when possible to do so educate your children in our own Baptist schools and colleges and universities. The Baptists of Arkansas have schools and colleges second to none. Therefore we urge upon you to give our own schools and colleges your heartiest support by contributing largely of your means and by sending your boys, your girls and your preachers whom God has called to the same.

W. L. A. STRANBURG.  
T. M. HOLLINGWORTH.  
WM. SHELTON.

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### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your committee on foreign missions, submit the following report.

1st. We are glad to report a growing interest in foreign missions in our association, and we believe that that it should still go forward in obedience to the command of our blessed Master, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." God is blessing the efforts of Southern Baptists in heathen lands. The time has been when ministers were scarce who felt it their duty to go to heathen lands and preach, but now they are ready and willing to go, but it takes money to pay their way and support them after they are there. Southern Baptists have the money, if they will only give freely God says, "Give and it shall be given to you."

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. BUTLER, Chairman.  
H. H. THOMAS.



## ON ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

We your committee submit the following report:

S. A. Neighbors, Potter, Ark.	R. R. Pace, Grannis, Ark.
J. E. Small, Shady, Ark.	R. J. Hall, Gillham, Ark.
T. M. Hollinsworth, Cove, Ark.	B. Duke, Mountain Fork, Ark.
M. McMillen, Flagstaff, Arizona.	H. C. Ridling, Mena, Ark.
M. L. Ridling, Vandervoort, Ark.	T. M. Widner, Hatfield, Ark.
W. L. A. Stranburg, Mena, Ark.	Wm. Shelton, Ink, Ark.
C. I. Walker, Mena, Ark.	W. L. Compere, Mena, Ark.
Dave Shirley, Board Camp, Ark.	S. C. Shote, Vandervoort, Ark.
T. B. Phelps, Mena, Ark.	E. B. Williams, Vandervoort, Ark.
Russell Brown, Grannis, Ark.	G. W. Johnson, Grannis, Ark.
J. O. Butler, Mena, Ark.	W. B. Day, Cathron, Scott county, Ark.
Lee Wilson, Hatton, Ark.	

### LICENSED PREACHERS.

J. L. Fisher, Mena, Ark.	H. D. Roberts, Mountain Fork, Ark.
A. J. Dickinson, Ink, Ark.	A. J. Robins, Rocky, Ark.
G. A. Cross, Cove, Ark.	J. W. McDonald, Cove, Ark.
Edward Posey, Quito, Ark.	G. W. Curnnitt, Hatton Gap, Ark.
	J. O. BUTLER.
	J. L. FISHER.
	J. S. KING.

### ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee beg leave to report that we find there has been four deaths in the association since last we met, to-wit, S. L. Atkinson of Pleasant Hill church, who died Feb. 14, 1900. Sister Margaret Harrison, daughter of Bro. H. C. Ridling, her membership was at Concord church. Sister R. J. Woods, of Mt. Olive church died Dec. 27, 1901. Sister F. C. Wilcox of Yocana church. These all died in the faith, and have gone to their reward. While we shed the tear of sympathy we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well. Let us be faithful and meet them in glory.

M. L. RIDLING.  
J. T. DINGLER.  
S. E. CHOTE.

### ON FAMILY WORSHIP.

Your committee on family worship would suggest that the subject is so important that we feel our inability to do it justice. Our families are nearer and dearer than any earthly tie. We know that the word of God teaches us to bring our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Brethren, let us search the Scriptures and learn our duty that we owe to God and our families, by our examples in word and prayer, with aid for them.

R. R. PACE.  
H. D. ROBERTS.  
S. E. CHOTE.

### ON NOMINATIONS.

We your committee report as follows:

We recommend brother T. M. Hollinsworth to preach the introductory sermon. Wm. Shelton alternate. J. O. Butler to preach the missionary sermon. W. L. A. Stranburg alternate. We find five churches have asked for the next session of the association. Welcome Home, Concord, Mill Creek, Yocana, Buffalo.

We recommend Buffalo.

We further recommend for the Executive Board W. L. A. Stranburg, chairman; G. W. Davis, W. I. Green, J. J. Mershon, W. M. Pipkin.

J. E. SMALL, Chairman.  
M. L. RIDLING.  
J. W. SARGENT.

## SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sabbath schools, respectfully submit the following: Number of Sabbath schools—Mena, one; Mt. Vernon, one; Rock Springs, one; Janssen, one; New Hope, one; Yocana, one; Salem, one; New Home, one; Betheny, one. Total number, nine. This is very unsatisfactory. Twenty-four churches and only nine Sabbath schools. We recommend that we all do everything that we possibly can in organizing and maintaining a Sabbath school at every Baptist church; and that we use Baptist literature.

The Sabbath school is a great help to the church, hence we are very anxious that we all do better on this line in the future than we have in the past.

H. C. RIDLING, Chairman.

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W. L. PARKER,

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## FINANCE.

We your committee on finance, beg leave to report. We find sent up by the churches for printing minutes, \$24.06. For associational missions, \$10.05. Orphans' Home, \$2.05. Sunday collection for associational missions, \$20.05. Sunday collection for foreign missions, \$10.73. For ministerial education, \$1.00. Total, \$67.94.

WM. SHELTON.

J. A. BEAVERS.

J. W. SARGENT.

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## CONDITION OF CHURCHES.

We your committee find the condition of the churches to be good, generally speaking, compared to what they were three or four years ago, but still there is room for improvement. While some have not increased in numbers, yet they have increased in spirituality and seem to be growing in grace. We would recommend, First, more gospel preaching. Second, more gospel preaching which means doctrinal preaching. Third, and more doctrinal preaching which means gospel preaching. Fourth, the New Testament is simply a book of doctrine, which is all for our good; so preach the Word and pray the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Let us labor more, pray more, and trust more—not trust in ourselves but trust in God.

Respectfully submitted,

C. I. WALKER.

J. M. WIDNER.

B. F. ATKINSON.

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## ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We are thankful to God for the mission work which has been done in our bounds. We thank the board for its labors, believing that the board has tried faithfully to do what would glorify God. We feel that the time has come for us to take a large step in advance. We need to increase our missionary's salary so he can give full time to the work and be able to have a conveyance and carry Bibles, and other Baptist books, and go into homes and read God's word and pray with people who do not have church privileges. In order to support this work, it will be necessary to double our contributions. We believe all our people are willing to help in this sort of work, and that we are abundantly able to support such a work.

We recommend that our board inaugurate and carry on such a work, provided they see the way financially.

We further recommend that every member of every church be requested to pay to this work at least five cents a month, and that pastors stir up the members, to gather it up and send to the board quarterly at the board meetings.

Let us all pray for the board and for the missionary, and expect God's blessing upon our efforts.

W. L. CCMPERE.

C. I. WALKER.



## ORPHANS' HOME.

We your committee on Orphan's Home, would submit the following: It is reported that there are more orphan children in our Home at Monticello than usual. Therefore we think it should have a more hearty support than we are now giving it. We would request and urge that the pastors of this association solicit funds for that institution regularly, as we feel that that institution is a great blessing to the Baptist cause in this state.

R. R. PACE.  
W. I. GREEN.

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## TEMPERANCE.

The use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage causes drunkenness, crime, poverty, suffering and sorrow. It breaks up happy homes, transforms bright boys and noble men into besotted drunkards, and sinks them into drunkards' graves and a drunkards' hell. Christians are told to do all they do for the glory of God. No christian man can glorify God by encouraging or helping in any way the use of liquor. Baptists should take their stand in this matter on God's side, and do all in their power against its use, by influence, vote and direct effort. We rejoice that our county has voted out the saloons. Now, let every Baptist be ready to do his part to see that the law is enforced.

W. L. COMPRE.  
J. A. BEAVERS.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of finance committee sent up by the churches: For minutes, \$24.06. For associational missions, \$10.05. For foreign missions, 0. For state missions, 0. For Orphans' Home, \$2.05. For associational missions, 0. Sunday collection, \$20.05. Foreign missions, \$10.73. Ministerial education, \$1.00. Orphans' Home, \$5.15. Total \$73.09.

J. E. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

Resolved, That the time of meeting of this association be changed from Saturday to Friday. That we adjourn as usual Monday evening.

Resolved, second, That if any messenger shall before adjournment, leave without the consent of the body, that said messenger's name shall be stricken from the roll, and that it shall not appear in the minutes

W. L. A. STRANBURG.

Resolved, That we hereby extend our hearty thanks to Mt. Olive church for the hospitable manner in which they entertained the association.

C. I. WALKER.

On motion Bro. J. O. Butler was authorized to write Bro. H. C. Ridling a recommendation from Ouachita Association.

A collection was taken for the Orphans' Home after the report was read, which amounted to \$5.15.

On motion the district meetings were turned over to the associational board.

The moderator by motion, appointed the following correspondents:

Bro. Howard Thomas and B. F. Atkinson to go to Howard county Association.

To the Southern Baptist Convention, Eld. W. L. A. Stranburg.

To the State Convention, S. E. Chote. J. E. Taylor, W. L. Compere, C. I. Walker and J. J. Mershon.

Caddo River Association, Bros. Jim Wilcox, Dave Lunsford and Wm. Shelton.

Choctaw Association, T. M. Hollinsworth

Buckville Association, J. O. Butler.

Buckner Association, R. R. Pace.

Southwestern Association, M. L. Ridling.

On motion any of the members of Ouachita Association bearing a minute are authorized to represent us as corresponding messengers in any of the bodies with which we correspond.

On motion the clerk was authorized to have the minutes printed and sent out, and have for his services whatever of the minute fund that was left:

On motion the minutes were approved.

The body adjourned to meet with Buffalo church, Friday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1903.

After adjournment a song was sung, and the parting hand was taken, prayer by Wm. Shelton.

S. A. NEIGHBORS, Moderator.

J. J. MERSHON, Clerk.



# STATISCAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	PASTORS	CLERKS and their Postoffices	Days of Meeting	Restored by Letter	Restored Baptised	Died	Dismissed	Excluded	Male Members	Total Membership	Association Missions	Foreign Missions	Paid Pastor	Value church prop'y	For Minutes
Blue Springs	J. M. Widner, Mike Mowdy, A. Dowd	J. M. Widner	Mike Mowdy, Hatfield	20	1		1			12				\$ 35		70
Pleasant Hill	B. F. Atkinson, J. F. Kuykendall	E. B. Williams	B. F. Atkinson, Wickes	1	9	2	2	1		18				13 00		50
New Hope N2	W. L. Parker, J. S. Lawrence, W. E. Tibbs	S. A. Neighbors	W. L. Parker, Shady		2		3	1		63	\$ 5 00			31 00		1 10
Mena	W. L. A. Stranburg, W. L. Compere, J. J. Mershon	W. L. A. Stranburg	C. T. Walker, Mena	all	13	27	14	5		146	47 00	\$24 00	800 00			4 50
Lone Valley	A. M. Bruce, W. A. Snitker		W. A. Snitker, Hatfield	3	5					13						50
Mt. Creek	J. W. Sargent, J. C. Whittaker, C. M. Crawford	S. A. Neighbors	W. O. Sargent, Rocky		3		9	1		53	1 00		15 20			1 25
Corinth	S. A. Neighbors, J. L. Fisher, J. B. Neighbors	S. A. Neighbors	W. A. Brumby, Mena	8	3	3		7	23	53	1 25		19 45			85
New Home	H. D. Roberts, H. P. Parnell, W. S. Andrews	H. D. Roberts	S. G. Conley, Mountain Fork	1-3	11	5	1			43	60		19 12			1 00
Hatfield	W. W. Cranford, W. I. Green, J. S. King	W. L. Compere	J. S. King, Hatfield	2	5		1			21	1 50		13 50			50
Rock Springs	Wm. Shelton, Nute Wiles, Ed Posey	Wm. Shelton	J. J. Foster, Quito	2						4	18		3 00			50
Shady Grove	G. W. Upton, Shordam Thacker		Shordam Thacker		1					21	70					
Yocana	J. K. Wilcox, D. Lunsford	H. T. Howell	G. W. Corley, Ink	10	22	1	1	4	2	69			9 95			1 50
Vandervoort	B. W. Teater, S. E. Choate, W. C. Benson	W. L. Compere	S. E. Chote, Vandervoort	1-4	4	8	9	3		21	5 55	2 30	54 10			1 50
Concord	H. C. Ridling, H. G. Dickerson, John Bogle	J. O. Butler	T. H. Embry, Ink	3	2		1	3		28	5 00		15 45			1 10
Mt. Pleasant	R. R. Pace, C. G. Russel, G. T. Smith	S. A. Neighbors	G. E. Sargent, Grannis	1	5	7	1	2	117	18			35 00			1 00
welcome hom	T. M. Hollingsworth, W. G. Thweatt	T. M. Hollingsworth	W. G. Threatt, Cove	8	20	18	2	9		43			20 00			65
Mt. Olive	J. A. Beavers, Emmett Rowe, R. J. Anderson	J. O. Butler	J. E. Taylor, Gann	1	11		1	2		59	2 92	2 25	27 25			1 46
Salem	J. O. Butler, G. W. Davis, G. S. Anderson	J. O. Butler	F. S. Ritchie, Mena	2	1	4	6			27	11 20	3 50	24 00			1 30
Bethany	D. L. Shirley, I. C. Lewis, F. H. Gortemiller	Wm. Shelton	T. H. Gortemiller, Board Camp		1		1			13			4 50			45
Mt. Vernon	W. M. Beam, S. Martin, Howard Thomas	W. W. Blanton	H. H. Thomas, Duckett	2	2	4	1	1		17			41 01			
Buffalo	Jas. Fortner, W. T. Bryant, Samuel Green	M. L. Ridling	Robert Fortner, cove	4	1	4	3			21			6 00			75
Oak Grove N1	G. W. Curnutt, L. A. Smith	R. R. Pace	I. Sammon	4						22						80
Oak Grove N2	H. M. Wilkins, M. L. Ridling, E. Barton	M. L. Ridling	Daniel Nations, Vandervoort	3	2	7			110	23	33	1 00	25 00			90
Mt. Prospect	G. W. Johnson, A. L. Claburn, J. T. Dingler	Russell Brown	J. T. Dingler, Gillham	1	3	4				13	2 00					1 00

## Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of "Ouachita Baptist Association."

2. This association shall be composed of churches in union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by the several churches before taking their seats.

3. The delegates when convened shall organize themselves into a deliberate body by appointment of moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session and to continue in office until their successors are chosen.

4. This association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed, and shall only act as an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or is evidently implied by the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its own members and delegates from the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from, and disown, all churches which depart from the principles of this compact, by becoming heretodox in faith, or disorderly in practice; it should therefore regard all churches under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principle 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 the Gospel; to union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially those united under this constitution.

5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other associations, of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union through representation of three delegates at the annual session of this association with a petition for admission, and upon their agreeing to the abstract of principles herein published.

6. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the association, written statistics, giving names of delegates, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, expelled, restored or dead, since the last session, and all information that the churches deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

7. This association may have a fund supplied by a voluntary contribution of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the committee on finance to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office during the pleasure of the association, and present annually, for insertion in the minutes, a clear and succinct statement of all the receipts and expenditures.

8. The association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

9. This association shall take no cognizance of any query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor any difficulty between churches unless they have pursued the direction in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have failed to settle it; then this association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

10. The clerk of this association shall keep a file of the minutes of this body and deliver the same to his successor in office.

11. This constitution may be altered, or amended, at regular meetings of the association, by the concurring voices of two-thirds of its members present; provided, such alterations or amendments be approved by the churches composing this association.

12. At each annual meeting there shall be an introductory and a missionary sermon, and the body shall adjourn each day, at 11 a. m. for preaching.

## Rules of Decorum

1. This association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A moderator and clerk shall be chosen by sufferages of members present.

3. The moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and shall have power to call to order at any time.

4. Any member dissatisfied with his decision may appeal to the association on the same day, but not thereafter.



5. But one member shall speak at a time; who shall rise to his feet, and obtaining permission, proceed.

6. The moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject, or is guilty of personal reflection. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, unless withdrawn by him who made it.

8. Every case taken up by this association shall be decided, or withdrawn, before another is offered.

9. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the moderator shall take the voice of the association, and the members in affirmative shall signify their position by rising from their seats, and those in the negative shall retain theirs. The moderator shall announce the decision before the affirmative resume their seats.

10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the moderator.

11. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, 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 debate until the subject has been fairly discussed.

12. Members shall address each other under appellation of brother.

13. The roll may be called as often as the association may direct.

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

15. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided, he appoint another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any subject unless the association be equally divided.

16. Any member violating these rules may be reproved by the moderator at discretion, but only the day the breach be done.

## Articles of Faith

1. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are a trinity of persons in the God-head—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—and these three in one.

2. We believe the scripture of the Old and New Testaments is the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam, and that the depravity of his fallen nature was entailed upon his posterity; and in the impotency of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability.

4. We believe in election through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

5. We believe in the final preservation of the Saints, and that they will never finally fall away and be lost.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed unto them, and that it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believed.

7. We believe that good works are fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of our own gracious state.

8. We believe there will be a general resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful baptized persons, who are in christian fellowship and are agreed to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the Gospel.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the only law giver, and the disciple is with the body, and should be faithfully kept up for the glory of God and for the prosperity of his people.

11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of the Gospel, and none but true believers have a right thereto, and should be administered by regular ordained ministers, and that immersion is the only apostolic mode of baptism.

## Supplement to Minutes.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR ASSOCIATION MISSIONS.

J. J. Mershon.....	\$12 00
Salem Church.....	16 20
W. L. Compere.....	10 00
J. E. Smail.....	5 00
W. L. A. Stranburg.....	10 00
Rock Springs Church.....	2 50
Mt. Olive Church, 60 members 5c each, per month.....	36 00
Minor Pipkin.....	25 00
Hatfield Church.....	10 00
W. L. Parker.....	5 00
S. E. Chote.....	2 50
U. S. Anderson.....	2 50
B. W. Teter.....	2 50
Janssen Church, 21 member, 5c each per month.....	12 60
R. R. Pace.....	2 50
T. M. Hollingsworth.....	2 50
J. M. Widner.....	1 00
P. C. Fisher.....	5 00
S. A. Neighbors.....	2 00
A. M. Bruce.....	2 50
Mill Creek Church.....	5 00
H. D. Roberts.....	2 50
J. B. Neighbors (paid).....	1 00
George Sargent.....	1 00
M. R. Ridling (paid).....	1 00
M. T. Davis.....	2 00
Mrs. M. E. Atkinson.....	1 00
Howard Thomas.....	2 50
S. A. Shelton.....	1 00
Miss Abby Shelton.....	1 00
I. C. Lewis.....	1 00
Mt. Prospect Church.....	2 00
John Bogle.....	5 00
John Kirkendall.....	2 00