

7 16.00
25
10.50
22.20
4.00
15.00
8.00
24.10
1.00
4.00

Sub A
11

Handwritten signature

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE WEST

FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH,

IN JACKSON COUNTY, FLORIDA,

OCTOBER 20-22, 1883.

SAMPSON LIBRARY
JOHN B. STETSON UNIVERSITY
DeLAND FLORIDA

LAKE CITY, FLA.:
BAPTIST WITNESS BOOK AND JOB PRINT.
1884.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. Invite Visiting Brethren to seats with us.
3. Call for Correspondence.
4. Appoint Committees on Preaching, Nominations, Publications, Deceased Ministers, Sabbath Schools, Missions, Documents, Temperance, and Finance.
5. Arrange for Meeting and Adjourning.
6. Appoint Correspondents.
7. Elect Executive Committee and Treasurer.
8. Elect Delegates to State Convention.
9. Appoint General Meeting.
10. Arrange time and place for next meeting.
11. Call for Report of Standing Committees:—1st, Executive Committee; 2d, Missions; 3d, Finance; 4th, Temperance; 5th, Sabbath Schools.
12. Call for Report of the Treasurer.
13. Call for Report on Documents.
14. Call for Report on Publications.
15. Call for Report on Deceased Ministers.
16. Call for Report on Nominations.
17. Read and adopt the Minutes.
18. Adjournment.

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE WEST

FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH,

IN JACKSON COUNTY, FLORIDA,

OCTOBER 20-22, 1883.



LAKE CITY, FLA.:

BAPTIST WITNESS BOOK AND JOB PRINT.

1884.

SAMPSON LIBRARY

JOHN B. STETSON UNIVERSITY

DeLAND ✦ FLORIDA

OFFICERS:

MODERATOR—ELD. T. E. LANGLEY, Greenwood, Fla.
CLERK—WM. M. FARRIOR, Campbellton, Fla.
TREASURER—W. J. DANIEL, Marianna, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1883-4.

W. J. DANIEL, JAMES GODWIN, A. BEVIS, H. SEWELL,
E. N. DEKLE.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

IN THE BOUNDS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Jno. Stuart,	Marianna, Fla.	T. E. Langley	Greenwood, Fla.
J. W. Johnson.	Graceville, Fla.	W. S. Musgrove	Ocheesee, Fla.
J. J. White	Garrard, Ala.	David Summerlin	Chipley, Fla.
D. A. Skipper	Marianna, Fla.	R. Harris	Campbellton, Fla.
R. D. Burrows	Greenwood, Fla.	J. T. Allen	Dellwood, Fla.
W. D. Simpson	Ocheesee, Fla.	R. C. B. Lawrence	Marianna, Fla.

LICENSED MINISTERS

IN THE BOUNDS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

John Harper	Chipola, Fla.	Jas. Nixon	Econfina, Fla.
Lewis Daniels	Haywood's L'd'g.	E. D. Nelson	Chipley, Fla.
W. A. Bryant	St. Andrew's Bay	Joseph Mills	Dothan, Ala.
	W. M. Farrior, Campbellton, Fla.		

MINUTES.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON CO., FLA.,)
SATURDAY MORNING, October 20, 1883. }

The West Florida Baptist Association convened with Bethlehem Baptist Church, Jackson county, Fla., in its thirty-seventh annual session.

Pursuant to appointment, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. John Stuart, from John 5:6; "Wilt thou be made whole?"

Refreshments were prepared on the grounds by the friends. One-and-a-half hours' intermission was given to partake thereof.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2 o'clock the messengers assembled and were called to order by T. E. Langley, former Moderator.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator.

The letters from the various churches were handed in, and by request were read by W. J. Daniel, E. N. Dekle, and R. D. Burrows.

Delegates were enrolled as follows:

Bethlehem—J. W. Rawls, John Harper, H. G. Land.
Bethesda—B. F. Smith, Stephen Franklin, T. J. Gay.
Cedar Pond—J. T. Johnson, T. J. Boone, W. J. Ford.
Campbellton—W. M. Farrior, E. N. Dekle, H. H. Hinson.
Chipola Lake—N. L. Cornell.
Damascus—G. W. Phillips, Isaac White.
Ebenezer—Thos. Morris, W. C. Hickman.
Ephesus—John W. Johnson.
Friendship—Hilory Sewell, Joseph Lynn, John Stephens.
Greenwood—J. W. Godwin, N. B. Long, Alford Beavis.
Magnolia—Preston B. Bailey.
Memphis—Thos. Butler, Wm. Creamer, Wm. Hoskin.
Orange Hill—S. Arnold, W. B. Daniels.
Providence—Z. Johnson.
Paradise Grove—L. C. Messer, Walton Nickols.
Rocky Grove—W. H. Dykes, J. B. Henderson, Isaac Sims.
Rehoboth—Petitionary Letter.
Sardis—J. M. Taylor, Jefferson Griffin.
Pilgrims Rest—C. C. Shoupe, Geo. T. Denham.
Circle Hill—Only represented by letter.
Econfina—W. R. Gainer, R. B. Nashburn.
Marianna—W. J. Daniel, R. C. B. Lawrence.
Hickory Level—Wm. Thompson, A. Pumphrey.
Poplar Spring—Horace Daffin, John Dykes.
Grassy Point—*
Mount Olive—*

—* Not represented.

After enrollment of the messengers, the following officers were elected by acclamation, to wit:

T. E. Langley, Moderator; W. M. Farrow, Clerk.

Call for petitionary letters: Received one from Rohobeth asking a letter of dismissal; also one from Marianna, desiring to unite with this body.

Call for visiting brethren: T. M. Pherish and A. P. Ashurst responded and were invited to seats with us.

Correspondents were received from Associations as follows:

Judson—H. L. Lisbon, Daniel Williams, David Coonrod.

Newton—Charles Hollis.

The Moderator announced the appointment of Committees to report at this session, as follows:

On Religious Exercises—A. Bevis, A. Pumphrey and delegates of Bethlehem Church.

On Missions—

On Documents—

On Finance—N. L. Cornell, H. Sewell, — Dykes.

On Sabbath-schools—Jno. Stephens, R. D. Burrows, N. B. Long.

On Deceased Ministers—W. M. Farrow.

On Nominations—N. L. Cornell, Rawls, Bevis.

On Temperance—D. A. Skipper.

On Publications—W. M. Farrow, T. J. Boon, W. R. Gainer.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows: W. P. Simpson to preach at 2 p. m., J. W. Johnson at night; T. E. Langley, Sunday, at 11 o'clock; A. P. Ashurst at 2 o'clock; J. J. White at night.

Adjourned until Monday, 9 a. m.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Moderator.

Correspondents returned as follows:

Newton—W. M. Farrow, J. W. Johnson.

Judson—T. E. Langley, J. T. Johnson.

South Weston—Z. Johnson, T. J. Boone, J. T. Johnson.

Sandy Creek—J. W. Johnson.

The following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That an Executive Committee be elected.

By ballot the following were elected:

J. W. Daniel, James Godwin, A. Bevis, H. Sewell and E. N. Dekle.

Appointment of general meetings on fifth Sundays:

First—To be held with Chipola Lake Church.

Second—The W. F. B. S. S. Convention meets with Friendship Church.

Third—To be held with Bethesda Church.

Report on Documents was read and adopted, to wit:

That among the churches that petitioned for the Association, we recommend that the body meet with Paradise Grove, at its next session. Also a letter of dismissal be granted to Rehoboth church.

J. J. WHITE, Chairman.

Report of Executive Committee and Treasurer was read and adopted, to wit:

Treasurer's Report.

Dr.

1883
W. J. Daniel, Treasurer, in account with the West Florida Baptist Association:

To Amount received from last Association.		\$98 65
To Amount paid Clerk	\$10 00	
To Amount printing Minutes	15 00	
To Amount paid T. E. Langley	73 65	
	98 65	\$98 65

W. J. DANIEL, Treasurer.

Report of Missionary to October 20th, 1883.

Miles traveled	1050
Sermons preached	40
Baptized	6
Churches constituted	1
Families visited and prayers	20

Report on Missions was read and adopted, to wit:

Report on Missions.

Your committee, appointed to prepare a report on Missions, feel that it would be time uselessly spent preparing a report setting forth the necessity of a mission work, or pointing out the field where it is needed. In our annual meetings we talk with the brethren about this business, for which we have met, and we all seem to agree pretty well as to its being our duty as christians to do something toward extending the Kingdom of our Lord, but, as to the way it shall be done and the plan we shall adopt to raise means to accomplish the end, we have never been able to solve.

We all know, full well, that there are two things altogether indispensable in the matter. One of these two things is men, the other money. God in His wisdom, has so arranged it, and efforts put forth here that do not tend in this direction you will find utterly fruitless. It is true that the Lord has, comparatively speaking, but few laborers in this part of His vineyard, but, if it were so those few could give their entire time to the ministry instead of laboring with their hands all the week to provide food and clothing for their families, it would be vastly better for the cause than it is.

But this lesson, brethren, it seems we will never learn, and, if you will pardon us for saying so, we do sincerely believe that the fault lies altogether in the churches not doing their duty as men and women, professing to love our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The Lord always stands ready to do His part of the work. If you will furnish the means to support a man to take the field, give his entire time and go into the most destitute portion of your association, He will send the man to do it. But, unless you do furnish the means, He will never send the man, and to wait for such a thing is consummate folly. Therefore the all important question for us to consider while here assembled is a plan whereby we can raise the means.

We were very forcibly impressed with the reading of one of the letters to the Association in which it suggested to other churches a plan of raising their Pastors' salary monthly. This plan manifests system, and we venture the assertion that if you will adopt some system in all your churches, you will always have means to accomplish your ends, whether we have, as we might consider, good or bad crop years; and, in the opinion of your committee, no better plan could be adopted than the one suggested by this church, say at the end of every month settle with your pastor and at the same time each member contribute, in addition to the pastor's salary, a small pittance for missionary purposes.

Brethren, it is not on account of our poverty that we do not keep money in the Lord's treasury sufficient to carry on His work and we are loth to believe that it is covetousness on our part, but think the fault mainly lies in the fact of the churches having no system. A very small portion of your territory has been occupied the past associational year, on account of having no funds to employ a man to take entire charge of the work. Your Executive Committee went into an arrangement with the Baptist State Convention and employed a portion of brother Langley's time and we learn that he has done a good work, but his time was limited and of course he was unable to reach at all your most remote destitution. Brethren, let us repeat it, you want system in your churches about raising money. Money is what is needed. The Lord will send a man to do the work if you will only furnish the means to sustain him while he is doing the work.

W. J. DANIELS, Chairman.

The following resolutions were adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the minutes of the Sunday-school Convention be printed in minutes of Association.

Resolved, That the Clerk be paid \$15 for his services, and \$20 for printing minutes.

Resolved, That the Missionary, T. E. Langley, be paid balance due him for the year 1883.

Resolved, That the Association send up \$40 to the State Convention, and by the L. M. Society of Campbellton, \$10.

Resolved, That this body delegate T. E. Langley, and defray his expenses to attend said Convention.

Report on Sunday-schools was read and adopted, to wit:

Report on Sabbath-schools.

Your committee beg leave to report that we only find five Sunday-schools reported by our letters. Five schools among twenty-five churches! This seems like doing very little in the cause when only one fifth of our churches have Sunday-schools. What are the four-fifths of our churches doing that report no schools? How are the children permitted to spend the Lord's day? Are the members of the churches engaged in visiting and idly passing the Sabbath, their children roving over the country keeping bad company, or are they actually studying and teaching the Word of God at home? We fear that in many instances, the former is the case.

We would suggest that all our churches organize schools, not for children only, but for all the members of the church. It is not the children only that need religious instruction, but each member of the church should study the Word of God diligently and have some system by which to do so. The Sunday-school furnishes the best system we know. Therefore we urge that every church organize a school, and that the members with their children compose the school.

We also suggest that each church send delegates to the Sunday-school Convention, whether they have schools or not. We think that the interest in Sunday-schools is slowly increasing in our bounds and while the advance is nothing like as rapid as we desire, yet we hope the time is not far distant when the day will dawn in full splendor. Then our reports will not be filled with persuasions to organize schools, but with good work that is being done in them.

Brethren, we believe that if all our children were organized in Sunday-school work, and all carried on in a scriptural way that we would prosper beyond our most sanguine expectations.

We believe that this is a duty that is shamefully neglected, and we cannot expect to prosper so long as this is the case.

J. M. STEPHENS, Chairman.

Report on Deceased Ministers was read and adopted, to wit:

Report on Deceased Ministers.

Your committee are happy to report, that God in his mercy has spared the ministers of our Association for another year's work. Let God be praised, and we more consecrated.

W. M. FARRIOR, Chairman.

Report on Religious Literature was read and adopted, to wit:

Religious Literature.

Nothing is more necessary than to supply one's self with good sound literature in these times, when so much that is false is being circulated. And I believe if our people would become better informed in regard to what the balance of the world is doing, it would stimulate them to greater zeal and efforts. We have valuable books and papers, cheap enough to be within the reach of nearly all.

The Foreign Mission Journal furnishes news from the various fields of labor; we highly recommend it. As it has become a certainty that we are to have a religious Baptist newspaper, published in our own State, we deem it highly important that we take active measures during the session of this body to secure for it a good circulation, by each and every messenger pledging himself to become an active worker, by subscribing himself, and soliciting subscriptions when he returns home from all the heads of families in the several churches. And to promote this end we do

Resolve, That the FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS shall be the organ of this Association, and that we as an Association pledge ourselves to do all in our power to make the paper the leading religious paper of West Florida.

Resolved, That as Eld. T. E. Langley is to be the editor of the West Florida department, that we will send all contributions through his hands, and aid him in getting subscriptions whenever an opportunity is offered.

W. M. FARRIOR, Chairman.

The Report on Temperance was read by D. A. Skipper:

Report on Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following:

The struggle for reform in all matters pertaining to the welfare of society is becoming more pronounced and resolute each succeeding year. While intemperance is not the only evil that afflicts the land, it is recognized as the greatest in extent and the most deplorable in its results. We do not propose to set forth the enormity of this evil; neither the pen, the canvas nor the lips have conveyed or can present to our minds an adequate conception of all the crimes, want and wretchedness entailed upon our race through this single vice. When any one calmly contemplates its widespread and deadly work, his soul is filled with sorrow and pity. He feels that he can not forbear to speak and act with all good men in seeking deliverance from this desolating scourge, which destroys both body and soul, for time and eternity. With hearts full of gratitude to God, we hear of the efforts made in many of our sister States to check its onward tread. There is certainly not a more perfect libel upon true manhood, nor a deeper or more aggravated cancer upon the body of the Christian Church. Brethren, let our united prayers arise to Him to stay the plague, and may the time speedily come when it shall be an established fact throughout the land, that no man can habitually use intoxicating drinks, as a beverage, and still hold his membership in a Baptist church. The word of God is plain and positive in its teachings on the subject. Drunkenness is there classed with all the other evils that tend to drag man down to the lowest depths of shame, and God's command in every instance is that "they be put out from among you."

D. A. SKIPPER, Chairman.

Report on Nomination was read and adopted, to wit:

Your committee beg leave to report that J. J. White preach the introductory sermon at its next session.

Report of Finance Committee was read and adopted, to wit:

Report on Finance.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	Minutes.	Associa ⁿ Missions.	Home Missions.
Bethlehem	Jackson	\$1 00	\$4 00	
Bethesda	Dundee, Ala	1 00	1 00	\$1 00
Campbellton	Jackson	3 00		22 00
Cedar Pond	do.	1 50	1 00	2 25
Chipola Lake.	Calhoun	75	15 00	
Circle Hill.	Jackson	50		75
Damascus	do.	1 75	1 00	4 00
Econfin	Washington	1 50	1 50	5 00
Ebenezer	do.	1 00	5 05	
Ephesus	Jackson	75	75	
Friendship	do.	2 00	2 00	24 10
Greenwood	do.	2 00	3 00	22 20
Hickory Level	do.	25	75	
Marianna	do.	1 00		20 00
Memphis	Calhoun	1 00	1 70	
Magnolia	Washington	75	1 25	
Orange Hill	Jackson	1 00		25
Poplar Spring	do.	50	50	
Paradise Grove	do.	2 00	1 00	
Pilgrims Rest	do.	50	2 50	
Providence	do.	1 00	1 00	25
Rocky Grove	do.	75	1 50	
Rehoboth	do.	1 00		
Sardis	do.	1 00	2 00	12 00
L. M. Society at Campbellton				10 50
Sabbath collection				23 45
Total		\$27 50	\$47 50	\$137 75

N. L. CONNELL, Chairman.

The following was offered and adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee exercise their own discretion in disposing the remaining funds in their hands.

The following resolution was offered, to wit:

Resolved, That this body tender their sincere thanks to the brethren of Bethlehem church, and citizens of the community generally, for their generous hospitality during their stay among them.

The Moderator made a few parting remarks, and during the singing the delegates gave each other the parting hand.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Paradise Grove Church, Jackson county, Florida, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in October, 1884.

W. M. FARRIOR, Clerk.

T. E. LANGLEY, Moderator.

SECOND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CAMPBELLTON CHURCH,
SATURDAY, 11 A. M., APRIL 28, 1883.

Preaching by J. W. Johnson. Dinner was prepared on the grounds and all were invited to partake.

The Convention was opened with devotional exercises by W. M. Farrior. SATURDAY, 2 P. M.
J. J. White was elected Chairman, and J. M. Stephens, Secretary.

The delegates were enrolled, as follows:

Friendship, J. M. Stephens; Memphis, J. J. White; Rehoboth, J. J. White; Orange Hill, J. W. Johnson; Campbellton, W. J. Daniel; Damascus, Isaac White; Pilgrims Rest, Robert Harris.

Reports from school, were heard, as follows:

Friendship—In healthy condition—large attendance.

Memphis—Prosperous condition.

Orange Hill—Doing well.

Campbellton—Small school, but a strong one, composed mostly of church members.

Damascus—Interest increasing.

Pilgrims Rest—In prosperous condition.

An essay on the topic, "The importance of fostering a missionary spirit in all our Sunday-schools," was read by W. M. Farrior.

1. Who is responsible for the Sunday-school interest in our Association? Open by J. M. Stephens.

2. What can I do for our Sunday-school cause? Open by J. D. Farrior.

3. What means can we use to induce the whole church to work in the Sunday-school? J. J. White.

4. How can we cultivate the grace of giving in Sunday-schools among the children? J. W. Johnson.

5. Requisites of successful teaching? W. M. Farrior.

Resolved, That this Convention heartily appreciates the kindness of the people of Campbellton.

The S. S. Convention adjourned to meet with Friendship Church, Saturday before the second 5th Sunday.

J. M. STEPHENS, Secretary.

J. J. WHITE, Chairman.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our union shall compose the Association.

2. The members so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excom-

municated and dead, since the last Association; also, a statement of the amount of funds sent up by the delegates, and for what purpose, and any other contribution made during the year.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present.

5. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor by which she can infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

6. If newly constituted churches, or others, desire to be admitted into this union, they shall petition by letter and delegates; and if found, upon examination, to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and such reception shall be manifested by the Moderator giving to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

7. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to two delegates, and when her number of members shall reach twenty-five she shall be entitled to three, and for every additional increase of twenty-five members she shall be entitled to an additional delegate.

8. Every query sent to the Association by any of the churches in this union, shall be read, and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be discussed; and if there be a majority for discussion, it shall be taken up and considered; if not, it shall be withdrawn: Provided, always, those be first considered which affect the union of the Church.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it. The last motion shall be first in order.

10. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from the subject.

11. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, without permission from the Association.

12. There shall be no talking or whispering in time of public speech, nor shall any reflection be cast upon the speaker.

13. No member shall absent himself from the Association without first obtaining permission from the body, or Moderator; and the Moderator shall only have power to act while the body is not in session. The Association is not considered closed until after the farewell sermon is preached.

14. If any member shall break the rules of this Constitution he shall be immediately reprov'd by the Moderator.

15. It is the business of the Association, 1st, to provide for the general union of the churches; 2d, to keep up a correspondence with Associations of the same faith and order, that the chain of communication may be preserved among the churches; 3d, to give the churches the best advice in matters of difficulty, and if the communion between any of the sister churches be broken, to inquire into the cause of the breach and use the best means to remove the difficulty, but if the breach can not be made up, to withdraw from any church whom they shall look upon as unsound in principle or disorderly in practice, until she be excommunicated; 4th, to admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, if they shall deem it to be necessary; 5th, to appoint a Clerk to keep the records of every meeting of the Association, and to see that he is properly remunerated for his services; 6th, to have the Minutes read and corrected, if need be, before the Association rises, and have them printed if they think proper; 7th, to amend this plan of government at any time when a majority of the Association shall deem it necessary; 8th, to adjourn to any time and place considered most proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there is a trinity of persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.—Mark xii, 32; Mat. iii, 16, 17; xxiii, 19; 1 Tim. i, 2, 5; Exod. xx, 1, 3; John i, 1, 4; v, 23; x, 30.

ART. 2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rules of faith and practice.—2 Tim. iii, 16, 17; 2 Pet. i, 21; 2 Sam. xxiii, 2; Rev. xxii, 18, 19.

ART. 3. We believe in the fall of Adam, and the imputation of sin to his posterity; in the corruption of human nature, and the impotency of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability.—Isa. i, 5, 6; Psa. xiv, 1, 3; Rom. v, 12; John vi, 44; 1 Cor. xv, 20, 1; Job xiv, 57; Eph. ii, 8, 10.

ART. 4. We believe in the everlasting love of God to his people, and the eternal election of a definite number of the human race to grace and glory; and that there was a covenant of grace of redemption made between the Father and the Son before the world began, in which their salvation is secure, and they in particular are redeemed.—Jer. xxi, 3; John xv, 16, 17; Isa. xl, 8, 9; Eph. i, 4, 5, 11; Acts xiii, 48; 2 Thess. ii, 13; 1 Pet. i, 2; Rom. viii, 29, 30; Rom. ix, 11, 12, 23; xi, 4, 7; 2 Tim. ii, 9.

ART. 5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them.—Rom. iii, 21, 5, 56; Psa. xiv, 1; John x, 9, 15; Rom. v, 1, 10; 1 Cor. i, 30.

ART. 6. We believe that all those who are chosen of God in Christ, will be effectually called, regenerated and sanctified, and supported by the Spirit and power of God, so that they shall persevere in grace, and not one of them be finally lost.—John x, 29, 30; vi, 37; Phil. i, 6; 1 Pet. i, 3, 9; Heb. vi, 16, 20; John xvii, 2, 3; 2 Tim. i, 9, 10; Tit. iv, 4, 7; Eph. ii, 45; Rom. viii, 28, 31.

ART. 7. We believe that good works are the fruit of faith, and follow after justification, and that they only justify us in the sight of men, and are only evidences of our christianity.—Eph. ii, 10; James ii, 13; iii, 13; 1 Pet. ii, 3, 5; Mat. v, 16.

ART. 8. We believe that there will be a Resurrection of the dead, and a general Judgment: and the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked, will be eternal.—Mark xii, 24, 27; 2 Cor. v, 10; 1 Cor. xv, 12, 29; Acts xvii, 31; Mat. xxv, 46; John v, 28, 29; Thess. i, 7, 10.

ART. 9. We believe that the Church of Christ is a visible congregation of baptized believers, who have gained christian fellowship with each other; and that immersion is the only scriptural mode of baptism.—Rom. vi.

ART. 10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great Head of his Church, and only Lawgiver, and that the government is with the body, and is the privilege of each individual; and that the discipling of the church is intended for the reclamation of those christians who may be disorderly either in principle or practice, and must be faithfully kept up for God's glory and the peace and unity of the Church.

ART. 11. We believe that Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Lord, and are to be continued until his second coming.

ART. 12. We believe that none but those regularly baptized and who are in fellowship with the church, have a right to commune at the Lord's Table.

