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OFFICERS:

JAMES E. ASKEW, Moderator.
College Hill, Ark.

R. H. MITCHELL, Clerk.
Roaston, Ark.

J. W. HUDSON, Treasurer.
Laneburg, Ark.

The next session to be held with Bethesda Church, Ouchita County, Ark., on Saturday, before the 1st Sunday in October, 1891.

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PROCEEDINGS.

COLUMBIA COUNTY, ARK.,

October 4, 1890.

The messengers composing the nineteenth session of the Union Baptist Association met with the Church at Shiloh on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, A. D., 1890.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. A. W. Tiffin. Text: 1st Timothy iv, 16. After preaching, the congregation was dismissed till 1 o'clock, at which time the Association met for permanent organization. After devotional exercises, was called to order by Bro. James E. Askew, the former Moderator.

The letters from the different churches were then called for and read by Brethren O. G. Quinn and W. A. McKee, who were appointed reading clerks. After the letters were read, the body proceeded to election of officers, which resulted in the re-election of James E. Askew Moderator, and R. H. Mitchell Clerk.

Called for petitionary letters. Letters from the following churches were presented and read, and, being found orthodox, on motion was received into the Associational compact, and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator, namely: Pleasant Hill No. 2, Laneburg. New Liberty, Liberty and Woodlawn.

Invited visiting brethren to seats.

The following committees were appointed:

On Divine Service: J. W. Hudson, J. R. Sullivant, W. A. J. Cooper, G. N. Fann, W. P. Nix.

On Foreign Missions: Elds. J. B. Searcy, J. W. Erwin, O. C. Kidd.

On Documents: L. A. Reece, Eld. D. M. Armstrong, H. Moser.

On Finance: O. G. Quinn, L. A. Bennett, J. N. Vestal.

On Pastoral Support: Eld. J. N. Acker, L. A. Reece, S. J. Glass.

On Obituaries: Eld. T. A. Middlebrooks, O. C. Kidd, A. C. Tucker.

On Literature: Eld. O. C. Kidd, J. W. Hudson, A. W. Tiffin.

On Temperance: B. J. Drake, T. J. Hartsfield, P. J. Almand.

On Destitution: Eld. W. J. Wallthall, F. B. Garner, J. N. Sherfield.

On Education: Eld. Z. T. Rodgers, H. T. Ward, W. A. McKee.

On Sabbath Schools: O. G. Quinn, W. J. Sexton, Eld. A. W. Tiffin.

On Ouachita College: Eld. J. B. Searcy, John Purifoy, N. N. Gatlin.

Called for Correspondence. Received from Columbia Association: W. T. Davis, T. L. Fulbright, B. C. Davis, Maj. Poe.

Returned Correspondence. To Columbia Association: Robert Levins. To Red River Association: Eld. J. B. Searcy, W. J. Wallthall, Z. T. Rodgers, J. N. Sherfield. To Southwestern Association: J. C. Black. To the State Convention: Elds. J. B. Searcy, Z. T. Rodgers, T. A. Middlebrook. To the Southern Baptist Convention: Eld. J. B. Searcy; James E. Askew, alternate.

The Committee on Divine Service make the following report: Eld. T. L. Fulbright to preach at the church to-night. Eld. J. W. Erwin at Davis' mill. Eld. Josiah Crauch at Buckner. On Sabbath, prayer meeting at the church at 9 o'clock a. m., conducted by Bro. O. G. Quinn. At 11 o'clock a. m. a missionary sermon by Eld. J. B. Searcy.

On motion, adjourned till 8 o'clock Monday morning.

SABBATH:

At the hour announced the brethren engaged in a prayer meeting conducted by Bro. S. F. Snell.

At 11 o'clock Eld. J. B. Searcy preached to a large, attentive congregation. Text: Mathew xxviii, 19. Theme: "The Spreading of the

Gospel." The sermon was concise and very pointed. At the close of the sermon a collection was taken up for Foreign Missions, amounting to \$37.00.

Eld. Z. T. Rodgers filled the stand at 2 o'clock p. m., and preached a fine sermon on same topic as Eld. J. B. Searey.

Eld. J. W. Erwin preached at the church at night.

Eld. J. B. Searey preached at Buckner at night.

The preaching was all excellent.

MONDAY MORNING.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After divine services by Eld. A. W. Tiffin the body proceeded to business.

Roll called and names of absentees erased.

Called for reports of committees.

The Committee on Education made their report, and, on motion, was recommitted (to be amended).

The Committee on Destitution made their report, and, on motion, was recommitted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made their report, and was spoken to by Eld. J. B. Searey and others, and, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report that this branch of our religious work is rapidly on the increase. The reports from all our mission fields the past year are more encouraging than heretofore. Besides our missionaries in Africa, Mexico and Brazil, during the last year we have established a mission in Japan, which promises to be very fruitful. Within the last year Brazil has thrown off the monarchical yoke and become a republic, showing that the tyranny of priest-craft has about run its race, and now toleration is offered to the pure Gospel of Christ. These new missions and important changes call loudly for an increase in the number of our missionaries. And to add to this interest the Lord seems to have put in the hearts of a great number of promising young men and women a desire to go to a foreign field. All these things demand an increase in our deliberations. We are asked for \$150,000 this year. Arkansas is asked for \$3,000 of that amount. We think Union

Association can and will pay \$200 of that amount. The plan heretofore adopted, of having some one in each church to represent this work, we have found to be a good one, and recommend its continuance. In addition, we respectfully ask the several pastors to urge this matter upon the membership, and thus co-operate with the brother or sister appointed to collect this fund. We would especially urge that collections be taken in our churches as early as possible, so as to save the board the expense of borrowing money. What we do let us do quickly.

Submitted,

J. B. SEARCY, Chairman.

List of names apointed to take collection in each church for Foreign Missions:

Antloch, J. B. Wilson.
 Belleview, Wm. Cubbage.
 Bethacy, F. B. Garner.
 Bethesda, A. Patterson.
 Bluff Springs, F. A. Dillard.
 Bodew No. 1, Peter Fuller.
 Bodew No. 2, W. G. Urrey.
 Bois d'Arc, J. A. Luck.
 College Hill, J. E. Askew.
 Corinth, C. L. Chasteen.
 Falcon, J. J. Pelt.
 Harmony, W. A. McKee.
 Hope, Miss Jennie Black.
 Laneburg, Miss Posia Almand.
 Liberty, Miss Laura Urrev.
 Macedonia, B. J. Drake.
 Melrose, Zack Levins.
 Missionary Grove, J. W. Wingfield.

Mt. Nebo, C. C. McLellen.
 Mt. Olive, P. J. Tidwell.
 Mt. Pisgah, S. J. Glass.
 New Liberty, W. T. Hood.
 New Salem, J. M. Gullick.
 Pleasant Hill No. 1, W. O. Godly.
 Pleasant Hill No. 2, C. W. Rhep.
 Pleasant Grove No. 1, Wm. Barlow.
 Pleasant Grove No. 2, J. M. Crossan.
 Round Oak, J. L. Sanders.
 Salem, Mrs. P. Norman.
 Shady Grove No. 1, James Gaston.
 Shady Grove No. 2, H. L. Ward.
 Shiloh, W. G. Davis.
 Shover Springs, J. M. T. Holt.
 Union, S. T. Bailey.
 Union Grove, L. Woodall.
 White Oak Grove, J. J. Osteen.

Woodlawn, H. C. Tribble.

The Committee on Pastoral Support made their report, and after considerable discussion was amended by striking out the words, "fixed

salary," and then, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

We, your Committee on Pastoral Support, would submit the following report: We believe that our churches are too negligent in the support of their pastors. The Scriptures teach us that "they that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel." For this reason we would recommend that each church adopt a system by which their pastors may be supported without his having to call for help. We would further recommend the system laid down in the Scriptures which says: "Let every one lay up on the first day of the week as the Lord has prospered him." We feel confident that if this plan was adopted by the churches, and strictly adhered to, there would be less complaint on this important subject.

J. N. ACKER, Chairman.

On motion, Bro. L. A. Reece was granted leave of absence.

Adjourned for refreshments.

EVENING SESSION.

The Committee on Finance made their report, and, on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance submit the following report: We had sent up from the various churches of the Association the following amounts for the purposes mentioned:

For minutes	7	\$61 65
For Foreign Missions		21 25
Total		\$82 90

Respectfully submitted,

O. G. QUINN, Chairman.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools made their report, and, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools would submit the following report: Considering a knowledge of the Scriptures and the religious training of the rising generation of vital importance to social, moral and Christian greatness, and conceiving of no place more appreciated than the place where the Bible is exclusively read, its great doctrines taught, and

its holy principles inculcated: and believing no place so appropriate as that of the Sunday School, where all may unite in a grand and glorious work, we would most earnestly urge our brethren to greater activity in this work, and earnestly endeavor to have a Sabbath School in every church.

Respectfully submitted,

O. G. QUINN, Chm.

The Committee on literature made their report and on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Literature, make this our report: 1st. Recommend the Bible as the Book of books, and the only one upon which we can rely for the plan of man's redemption, and the rule of faith and practice of our churches., 2nd. We recommend that every Baptist family subscribe for and read the Arkansas Baptist, a paper that is ably edited and pre-eminently sound in the faith. 3rd. For use in our Sundayschools we recommend Kind Words, published at Louisville, Kentucky.

Respectfully submitted,

O. C. KIDD, Chairman.

The Committee on Obituaries made their report, and on motion adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to make the following report: While Bro. J. W. Landers was not a member of this body, yet we feel it to be our duty to make mention of him in our report, as his connection with us has been long and very pleasant. But God has seen fit to remove him by death, to his eternal reward. Elder J. W. Landers was born in Alabama, in the year 1831, and died in Arkansas Aug. 5, 1890; and was born again in 1865, and united with the church at Shiloh and was baptised into its fellowship by Eld. S. C. Edwards. He was ordained into the full work of the ministry in the year 1872. As a minister, he was faithful in his work; as a Christian, he was pious and much devoted. He was safe in council; as a friend, true; an affectionate husband; a loving father. Bro. Landers is gone! and while we mourn his loss, we feel that our loss is his eternal gain, for the Scriptures truly says: "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea,

saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. Therefore, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, in the death of our beloved brother. Resolved that the sympathy of this Association is hereby tendered to his bereaved family.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. MIDDLEBROOK, Chairman.

The Committee on Temperance made their report, and, after some discussion, was, on motion adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report the following: The immoderate use of food or drink is hurtful to physical, mental and moral nature, and, when indulged in, becomes intemperance. The use of intoxicating liquors, wines or fermented cider, by the members of the church, except it be absolutely as a medicine or for sacramental purposes, is intemperance of the most pernicious type, and should not be tolerated by the churches. The church which remains indifferent to the fact and retains in her fellowship a member who indulges at any time in the unnecessary use of such things, is a disorderly church, from which this Association should withdraw fellowship. The habit of dram drinking, under the misleading of society and medicine, is an inexcusable sin for which a member should be brought under the discipline of the church, under the charge of intemperance. The good of the local option laws of this State are so manifest that we feel encouraged, and, as Baptists, the only custodians of the Apostolic teachings and practices, should do all in our power under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to foster and maintain, by precept and example, every legislative enactment against the monster Rum, until he is driven from the land. We deplore and oppose political alliance with the church, but as the people of God we should stand up and boldly fight for the right in the maintenance of laws against the rum traffic.

Respectfully submitted,

B. J. DRAKE, Chairman.

The Committee on Destitution made their report, and, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON DESTITUTION.

We, your Committee on Destitution, beg leave to report as follows: After careful investigation, we find but one destitution of any consequence, and that is what is known as the Pine Grove neighborhood in Onachita county. Therefore, we recommend that this body appoint a board to supply said destitution, or any other destitution that may be found in our bounds.

Submitted,

W. J. WALTHALL, Chairman.

On motion, an Executive Board was appointed to raise means and supply the destitution in our bounds. The following brethren were appointed: E. S. Carper, O. G. Quinn, A. T. Bailey.

The Committee on Education made their report, and, on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education would report that never in the history of our denomination was there so much attention given to this work, and never were the results so satisfactory. Baptists have been stigmatized with ignorance, but it is a fact that to-day not only our ministry but our membership would not suffer in comparison with others from the standpoint of intelligence. But as we claim to be the champion of the truth, we ought to take the lead in education. We believe that all that is necessary for pious people to appreciate our principles is to have an intelligent knowledge of them; hence, the more cultivated our ministry and membership, the more effectively they can advance our cause. Now we have at Arkadelphia by far the best school in the State, and we urge our people to send their sons and daughters there to be educated. As a matter of course we encourage home schools also. Brethren, we, as your Committee, recommend that the churches composing Union Association send Brethren W. J. Walthall and T. A. Middlebrook to the Onachita College this ensuing year, as they desire to go.

Submitted,

Z. T. ROBERTS, Chairman.

Committee on Documents made their report, and, on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to report as follows:

After examination of the letters from the various churches, we find that some of the churches have not heeded the counsel given by this body, in still retaining Dr. J. N. Hereford as a Gospel Minister. We would recommend that the churches give heed to the counsel given by this body.— We also find that some of the letters are unnecessarily long. We also find that there has been received during the year, members as follows: By baptism 166, by letter 147, restored 16; total additions, 329.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. MOSES, Chairman.

The Committee on Ouachita College made their report; pending its adoption sum of \$6 was paid Eld. J. B. Searcy, for the college; report was then adopted.

REPORT ON OUCHITA COLLEGE.

We, your Committee on Ouachita College, would report: 'That this school, which is the pride of the denomination in the State, continues its onward and forward course. One year ago the rush was to get into the new building; that we have accomplished, and three hundred and nine pupils enrolled during the year. Now the push is to finish the "Young Ladies Home." A large and beautiful brick building, which is now nearing completion, and which, when finished, will be a home for the young ladies for years. The 11th session has just opened with a much larger attendance than any previous session; we confidently expect to enroll 350 pupils this year. The people of Arkadelphia have nobly donated the cost of the Young Ladies' Home, which will be a clear gift to the denomination of over \$25,000. There yet remains a considerable debt on the main building, most of which has been subscribed, but much of it remains unpaid. All our people should contribute to this school, and our people who have sons and daughters to send to school ought to send them here at home, rather than another state, so as to support Prof. Conger and his noble faculty.

J. B. SEARCY, Chairman.

On motion Bro. J. W. Hudson was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

On motion, a Committee of three was appointed on nominations, namely: J W Hudson, L C Pirtle and W L Jones. Report of this committee:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The next meeting of the Union Association will be held with the Bethesda church, Onachita county, Ark., one and a half miles east of Child-ester station, on the Gurdon & Camden railroad, commencing on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, A. D. 1891; Eld. Z. T. Rodgers to preach the introductory sermon, O. C. Kidd to be his alternate; Eld. J. B. Searcy to preach a missionary sermon on Sabbath at 11 o'clock. J. W. Erwin alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HURSON, Chairman.

Call for reports of district meetings.

The first district meeting of the Union Association will be held with Shady Grove church No. 2, commencing on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in July, 1891.

BUSINESS PROGRAM.

Introductory sermon by Eld. J. W. Erwin. Theme: "Repentance and Faith."

ESSAYS:—On the Duties of Pastors to their Churches, by A. E. Adams; on the Duties of Churches to their Pastors, by S. J. Hesterly.

Lecture on Temperance by Eld. T. A. Middlebrook.

Query: What are the Scriptural Duties of Deacons?

W. R. BARNHAM, Moderator.

J. B. HANNAH, Clerk.

The 2nd district meeting of the Union Association will be held with White Oak Grove church, Hempstead county, Ark., commencing on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in August, A. D., 1891.

BUSINESS PROGRAM.

Introductory sermon by M. M. Baxter, C. T. Wilson alternate.

ESSAYS:—On Faith, by C. T. Wilson; on Repentance by J. J. Osteen; on Temperance, by J. N. Acker; on Duty of Deacons, by H. C. Dickson.

Query: Was the Atonement Complete on the Cross, or Afterwards?—To be answered by W. H. Riley.

J. N. ACKER, Moderator.

C. T. WILSON, Clerk.

On motion the Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of the

minutes, and that he have eight hundred copies printed, and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services. On motion the Clerk was instructed to give the printing of the minutes to the Arkansas Baptist, if he can get them on reasonable terms.

On motion Eld. J. B. Searcy was appointed to receive the funds paid in for ministerial education.

On motion, the thanks of this body was tendered to the Moderator, for the able and impartial manner in which he presided over this body.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Finance Committee the following amounts:

For Foreign Missions	\$20 10	
For minutes fund	61 65	
By amount to J. B. Searcy		\$20 10
By amount to R. H. Mitchell, Clerk		61 65
Total	\$130 75	\$130 75

J. W. Hudson, Treasurer.

CLERK'S REPORT.

R. H. Mitchell, Clerk, in account with Union Association:

To amount received from Treasurer—minutes fund	\$41 65	
By amount for his services		\$15 00
By amount for printing and distributing minutes		45 65
Total	\$41 65	\$41 65

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That this body return its sincere thanks, to Brethren, and especially the good sisters and friends of this church and community, for their generous hospitality to this Association during this sitting. On motion Z. T. Rogers, adopted.

Resolved, 2. That this Association have Abstracts of Faith published in our minutes. On motion, Z. T. Rogers, adopted.

Resolved, 3. That the Clerk be instructed to print on the back cover of our minutes the advertisement of the Ouachita College. On motion, adopted.

Whereas, some of our churches have received members who have been excluded from sister churches without investigation; therefore, be it

Resolved, 4. That this body disapprove of such; and *Resolved*, That

hereafter if any church in this Association shall receive an excluded member without first thoroughly investigating the same, will be dropped from the associational compact.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Bethsadia church on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in October, A. D. 1891.

Thus closed another very harmonious meeting of the Union Association. At the close, an appropriate hymn was sung while the brethren extended to each other the parting hand. And after a fervent prayer offered by Eld. J. B. Searcy, the messengers left for their homes with countenances beaming with joy, and hearts filled with desire to labor for the Master.

JAMES E. ASKEW, Moderator.

R. H. MITCHELL, Clerk.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. B. Searcy, Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
 O. C. Kidd, Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
 J. W. Erwin, Laneburg, Nevada County, Arkansas.
 W. R. Barham, Prescott, Nevada County, Arkansas.
 Z. T. Rodgers, Prescott, Nevada County, Arkansas.
 J. N. Sherfield, Emmet, Nevada County, Arkansas.
 J. W. Wingfield, Prescott, Nevada County, Arkansas.
 W. H. Harris, Wallaceburg, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
 D. M. Armstrong, Bodeaw, Nevada County, Arkansas.
 T. A. Middlebrook, Willisville, Nevada County, Arkansas.
 W. J. Walthall, Bluff City, Nevada County, Arkansas.
 A. Patterson, Chidester, Ouachita County, Arkansas.
 J. N. Acker, Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
 A. M. Tennison, Chidester, Ouachita County, Arkansas.
 A. W. Tiffin, Stephens, Ouachita County, Arkansas.
 T. Howell, Prescott, Nevada County, Arkansas.
 J. M. Cornish, Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
 E. Kersey, Prescott, Nevada County, Arkansas.

NAMES OF LICENTIATES.

N. N. Gatlin, Prescott, Nevada County, Arkansas.
 W. J. Sexton, Woodlawn, Ouchita County, Arkansas.
 A. J. Meador, Bluff City, Nevada County, Arkansas.
 J. B. Purifoy, Chidester, Ouchita County, Arkansas.
 Josiah Crauch, Emmet, Nevada County, Arkansas.
 J. T. Downs, Hope, Hempstead County, Ark.
 M. M. Baxter, Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
 C. T. Wilson, Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
 H. T. Ward, Prescott, Nevada County, Arkansas.
 M. D. Andrews, Prescott, Nevada County, Arkansas.
 S. J. Hesterly, Prescott, Nevada County, Arkansas.
 P. J. Almand, Wallaceburg, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
 Wilson Biddie, Wallaceburg, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
 R. H. Mitchell, Brisbane, Nevada County, Arkansas.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for credentials.
2. Election of officers.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Receive correspondence.
7. Return correspondence.
8. Call for reports of committees.
9. Election of Treasurer.
10. Call for reports of district meetings.
11. Appointment of a minister to preach the annual sermon.
12. Appointment of a person to superintend the printing of minutes.
13. Miscellaneous business.

NOTE: The printing of these minutes was delayed ten days waiting for an answer from the Arkansas Baptist, in regard to the printing of the same.

CLERK.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in the existence of one only living God, and that He has made Himself known to His people under the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and divine in perfection.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that God hath chosen us in Christ Jesus, before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestined us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

5. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from his fallen state.

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

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe that true believers will be kept by the favor of God, and that they will never finally fall away.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are New Testament ordinances; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; that immersion only is Baptism, and that it is pre requisite to the privilege of the Lord's Supper.

10. We believe in the Resurrection and the General Judgment.

11. We believe the punishment of the wicked and the joy of the righteous will be everlasting.

12. We believe that no person has the right to administer the ordinances except such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the Union Association of regular United Baptists.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of messengers sent up by the churches belonging to the same, and each church be allowed three (3) representatives, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their respective churches before they are allowed their seats.

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

ART. 4. This union of churches shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed, but it shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall act as an advisory council, assuming no authority, except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the very nature of the compact; nevertheless, this Association claims authority over its own members, the messengers from the churches, and the right to withdraw from any church when found heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice.

ART. 5. Any church of the same faith and order may be admitted into this Union by petitionary letter and messengers to the annual meeting, by said messengers agreeing with the Abstract of Principles as set forth by this body.

ART. 6. The churches in this Union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association a written communication, specifying the names of their messengers, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored, or deceased, since the last session, and any other information that the churches may deem important.

ART. 7. This Association shall, at each session, appoint a Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to hold all funds sent up by the churches, or otherwise collected, also to disburse them as ordered by the Association, and shall present annually for insertion in the Minutes a clear and succinct statement of all the receipts and expenditures.

ART. 8. This Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of each session.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of the printed Minutes of each session of this day, and deliver the same to his successor in office.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. When the Messengers of the several churches shall assemble at the

place appointed for the session of the Association, the Moderator shall open the business by praise and prayer, in person or by proxy. If the Moderator or Clerk be absent, the Association shall appoint one pro tem.

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

3. When the Messengers' names are enrolled and called by the Clerk, the Association shall then elect by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, a majority of votes governing the election.

4. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they are entertained by the Moderator. When motions for amendments to motions are made the last one made shall be first in order, and so on 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 to speak on any matter before the Association, shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the Moderator. If he be in order, the Moderator shall signify the same by calling the name of the person so rising, or otherwise, and no one, thus in order, shall be interrupted while in speaking unless he depart from the subject, or use personal reflection, nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Moderator, except to explain some of his preceding remarks.

6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for the discussion of any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the vote of the Association, and declare the result, the majority governing in all cases.

7. No member shall vacate his seat without the consent of the Moderator, while the body is sitting.

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

9. The Moderator shall have the names of the Messengers called whenever it may be necessary.

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

11. The Moderator may invite visiting ministers, in good order, to seats in council, who may speak but not vote.

12. The Moderator shall be the judge of order, subject to an appeal to the Association.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	MESSENGERS.	PASTOR-PICK.	Baptisms.	Rec by Let.	Restored.	Disseminated.	Excluded.	Dead.	Members.	Contributions Minister.	Contributions Foreign Miss.	Number not enrolled.	Day Mr.
Antioch	M M Baxter	J B Wilson	Dave Moman	Hope				1			13	\$1 00	\$2 00		1
Bethany	M D Armstrong	J T Johnson	F B Garner, J M Huckabee	Hope	15	2					35	1 50			1
Bethesda	W J Walthall	E S Carter	R H Kirby, E S Carter, T A Rushing	Childester	4	11		2	2	1	70	2 00			2
Bodenaw No 1	M D Armstrong	S L Fuller	M D Armstrong, James Downs, L A Heece	Bodenaw	11	6		20	2	1	145	1 75	3 00	20	2
Bodenaw No 2	O C Kidd	D M Urrey	W G Urrey, P F Brooks, G W Dorman	Bodenaw	4	6		1	1		43	2 00	1 25		2
Bluff Springs	W J Walthall	F A Dillard	J W Erwin, W C Almond	Laneburg	2	2		13			70	2 25			2
Bols d'Arc	O C Kidd	A M Hanchey	J A Luck, W Stringfellow, T Wamble	Guiney	3			6	5		51	1 50	2 00		4
Bellevue			Not represented								30				
Corinth	T A Middlebrook	B F May	C T Chastren, S McMillan, J T Emery	Bodenaw	1	4		2	1		34	1 50			1
College Hill	D N Mullins	H S Luck	J E Asken, J R Sullivan	College Hill				2			44	2 50			1
Falcon		J S Felt	Not represented	Falcon							35				
Harmony	W N Hereford	W A McKee	S F Snell, Eugene Whit, W A McKee	Emmet			1	2	1		25	50			
Liberty	J N Sheffield	A J Sullivan	A J Urrey, Wm Brooks, A F Milam	Prescott	11	13					42	2 00			1
Laneburg	J W Erwin	J W Hudson	L C Pirle, J W Hudson	Laneburg	1	2					12	1 50			1
Hope	J B Searey	A C Yates	J B Searey	Hope	4	40		1	2		112	2 50	41 20	120	3
Mr Nebo		J A Powell	G C Powell	Lewisville				1	1		1	1 50			
Missionary Grove	Z T Rodgers	W D Stockton	D D Stewart, W D Stockton	Prescott	5	7		4			43	1 25			4
Mr Ollice	J W Erwin	J W Keeling	A T Bailey, T A Middlebrook	Rosston	11	7	3		2		72	3 00			2
Mr Zion	J W Erwin	T M Gammage	J C Atkins, R B Tidwell, John Hones	Rosston	4	13	1	3			25	1 40			1
Mr Plogah	W R Barham	J T Crain	S J Glass	Laneburg	14			20			70	2 10			1
Macedonia	J J Haynes	J J Flowers	H J Drake, W J Hinton, J J Flowers	Sardis	6	5		3			75	1 50	2 50		2
New Salem	J N Sheffield	J M Gullick	Represented by letter only	Bluff City				1	1		1	1 50			1
New Liberty	Josiah Crouch	M E Kersey	W T Hood, M E Kersey, J Crouch	Emmet							1	1 25			1
Providence No 1	W N Hereford	B S Alford	H W Moses	Lively		1					1	3 00	1 00		2
Providence No 2	J J Haynes	S F Thomas	J N Acker, J M Stewart, J M Crossan	Hope	3	6	2	10	1	2	20	1 15			2
Pleasant Grove No 1	J J Walthall	J T Abel	A G Menkar, W L Jones, J H Moak	Bluff City	1	2		1	1		50	1 50			2
Pleasant Grove No 2	O C Kidd	J Armstrong	J M Callicut, S J Jackson, A C Tucker	Falcon	10	22	2		1		61	2 00	7 25		2
Pleasant Hill No 1	W R Barham	J G Purifoy	J G Purifoy, W O Godley	Zama							14	1 00			
Pleasant Hill No 2	A W Tiffin	W A Dean	C W Rhea, W A Dean, John Caldwell	Delta	4						30	1 00			4
Round Oak	W J Walthall	O G Quinn	P Sanders, W J White, O G Quinn	Woodlawn	2	7	2		1		30	1 50			4
Shiloh	O C Kidd	L J Waldrup	W A J Cooper, G H Fain, W P Nix	Buckner	1	2		2	1	3	25	2 00	3 00		2
Shady Grove No 1	Z T Rodgers	B W Franklin	N N Gatlin, H T Ward	Prescott	1	2	2				1	1 00			1
Shady Grove No 2			Bro Sumner, Bro. Dickerson	Lanet	1	2		4			12	1 00			1
Salem	J J Haynes	Geo Oliver	Z T Rodgers	Prescott	2	2					2	2 00			2
Union Grove	J N Sheffield	W T Lowe	D S Howell, P J Almond, L Woodall	Emmet	14	4	1				40	2 00			2
Union	J W Erwin	J T Boswell	R H Mitchell, J N Vestal, T A Bennett	Brisbane	1			10	14	1	2	2 25	3 75		2
White Oak Grove	J J Haynes	J J Osteen	T J Hartsfield	De Ann	9	4		1	2	2	25	1 50			4
Woodlawn	W J Walthall	W J Sexton	W J Sexton, P N Voss, J T Scroggin	Woodlawn	6						25	1 40			4
Shover Springs	J N Price	L J Haynes	Not represented	Hope							71	2 00			
Metrose			Not represented	Hope							30				
Total, . . .					181	173	22	181	56	22	1082	\$64 00	\$61 75	20	

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