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32ND ANNUAL MEETING

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CROOKED CREEK ASSOCIATION.

1900.

FIRST DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1900.—The Association met with Prairie View Church, Boone County, and was called to order by Moderator.

Prayer by Elder N. F. Bradley.

Song—"Jesus Lover of My Soul."

Introductory Sermon by Eld. M. M. Smith, from Ephesians 4:15.

Association adjourned to meet at 3 P. M.

Prayer by Elder C. L. Mattox.

3 P. M.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. B. Swanner.

Association went into an election for Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the re-election of Elder N. F. Bradley as Moderator, and Jos. E. McGinn as Clerk.

Bro. W. H. Raley was elected Treasurer.

Churches called in order and letters read. Bros. M. M. Smith and W. H. Raley acting as reading clerks.

Call for newly constituted churches. Pleasant Grove handed in a petitionary letter and was received and the hand of fellowship extended by Moderator.

Bros. W. H. Raley and A. A. Dunnam, with messengers of Prairie View Church were appointed a committee on Divine Service.

Motion to adjourn until Saturday 8 A. M. Prayer by Bro. Crawford. Elder R. W. Raley preached at night from Luke 24:47.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1900.—Met pursuant to adjournment.

Song—173, Bells of Heaven.

Moderator read thirteenth chapter First Corinthians.

Prayer by Bro. M. A. Dial.

Call for Associational Letters. None.

Bro. Sam Eaton was received as a visitor from Carroll County Association.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Sunday Schools—A. A. Dunnam, W. H. Raley, W. G. Thornton.

Periodicals—Allen Phillips, J. B. O'Neal, M. M. Smith.

Queries—M. A. Dial, M. Waltrip, John Robinson.

Temperance—H. Wahls, Wm. Holt, A. A. Neal.

Finance—U. Honeycutt, I. Davis, W. G. Thornton.

Obituaries—A. K. Toney, C. M. Hunt, W. B. Tye.

Resolutions—R. W. Raley, J. S. Looney, E. Reese.

Missions—M. M. Smith, C. L. Mattox, J. A. Thornton, J. E. Riley, R. W. Raley.

Education—M. M. Smith, J. E. Riley, W. G. Thornton, B. F. McMillan.

Credentials—M. Waltrip, A. A. Dunnam, A. K. Toney.

Orphan's Home—C. L. Mattox, A. A. Neal.

Bros. Crawford and Chism were received as visitors.

Motion made and carried that reading of Constitution and Rules of Decorum be dispensed with.

Roll of churches called and absentees noted.

Bro. J. R. Wilson, of Taney Association of Missouri, was received and hand of fellowship extended by Moderator.

Call for report of messengers to sister associations.

Bro. W. H. Raley responded, who visited Taney Association of Missouri. Bro. Uriah Honeycutt failed to attend and was excused.

Bros. C. L. Mattox, W. R. Speer and J. A. Austin failed to attend White River Association and were excused.

Bros. W. R. Speer, C. L. Mattox and J. Pruitt failed to attend Carroll County Association and were excused.

Bros. N. F. Bradley, A. A. Dunnam and C. L. Mattox failed to attend Trace Ridge Association and were excused.

APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

Bros. I. M. Raley, John Robertson and Uriah Honeycutt volunteered to attend Taney Association, which meets Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1901, at Mincie Valley.

Bros. J. S. Looney, J. A. Austin and C. L. Mattox volunteered to attend White River Association.

Bros. J. Pruitt, C. L. Mattox and W. B. Tye volunteered to attend Carroll County Association.

Bros. A. A. Neal and J. B. O'Neal volunteered to attend Trace Ridge Association.

CALL FOR REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Committee on Sunday Schools made report, which was adopted, and the following brethren were appointed to work up an interest in their respective churches:

Harrison—P. C. Maggard,

Prairie View—Ed. Reese,

Cave Hall—Wm. Holt,

Sugar Loaf—W. H. Raley,

Rock Point—J. S. Looney,

Antioch—W. F. Ellis,

Pleasant Grove—A. B. Dial,

Bellefonte—L. Limeberry,

Walnut Grove—A. J. Wilcoxon,

Bethel—S. R. Pemberton,

Lead Mine—W. G. Thornton,

Harmony—J. P. Ponder,

Cross Roads—Walter Dial,

Orion—J. J. Cox,

New Hope—Z. D. Norton.

Motion to adjourn until 1 P. M. Prayer by Bro. J. R. Wilson, of Taney Association.

11 A. M.—Sermon by Elder W. W. Buckner, from Luke 15:18.

1 P. M.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Sam Eaton.

Bro. Sam Eaton was received as a visitor from Carroll County Association.

Committee on Periodicals made report, which, after amendment, was adopted.

Committee on Queries made report.

Query No. 1—Referred to second article of Constitution.

Query No. 2—Laid on table.

Query No. 3—Answered. To withdraw fellowship from.

Query No. 3—From Cross Roads Church. Taken up and laid over until Monday.

Adjourned until Monday 8 A. M. Song No. 167, Bells of Heaven.

Preaching Saturday night by Elder I. M. Raley.

Sermon Sunday 3 P. M. by Elder J. A. Thornton, from Matt. 10:7.

Sermon Sunday night by Elder N. F. Bradley. Subject, Gratitude.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1900.—Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder J. E. Rylee. Hymn, "The Sheltering Rock."

Moderator read Psalm 36.

Query from Cross Roads taken up and first part of query answered No, and latter part laid on table. (See query.)

Roll of churches called and absentees noted.

Committee on Temperance made report, which was adopted.

Committee on Finance made report, which was adopted.

Committee on Obituaries made report, which was adopted by a rising vote.

Committee on Education made report which was adopted.

Committee on Orphans Home made report, which was adopted and a collection was taken, amount \$1.50.

Committee on Credentials, report called for; no report.

Adjourned until 1 P. M. Prayer by Elder I. Davis.

11 A. M.—Sermon by Elder J. B. Swanner, Associational Missionary, Hebrew 6:1-2.

1 P. M.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. W. Buckner.

Committee on missions made report which was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Call for report of Sunday School. Several brethren made encouraging reports.

Bro. N. F. Bradley was elected member of State Board.

Bro. M. M. Smith made a very encouraging verbal report on missionary work in First District.

Bro. C. L. Mattox, associational missionary, made report.

Associational mission report received.

Clerk's report received and adopted. Motion to adjourn until night carried. Prayer by Bro. A. A. Dunnam.

7:30 P. M.—Sermon by Elder J. E. Rylee, from Luke 10:42, fol-

lowed by Eld. W. W. Buckner.

Night session met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Looney.

Report of Treasurer received and adopted, and a motion carried that he be refunded \$3.68, amount counted through mistake.

Committee on Resolutions made report which was adopted.

Motion carried that Association meet next year with Sugar Loaf Church.

Elder J. E. Rylee was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at next sitting of this body and Elder W. W. Butkner as his alternate.

Motion carried that the Clerk be appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and solicit advertisements and that five dollars be allowed him for his services.

Motion carried that the Clerk be refunded \$2.00 paid for postage on minutes.

Motion carried that reading of minutes be dispensed with.

Motion carried that the Association adjourn to meet with Sugar Loaf Church, 22 miles northeast of Harrison, Boone County, Arkansas, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1901, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Elder J. B. Swanner delivered the farewell address.

ELDER N. F. BRADLEY, MODERATOR,

JOS. E. MCGINN, CLERK,

P. O., Murray.

Gaither.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following: We, as Baptists, believe that the great head of the church is God, and He, through the Lord Jesus Christ, has commissioned the church to teach all nations and that they teach in the Sunday School and in the pulpit, and we recommend that the Bible be taught, and that they use other helps that are strong in Bible doctrine; and that this body appoint one brother in each church in this Association to work up the interest in Sunday Schools and that each church is requested to report in our next Association of the work done.

A. A. DUNNAM,
W. H. RALEY, } Com.
W. G. KERLEY.

EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, would submit the following: We are proud to report to you the success of our colleges in this state. Mountain Home, in Baxter county, under the management of Prof. Howell, is taking on new life. Central College, in Conway county, under the leadership of Prof. J. G. Lile, has had this year the greatest opening of her history. Our people cannot do better

than to send their daughters to this school. Ouachita, located at Arkadelphia, is the pride of our denomination in educational matters in the State. Prof. Conger, the President of the Institute, is one of the best educators in the State. It is thought that the attendance this year will reach five hundred. Let Baptists patronize Baptist Schools.

M. M. SMITH,
J. E. RYLEE,
B. F. McMILLAN, } Com.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, prayerfully submit the following: We believe that intoxicating liquor is one of the greatest evils of our day. Therefore we would recommend that our brethren vote against license and work against its influence and abstain from the use and sale of all intoxicating drinks, that we use every effort to put down its use and sale, and after due efforts have been made toward dram-drinking church members and our efforts fail, that we withdraw fellowship from them.

HENRY WAHL,
W. M. HOLT,
A. A. NEAL, } Com.

PERIODICALS.

We, your committee on Periodicals, submit the following report: Above all we recommend the study of God's Word to promote spirituality and growth in grace. We would also recommend that our people take, pay for and read our own denominational literature, to-wit: The Sunday School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention, published at Nashville, Tenn., also our own state paper, The Arkansas Baptist, and the Home and Foreign Mission Journals. We would also recommend The Messenger, published by Elder J. M. Roddy, of Eureka Springs, and that we further recommend the Sunday School literature of the American Baptist Publication Society as sound Baptist literature.

ALLEN PHILLIPS,
J. B. O'NEAL,
M. M. SMITH, } Com.

MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Missions, submit the following report: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we would ask what is the matter with the Baptist Churches of Crooked Creek Association in regard to State, Foreign and Home Missions? Are we Missionary Baptists in practice? Does our report this year show it? Are our hearts as blank of the grace of God as our reports are of mission funds? Brethren, why should your committee recommend when

their recommendations are unheeded. Our State Mission Board is located at Little Rock and they are trying by the help of God and their brethren to plant the truth in all parts of the State. Shall we help? Our Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., and has charge of the work in the Southern States, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Cuba and Porto Rico. A great work is to be done in this department. Shall we enlist for Christ's sake? Cuba is free politically. Shall we as God's servants try to liberate her spiritually? F. H. Kerfoot, of Atlanta, Georgia, is Secretary of the Home Board. Our Foreign Mission Board is located at Richmond, Va., with R. J. Willingham as Corresponding Secretary. It has charge of the work in the following fields: Pagan—Africa, China and Japan. Papal—Italy, South America and Mexico. Brethren shall we let the heathen perish without an effort to save? Only two of our churches report a cent on Foreign Missions. Is this obedience to Christ?

We congratulate the churches on their work the past year for Associational Missions. God has blest us; let us be thankful to Him. We would recommend that the same Board be continued for another year and that three shall constitute a quorum instead of five. We would further recommend that the Board supply the following places with preaching one Sunday out of each month during this associational year: Lead Hill, Valley Springs and Jasper; and further, if the Lord shall so direct, that a Baptist church be established at each place.

We believe that it is wise to establish strong churches in the centers of population and then to reach out to remoter settlements. We would further recommend that the churches combine their strength in each district and do volunteer mission work. Brethren let us rally our forces this year for Christ as we have never done before.

M. M. SMITH,	} Com.
C. L. MATTOX,	
J. A. THORNTON,	
J. E. RYLEE,	

ORPHANS HOME.

We your committee on Orphans Home recommend the following report: We have an Orphans Home for the State of Arkansas located at Monticelo, Drew county, with Mrs. Hanna Hyette Gardner as matron. The Home has now the care of 26 children, and they are being clothed, fed and educated. The Home is preparing to receive 100 children. In order to do this a large two story brick building is being built and furnished for their reception. We would recommend that each church take a collection during this Associational year and forward the same to Mrs. Gardner.

A. A. NEAL,	} Com.
C. L. MATTOX.	

MISSIONARY REPORT.

TO THE CROOKED CREEK ASSOCIATION.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I beg leave to report the following work done: Time one month and three days. Conducted one revival meeting with 18 conversions. Preached 6 days at Valley Springs with good interest. Miles traveled, 96. Visits made, 34. Collections, \$7.92.

J. B. SWANNER, Associational Missionary.

DEAR BRETHREN: I beg leave to submit the following report: Time, one month and twenty days. Number of meetings held, three. First at Shiloh, in Newton county, of 9 days, 1 conversion; second at Compton, Newton county, 15 days, 1 conversion; third at Cross Roads, Newton county, 12 days, 4 conversions, 2 accessions to the church, 1 by baptism, 1 by letter. The church without a pastor. Miles traveled, 325. Collections, \$1.15.

C. L. MATTOX, Associational Missionary.

MISSIONARY BOARD'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

We, your Missionary Board, beg leave to submit the following report:

SUBSCR'D. PAID. DUE.			SUBSCR'D. PAID. DUE.		
Harrison,	\$30.00	\$30.00	Bellefonte,	\$5.60	\$5.60
Walnut Grove,	7.27	7.27	Cave Hall,	6.05	6.05
Prairie View,	4.00	2.75	Mt. Zion,	2.50	2.00
Sugar Loaf,	10.00	10.00	Antioch,	3.00	3.00
Bethel,	8.50	8.50	Lead Mine,	2.10	2.10
Cross Roads,	2.50	2.50	New Hope,	.50	.50
Rock Point,	10.41	10.41	Harmony,	1.60	1.60

RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES.

SUBSCR'D PAID. DUE.			SUBSCR'D. PAID. DUE.		
Third District,	\$1.80	\$1.80	From Treas.	\$3.00	\$3.00
Missionaries,	8.15	8.18			
Total,				106.98	102.23
					4.75

DISBURSEMENTS TO MISSIONARIES.

To Elder J. B. Swanner,	\$36.66
To Elder C. L. Mattox,	41.60
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	\$78.32
Due to Board,	\$4.75
Balance on hand,	\$20.11

ALLEN PHILLIPS, Moderator.
C. L. HALL, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1900.

Received,	\$28.94
Paid to M. M. Smith for Missions,	4.40
Leaving,	\$24.49
Foreign Missions,	1.13
State Missions,	2.50
Associational Missions,	5.30
Minute Fund,	15.56
Total,	\$24.49

W. R. SPEER, Treasurer.

CLERK'S REPORT, 1899.

Paid for printing Minutes,	\$15.00
Clerk's salary,	5.00
Total,	\$20.00
Received for advertisements,	\$20.00

QUERIES.

We, your committee on Queries submit the following:

Query No. 1. For what does the Association meet, or what is the design of its meeting? Referred to second article of Constitution.

Query No. 2. What course should a church pursue with members who have moved off without letters and not heard from for years? Tabled.

Query No. 3. What is meant in 1 Cor. 5:5. Answer: To withdraw fellowship.

Query No. 4. Sent by Cross Roads Church. Is it right to receive a member into the church on baptism of another denomination? Then is it right to keep them in the church who have been received on baptism of a different faith and order, or different denomination? Answer to first part of this query, No; second part laid on table.

M. A. DIAL,
M. WALTRIP.
JOHN ROBERTSON, } Com.

OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on Obituaries, submit the following: We find from the church letters that there have been 4 deaths in our ranks; 3 from Harmony Church, to-wit: Bros. G. S. Snoddy, Frank McJunkin and D. G. Murray, and one from Bellefonte Church, Bro. J. N. Warner. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh. Blessed be His name. The churches failed to send obituaries.

C. M. HUNT,
A. K. TONEY,
W. B. TYE, } Com.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, that we tender our heartfelt thanks to the brethren and sisters and friends of Prairie View Church and community for the kind brotherly love in which they received and cared for us all, both messengers and visitors, during our stay with them.

J. S. LOONEY, } Com.
W. H. RALEY, }

FINANCE.

Will your committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:

Received from Treasurer,	\$24.49
For Minutes,	12.15
Associational Missions,	17.80
Home "	2.85
Foreign "	3.15
Total,	\$60.44

URIAH HONEYCUTT, } Com.
W. G. THORNTON, }

LIST OF MINISTERS IN ASSOCIATION.

M. Smith,	Harrison, Ark.	A. Hefner,	Harrison, Ark.
L. Mattox,	" "	W. W. Buckner,	" "
David,	Linton,	E. Reese,	" "
W. G. Thornton,	Willis,	J. A. Thornton,	Willis,
W. H. Raley,	" "	W. J. Winnett,	" "
W. H. Raley,	Sycamore,	O. C. Hefner,	Sycamore,
W. H. Raley,	Self,	R. W. Martin,	Boone,
W. H. Raley,	Francis,	N. F. Bradley,	Murry,
W. H. Raley,	Murry,	J. Pettit,	Francis,
W. H. Raley,	Omaha,	A. A. Neal,	Cassville,
W. H. Raley,	Boxley,	C. Rylee,	Parthenon,
W. H. Raley,	Parthenon,	Parker Young,	Swain,
W. H. Raley,	Harrison,	A. E. Wilson,	Swain,
W. H. Raley,	Swain,	T. C. Bethel,	Limestone,
W. H. Raley,	Murry,	J. B. Swanner,	Bellefonte,
W. H. Raley,	John Robertson,	Harrison, Ark.	

DISTRICTS.

First District—Harrison, Bellefonte, Prairie View, Walnut Grove, Mt. Zion, Cave Hall.

Second District—Bethel, Sugar Loaf, Lead Mine, Orion, Hope, Rock, Rock Point.

Third District—Union, Mt. Pleasant, Harmony, New Hope, Antioch, Cross Roads, Millshoals, Pleasant Grove.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

In addition to the contributions as recorded in the statistical

table the following sums have been raised by Churches of the Association:

Harrison—Home Missions, \$10.44; State Missions, \$9.63; Foreign Missions, \$9.90; Orphans Home, \$68.00; Associational Missions, \$18.23; Ministerial Education, \$1.00; Church Expenses, \$101.12; Paid Rev. Roddy for conducting Revival, \$24.00; Children's Day contribution to American Baptist Publishing Society, \$5.58; Sunday School expenses, \$20.00.

Bellefonte—Associational Missions, \$5.60; Children's Day contribution, \$2.16.

Walnut Grove—Associational Missions, \$7.50; Orphans Home, \$7.00

Cave Hall—State Missions, \$2.53; Orphans Home, \$2.00; Associational Missions, \$6.05; Home Missions, \$2.35; Foreign Mission, \$3.15;

CONSTITUTION.

We, the Church of Jesus Christ, called Baptists, being assembled, through our delegates at Bellefonte, Boone county, Arkansas on Saturday before the second Sabbath in May, A. D., 1869, agree to form ourselves into an Association for the purpose of instruction, edification and the promotion of the cause of our blessed Redeemer.

Article I. The Association shall be composed of messengers or delegates, chosen by the churches in our union, who, on presenting letters certifying to their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. II. The messengers thus chosen, when convened, shall be known as the "Crooked Creek Association," who shall be not merely an advisory council, but also for the advancement of the cause and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Art. III. Each church in the Association shall be entitled to four delegates, and any church failing to represent herself shall render the reason to the next Association; failing to do so she shall be dropped from the roll of the Association.

Art. IV. Letters from the churches shall state the number received by experience, baptism, letter, recommendation or restoration; those dismissed by letter, ex-communicated or deceased since the last Association, also the total number in fellowship.

Art. V. New churches may be admitted into the Association, who petition by letter and delegates, adopting or subscribing to our articles of faith, constitution and rules of decorum, the Moderator giving the hand of fellowship.

Art. VI. The Association shall elect a Moderator and Clerk by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. VII. The Association shall have a fund for support which shall be supplied by voluntary contribution of the churches sent by the hands of their messengers which shall be at the disposal for Association purposes only.

Art. VIII. Donating or withholding our means for religious pur-

poses shall be at the free volition of any member, and is no bar to fellowship.

Art. IX. Questions may be sent by churches in their letters or brought in by motion and second, and may or may not be investigated as the Association may determine.

Art. X. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members, except in the reception of members, which shall be unanimous.

Art. XI. The Association shall have power to withdraw her fellowship from any church in her union who, after due admonition, shall be unsound in her faith and practice.

Art. XII. Some of her ministers shall be appointed by the Association each session to preach the introductory sermon at the next.

Art. XIII. She may correspond with any association as she may determine, while in session.

Art. XIV. There shall be a Treasurer appointed by the Association, who shall receive and disburse all funds belonging to her as she may direct.

Art. XV. The clerk shall keep a minute of the proceedings, which shall be printed and distributed among the churches according to the contributions.

Art. XVI. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and attested by the Clerk, before the Association recess.

Art. XVII. Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any time when two-thirds of the churches may deem it necessary.

Art. XVIII. The Association at each session shall determine the time and place of the next.

DECLARATION OF FAITH,

Article I. We believe that the Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is and shall remain to the end of the world the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human opinions should be said.

II. We believe there is one and only one, living and true God, an infinite intelligent spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct and harmonious offices in the work of the redemption.

III. We believe man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression, fell from that holy and happy estate, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners, not

by constraint, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil, and therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse.

IV. We believe the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who, by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin, honored the Divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death made full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven, and uniting in His wonderful person the tender sympathies with Divine perfection, He is every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and all-sufficient Savior.

V. We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is justification; that justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, by virtue of which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God, that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel, and that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by the cordial, penitent and obedient faith, and nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own determined depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel, which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

VII. We believe that in order to be saved sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, that it is affected in a manner above our comprehension, by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with Divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel, and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

VIII. We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating spirit of God; whereby, being convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy, at the same time receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on Him as the only all-sufficient Savior.

IX. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the moral agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable, that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God

...imitation of His free mercy, that it encourages the use of His grace to the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects; that it is to be truly believed in the Gospel; that it is the foundation of our assurance, and to ascertain it with regard to ourselves it deserves the utmost diligence.

We believe that sanctification is the process by which according to the will of God, we are made partakers of His holiness, that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration and is carried on in the hearts of the believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Healer and Comforter, in the use of the appointed means—especially the word of God, the Sacraments, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

We believe that such only are real believers as endure to the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from the superficial professors, that His providence watches over their welfare, and they are preserved by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable basis of His moral government; that it is holy, just and good, that the inability which the scriptures ascribe to the fallen man to keep the precepts, arises from the love of sin, to deliver them from its bondage, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel and of the Christian's life, connected with the establishment of his visible church.

We believe that a church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of true believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, and exercising together the rights, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that His scriptural officers are Bishops, or Pastors or Deacons, that His regulations, claims and duties are found in the epistles to the Romans and Titus.

We believe that Christian Baptism is immersion, in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, administered by a legal administrator, to show forth in solemn and public confession, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Saviour, and its effects in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation, and that the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the unfeigned faith of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination.

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's day, the Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations, that it is the season of all means of grace, both private and public, and the preparation for the rest that remains for the people of God.

We believe that the government is of Divine appointment, that it is for the interest and good order of human society, and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed ex-

cept only in things opposed to the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XVII. We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of our Lord Jesus and sanctified by, the Spirit of our God are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked and under the curse, and this distinction holds good among men both in and after death.

XVIII. We believe that the end of the world is approaching: that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from their graves for final retribution; that a solemn separation will take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that the judgment will fix forever the final state of man in Heaven or hell on principles of righteousness.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall cause each session to open and close with pray r.

2. Ministers present invited to take seats are privileged to speak with us on all subjects, but vote on none.

3. Those who speak shall rise to their feet and respectfully address the brother Moderator.

4. No motion shall be entertained without a second.

5. If when a motion has been made and seconded, a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question; should this question be discussed? and if negatived the subject shall be dropped.

6. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless ordered at the time.

7. No one shall speak more than three times on any subject without special leave of Association, and not more than ten minutes.

8. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator: if so, his name shall be left off the Minutes.

9. The stand shall be supplied with preaching from time to time during the session, only by consent of the Association.

10. The Moderator shall decide by his vote all questions upon which there is no majority.

11. The Moderator shall state and explain questions before the Association, and take the sense of the Association in all cases where a vote is taken, except by ballot.

12. No motion shall be entertained until the one under discussion has been disposed of, except a motion to adjourn, postpone, amend, or put the main question.

13. The Moderator shall call to order any member who, while speaking, uses any discourteous language, or departs from the subject under discussion.

14. These rules may be amended at any time when a majority of the members may deem it necessary.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Annual Introductory Sermon.
2. Call of the Association to order by the Moderator, if present.
3. Call for church letters and enroll messengers.
4. Election of officers.
5. Call for petitionary letters for membership.
6. Call for corresponding letters and messengers.
7. Appoint committees.
8. Read Constitution and Rules of Decorum.
9. Call and correct roll and note absentees.
10. Call for reports of messengers to corresponding bodies.
11. Appoint messengers to corresponding bodies.
12. Call for report of committees in order.
13. Miscellaneous business.
14. Resolutions.
15. Appoint place for next meeting of the Association.
16. Appoint some one to preach the introductory sermon.
17. Appoint some one to have the minutes printed.
18. Adjournment.

FORM FOR ASSOCIATION LETTER.

To the Crooked Creek Baptist Association when convened
with (place) (time)

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and

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tism, by letter....., by statement
by restoration.....

Decreased: by letter....., by exclusion....., by death
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Pastoral support....., for minutes

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..... Moderator.

..... Clerk. P. O.

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