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MINUTES.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16th, 1891.

The West Florida Association met this day in the Hickory Level Baptist Church, at the hour of 11 a. m.

Brother J. P. Smith, by previous appointment, preached the introductory sermon from Phil. 1:21.

After services, the delegates were requested to meet at 1:30 p. m. to transact the business of this body. Announcement was made that dinner was on the grounds for every person.

FRIDAY, 1:30 p. m.

The body met at the appointed hour. All joined in singing hymn No. 718. Bro. Jno. Stuart read the 95th Psalm and led in prayer.

By request of the former Moderator, letters were collected and read by Brethren Jno. Stevens, J. D. Forester and J. L. Massey.

The following delegates were enrolled:

*Apalachicola.*—By letter.

*Antioch.*—W. W. Kelly.

*Bethel.*—Henry York, T. O. Womble.

*Bethlehem.*—J. W. Rawls, S. M. Griffin.

*Cottondale.*—A. F. Thomas.

*Campbellton.*—R. C. Jones, J. W. Carter.

*Chipley.*—J. D. Forester, W. M. Farrior, J. P. Smith,

Fred Hawk.

*Cromaton.*—By letter.

*Damascus.*—B. A. Hinson, Jno. Miller.

*Ephesus.*—J. F. Pilcher, W. L. Pilcher.

*Econfina.*—W. B. Gainer.

*Ebenezer.*—J. G. Morris.

*Friendship.*—J. H. Turner, Wm. Strickland, Jno. Stevens, E. McDaniel.

*Greenwood.*—A. Bevis, J. H. Stevens, J. D. Watts.

*Grassy Point.*—M. Grimsley.

*Green Head.*—Alfred Poser.

*Hickory Level.*—J. R. Pumphrey, Wiley Madox.

*Marianna.*—W. J. Daniel, N. L. Connell, J. H. Lamb.

*Macedonia.*—Walter McIntosh, W. W. Hall.

*Mt. Wayfair.*—J. H. Bradbury J. H. Hart.

*Mt. Ida.*—G. W. Rodgers.

*Mt. Olive.*—W. C. Davis, J. A. Strickland.

*New Harmony.*—Thos. Pilcher, J. A. Jordan.

*Orange Hill.*—W. Daniels, S. Daniels, W. Jackson.

*Piney Grove.*—J. T. Creamer, J. L. Massey.

*Pilgrim's Rest.*—Jno. N. Parish.

*Pleasant Hill.*—D. G. Nixon, E. Singleton.

*Poplar Head.*—W. D. Cutts.

*Unity.*—L. H. Deal.

The Chairman appointed the following committee on preaching: A. Bevis, J. W. Rawls and delegates of the Hickory Level Church.

Upon motion the former Moderator and Clerk were elected by acclamation. The Moderator, after thanking the body for this renewal of their confidence, proceeded at once to business.

Call for petitionary letters.

The following churches and delegates were enrolled:

*Macedonia.*—W. W. Hall, Walter McIntosh.

*Bethel.*—Harry York, T. O. Womble.

The Moderator then extended the hand of welcome to the delegates.

Call for visitors.

J. C. Porter, from Ocala, representing the Baptist Witness, was welcomed.

Call for correspondents: Jno. Stuart, Jefferson Griffin, Wm. Hall.

Upon motion, Bro. Porter was given time to present some features of his work and also that of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Report of Preaching Committee read: James Nixon to preach at night, R. Harris at 11 a. m.

Adjourned to meet at the appointed hour.

#### SECOND DAY'S SESSION, 9 A. M.

The body met at the appointed hour for business.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. D. W. Creamer.

The Moderator appointed the following committees to report at this session:

*On Sunday Schools.*—J. M. Stevens, J. H. Lamb, John Miller, Elton Singleton, W. L. Pilcher.

*On Deceased Ministers.*—J. W. Johnson, W. D. Cutts, D. G. Nixon, L. H. Deal, John Parish.

*On Education.*—W. B. Gainer, J. D. Forester, N. L. Connell, A. Posey, M. Grimsley.

*On Publications.*—J. D. Forester, N. L. Connell, J. R. Pumphrey, J. H. Hart, W. B. Daniels.

*On Nominations.*—W. M. Farrior, Wiley Madox, W. H. Jackson, T. J. Creamer, D. W. Creamer.

*On Documents.*—H. D. Stone, Everett McDaniel, J. G. Morris, C. R. Jones.

*On Missions.*—J. P. Smith, B. A. Hinson, J. A. Strickland, J. W. Carter, J. H. Turner.

*On Temperance.*—J. L. Massey, S. L. Daniel, J. H. Pilcher, W. C. Davis, G. W. Rodgers.

*On Finance.*—H. J. Daniels, J. H. Stevens.

Appointment of correspondents:

*Columbia Association.*—R. Harris, Wm. Sapp.

*Geneva.*—R. Harris.

*South Western Association.*—J. W. Rawls.

*Rocky Creek.*—J. D. Watts, A. Bevis.

*Graves.*—R. Harris, J. D. Forester, J. W. Rawls, J. P. Smith.

#### REPORT ON PREACHING.

W. A. Cumbia to preach at 11 a. m. at the Arbor; Bro. W. N. Chaudoin, at 11 a. m. in the church house.

The following brethren were elected as delegates to the State Convention: D. H. Horne, J. D. Forester, N. L. Connell, W. M. Farrior, J. P. Smith, W. J. Daniel, J. W. Carter, J. M. Stevens, W. B. Gainer, H. D. Stone.

Bro. J. P. Smith was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

At this juncture Bro. Chaudoin was asked to speak on the objects of the Centennial Committees. In response he gave a brief and interesting history of Baptist Missions for the past one hundred years.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

#### EVENING SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

The body met promptly at the appointed hour.

The Moderator being sick, he resigned, when Bro. W. A. Bryan was elected to fill the vacancy.

Call for correspondents: W. A. Cumbia, from Graves Association, was welcomed.

Upon motion, the Executive Committee was appointed by the Moderator to act as a Centennial Committee.

Call for correspondents and visitors renewed:

*Rocky Creek.*—M. F. Burk, Isaac Sims.

*Columbia Association.*—R. D. Burrows.

Upon motion, the time of holding the next session of the body was changed to meet on Wednesday, before the 3d Sunday in October, 1892.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

(The report was read by J. L. Massey, and after remarks by Rev. J. P. Smith, was adopted.)

The evils which strong drink has brought upon us are so tremendous, and threaten such overwhelming ruin to the morals and liberties of our country, that good men tremble in all the land. Intemperance, like other mischief, has been as the letting out of the waters. Christians are calling for the help of the Lord against this curse that is degrading our countrymen and drawing the youth of the land into shameful ruin. Our churches have not escaped its influence. In view of this fact we would recommend that every church exercise great vigilance and caution in treating cases that come under their discipline. If a church silently endorses this vice it is accessory to the same. Let us give, in no uncertain tones, our disapproval of this soul destroyer. We must say that we have not been troubled as much as heretofore with intemperance in this county. This has been brought about by the vigilance of the Government, and we earnestly bid it God speed in its efforts to stop the manufacture of this poison.

J. L. MASSEY,  
S. L. DANIEL,  
W. C. DAVIS,  
G. W. RODGERS,  
Committee.

Report on Missions was read and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your committee would make the following report:

The very nature of the religion of Christ necessitates an interest upon the part of his people in those who do not enjoy like precious privileges. That there are crying destitutions within the bounds of our own Association, there is no question. These require our attention, need our help. But since this is a Mission report, we shall evade all narrowness. Are we missionaries, or do we bear a name without a meaning? The proper interpretation, as concerns the name we bear, is go or send. And if the Spirit of the Master, which is the Spirit of Missions, be in us, it is not bounded by geographical lines; but instead, surmounts prejudice, selfishness, and knows no limitation other than the stretch of earth's millions. We would recommend, therefore, that we take steps to further an interest in missions by falling in line with our denomination in celebrating the one hundredth year of

foreign missions, and give emphasis to the celebration by giving more largely of our means. We would also recommend that a committee be appointed by this Association for that purpose.

J. P. SMITH,  
B. A. HINSON,  
J. A. STRICKLAND,  
J. W. CARTER,  
J. H. TURNER.  
Committee.

Report on Deceased Ministers read and adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your Committee feel thankful to report that the Lord has been pleased to spare the lives of all the ministers in this Association. Let us show our appreciation of His kindness by increased efforts in His vineyard.

J. W. JOHNSON, Chairman,  
W. D. CUTTS,  
D. G. NIXON,  
L. H. DEAL,  
JOHN PARISH.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Amount turned over to Treasurer of West Florida Association at last session .....		\$266.00
To paid Clerk .....	\$ 20.00	
" printing Minutes.....	28.30	
" Mission Work.....	150.00	
" be paid Missionaries.....	33.33	
" Balance on hand.....	34.37	
	<hr/>	\$226.00

# REPORT ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Minutes	Associational Purposes	Woman's Missionary Society	Education - Ministerial	Sunday School	Aged Ministers
Apalachicola.	\$1.50	\$3	\$ 1.50	\$ .50	\$3.50		\$3.		
Antioch.....				.75	1.25				
Bethlehem.....			5.00	1.00	.50				
Bethel.....			3.30	.50					
Cottdendale.....			5.00	.50	.40				
Cedar Pond.....					1.25	\$18.00			
Campbellton..	8.50		14.05	.50	.50				
Chipley.....			12.00	1.50	1.50		\$5.75		
Cromaton.....					1.25				
Damascus.....			2.50	1.50	2.10				
Ephesus.....			12.00	.50	1.00				
Ebenezer.....			4.25		1.50				
Econfina.....	.85		3.00	.75	2.00				
Friendship.....			13.30	1.50	2.00	5.00			
Greenwood.....			31.95	2.00	2.00				
Grassy Point..			.60	.50					
Green Head....				.25	.50				
Hickory Level	1.15			.35	1.00				
Marianna.....			31.55	1.25					
Macedonia.....				.50					
Mt. Wayfair....			2.00	.50	.50				
Mt. Ida.....			.35	.20					
Mt. Olive.....	1.00		2.85	.75	1.00				
New Harmony...			1.00	.50	.25				
Orange Hill....				.50	.75				
Piney Grove...			1.00	.50	.80				
Pilgrim's Rest.			3.05						
Pleasant Hill..			1.50	.45	1.25				
Poplar Head....				.75	.75				
Unity.....				.35	1.00				
Wewahitchka	2.00	15	2.00	1.00	.50	.50	2.		\$2
Missionary.....			8.00						
	\$15.00	\$18	\$161.75	\$19.85	\$29.05	\$23.50	\$5.	\$5.75	\$2

Collected from association for aged ministers, \$6.50.

Adjourned.

W. J. DANIEL, Chairman.

## THIRD DAY'S SESSION, 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. P. Smith, prayer by W. M. Farrior.

Your committee appointed to frame resolutions pertaining to the World's Fair, to be held in the city of Chicago in the year 1893, offer the following:

Whereas, it has been the custom in the past to keep similar fairs open on Sundays, much to the hindrance of moral reform and Christian sentiment;

Resolved 1, That we, the members of the West Florida Baptist Association, express our disapproval of the opening of the World's Fair on the Lord's day.

Resolved 2, That we furnish a copy of these resolutions to the Baptist Witness for publication.

Resolved, That we tender to the kind people of Hickory Level Church and community our sincere thanks for the liberal provisions made for our entertainment and comfort.

Report of Missionary J. P. Smith:

### REPORT OF MISSION WORK.

Being employed by the State Board of Missions and Executive Committee of the West Florida Association to labor as a Missionary within the bounds of said Association, and devote two weeks out of each month, for seven consecutive months, beginning with the 1st of June; I ask attention to the following report:

Having no knowledge of the destitutions, the first month was spent mainly in hunting them and making appointments, and at the time I expected to do the most effectual work the sickness of my family disconcerted all my plans. Much travel over the territory of the West Florida Association has satisfied my mind that there are existing destitutions of the most stubborn character. There are two features of the destitution I wish to mention. 1st, They are confined to the Eastern, Southern and Western borders of the Association, which renders the work very difficult, as so much time and travel are necessary to do the work. 2d, The other feature I would mention, is the remarkable extent to which many professed Baptists are ignorant of the doctrines of our church, and in consequence, the causes with which they are decoy edoff into error.

## STATISTICS.

Miles traveled .....	754
Sermons .....	36
Prayer in Families.....	20
Pages of Tracts Distributed.....	800
Baptized.....	12
Restored.....	4
Collected and turned over.....	\$8.00

Resolved, That all ordained ministers of the churches of this Association be ex-officio members of the Association.

Upon motion, all funds were turned over to the Executive Committee, to be used according to their best judgement.

The committee appointed to raise funds to erect a suitable monument to mark the resting place of Bro. T. E. Langley, report \$67.50 collected.

A collection was taken up for the benefit of Bro. R. C. B. Lawrence, and \$6.50 raised.

The proposition of the A. B. Publication Society to advertise their literature in the Minutes was accepted.

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

After hearing the letters read and looking over the report on Sunday Schools at the last session of the Association, we are at a loss what to say. Many, and probably a majority of our churches, do not report any Sunday Schools, and from our own knowledge of the work at those churches that have schools, we can say that only a small per cent. of the members engage in the work.

Now, what is the remedy, how can we improve in this branch of Christian labor? There are reports made every year and appeals sent out for more earnestness, yet still there is a cold indifference on the part of many. While a few have flourishing schools, others are kept up by four or five members and so many more children, the remainder of the church, to all appearance, in ignorance that such an organization is in existence.

Now, we would recommend the same suggestions as were made in the report on this work at our last session, and, in addition, earnestly appeal to each delegate to go to work when he reaches home and try to get up more interest among the members. Children are not the only ones who need instruction in God's Word. Alas! it is ignorance of its precepts, we fear, that causes such apathy

among parents. "The entrance of Thy Word giveth Light." "All these things shalt thou teach thy children." This was the instruction given to Israel of old. Infidelity is abroad and the brilliance of her tints and the beauty of her blandishments are bowing the minds of men. As first impressions last through life, it is our duty to extend and imprint the truths of the Bible, as we understand them, upon the minds of the children.

Of all people on earth, Baptists are most solemnly bound to teach their distinctive faith and practice, not only in Sunday Schools, but everywhere. They stand alone—being the only order of professed Christians which cannot go into organic union with all or any members of other denominations without abandoning their history. May God help us to sound a loud note of appeal to the churches that shall not go unheeded. Provide adequate instruction in the Word of God. It is the great corrective to loose notions of inspiration now prevalent; that teaching which is most thoroughly saturated with the Bible is that which most convinces and converts.

J. M. STEVENS,  
J. H. LAMB,  
JOHN MILLER,  
ELTON SINGLETON,  
W. L. PILCHER,  
Committee.

## REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee would heartily recommend "The Florida Baptist Witness," our State organ, and as such should be encouraged and widely circulated. We urge upon all pastors an earnest effort to extend its circulation. We recommend the "Christian Index" and "Foreign Mission Journal" as especially worthy of our support, feeling assured that a wider circulation of these publications would awaken a deeper interest in the cause of missions, and stimulate our people to do more and give more for the cause of Christ. We would also commend the publications of the Southern Baptist Convention, "Kind Words" series, also the books, papers and periodicals of the American Baptist Publication Society. Also "Our Home Field" and "Baptist Basket."

J. D. FORESTER,  
N. L. CONNELL,  
J. R. PUMPHREY,  
J. H. HART,  
W. B. DANIELS,  
Committee.

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## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report that Bro. W. A. Bryan preach the introductory sermon at our next session.

W. M. FARRIOR, Chr'm.,  
WILEY MADDOX,  
W. H. JACKSON,  
T. J. CREAMER,  
D. W. CREAMER,  
Committee.

## REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We find two churches asking for letters of dismission—Poplar Head and Antioch.

We find four churches asking the Association to meet with them at its next session—Wewahitchka, Friendship, Piney Grove and Ebenezer.

Your committee recommend that we meet with Wewahitchka.,

H. D. STONE, Chrm.,  
EVERETT MCDANIEL,  
J. G. MORRIS,  
C. R. JONES,  
Committee.

Letters of dismission were granted to Antioch and Poplar Head.

The next session meets with the Piney Grove church.

After interesting remarks by Bro. Chaudoin, the report on education was adopted.

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Second in importance to a development of the heart in grace, is the cultivation of the mind for thought and thinking. It is gratifying to observe an increase in the great factor of civil progress, but the partial indifference yet existing is enough to impart greater energy to the advocates of education. But we would not forget to emphasize the importance of a religious education. Education apart from piety is a power for evil; and for this reason great stress should be placed upon a suitable selection of teachers and schools. Our common schools should be taught by men whose religious character is strong enough to impress their pupils with a pious preference.

As Baptists, our choice of books should be in keeping with our denominational faith. We heartily recommend Stetson University for the higher education of Baptist boys and girls, and the Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky., for the training of young men for the ministry.

We also recommend that each church in our Association contribute something each year for ministerial education. The small sum of \$100 would keep one of our pastors in the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., each session.

W. B. GAINER, Chrm.,  
J. D. FORESTER,  
N. L. CONNELL,  
A. POSEY,  
M. GRIMSLEY,  
Committee.

Upon motion, the clerk was instructed to have 800 copies of the minutes printed, and be allowed \$20 for his services.

After preaching, by Bro. Chaudoin to a crowded house, and W. A. Cumbia to a large audience at the Arbor, the body adjourned to meet with Piney Grove church, four miles south west from Cottondale, on the P. & A. R.R.

W. A. BRYAN, Mod.,  
W. M. FARRIOR, Clerk.



## STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POST-OFFICE	CLERKS	POST-OFFICE
Apalachicola	W A Bryan	Wewahitchka Fla	Jno L Davis	Apalachicola Fla.
Antioch	Jno Stuart	Marianna Fla	B H Franklin	Blunt Town Fla.
Bethlehem	R Harris	Cottondale Fla	W A Swaringgin	Cottondale Fla.
Bethel	W P Richardson	Chipley Fla	J W Richardson	Chipley Fla.
Cottondale	R Harris	Cottondale Fla	A F Thomas	Cottondale Fla.
Cedar Pond	R D Burrows	Greenwood Fla.	W H Pyke	Greenwood Fla.
Campbellton	J J White	Sanders Ala	R A Renfro	Campbellton Fla.
Chipley	J P Smith	Chipley Fla	ED Farrior	Chipley Fla.
Cromaton			E P Kinney	St. Andrews Fla.
Damascus	W P Richardson	Chipley Fla	G B Yawn	Graceville Fla
Ephesus	Rob't Harris	Cottondale Fla	J F Pilcher	Campbellton Fla.
Ebenezer	Rob't Harris	Cottondale Fla	J A Simmons	Vernon Fla
Econfina			W B Gainer	Econfina Fla
Friendship	W P Stuart	Horns x Roads Ga	J M Stevens	Zoe Ala
Greenwood	J J White	Sanders Ala	T G Alsbrook	Greenwood Fla
Grassy Point	ED Nelson	Chipley Fla	Henry Anderson	St. Andrews Fla.
Green Head			R Sapp	Chipley Fla.
Greenfield*				
H'koryLevel	Jno Stuart	Mariana Fla	R J Foxworth	Mariana Fla
Marianna	J P Smith	Chipley Fla	J N Wilson	Mariana Fla
Macedonia			A Smith	Graceville Fla
Mt. Wayfair			W L Peacock	Greenwood Fla
Mt. Ida	ED Nelson	Chipley Fla	Jno H Raley	Chipley Fla
Mt. Olive	J F D Richter	Chipley Fla	E P Creel	Bonifay Fla
New Harm'y	D W Creamer	Cottondale Fla	J A Jordan	Chipley Fla
Orange Hill	ED Nelson	Chipley Fla	R M Peal	Chipley Fla
Piney Grove	R Harris	Cottondale Fla	J L Massey	Chipley Fla
Pilgrims Rest	J W Johnson	Graceville Fla	C C Shoupe	Cottondale Fla
Pleasant Hill	J E Nixon	Econfina Fla	E Singleton	Econfina Fla
Poplar Head	J M Hall	Abes Spring Fla.	Jno Clark	Abes Spring Fla.
Unity	Wm app	Chipley Fla	L H Deal	Miller's Ferry Fla.
Wewah'chka	W A Bryan	Wewahitchka Fla	J R Hollinger	Wewahitchka Fla.

\* Last year's report.

## STATISTICAL TABLE, Continued.

DELEGATES	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismiss'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Sabb' th of Meetings
By letter								
W W Kelley	5	4		3		1	41	
J W Rawls, S M Griffin	13	1	1	2	5	1	25	
Henry York, E O Womble	2	22	1				25	
A F Thomas							9	
H Stuart							36	
R C Jones, J W Carter							25	2nd
J D Forester, Freddie Hawks	1			4	3	1	87	4th
By letter							9	
Jno Miller, B A Hinson	10	3	5	15	4		96	
W L Pilcher, J F Pilcher	1	1	1	7	1	3	43	
J G Morris	9	0	0	0	0	0	63	
W B Gainer							1	23
J H Turner, Wm Strickland, McDaniel, J M Stevens	10			1	2	1	89	
J H Stevens, A Bevis, J D Watts	2	2				1	28	
M Grinsley	3	6	4				33	
Alfred Posey	1			3		1	19	
J R Pumphrey, W Madox							11	
N L Connell, J H Lamb, W T Daniel	3					1	50	
W W Hall, W McIntosh		3					31	
J H Bradbury, J H Hart							18	
G W Rodgers							30	3rd
W C Davis, J A Strickland	3	2		1	6	1	7	
Thos Pilcher, J A Jordan	2	5	3	3			39	
W Daniels, S Daniels, W A Jackson	4	1		1	3	1	21	
J L Massey	7	1		12	3	1	33	
Jno N Parish	14	5	1	7	3	1	37	
D G Nixon, E Singleton	3	1	2	6	9	1	37	
W D Cutts		1	1			1	25	
L H Deal		1	1	1			9	
H D Stone		1		5			26	
		1					41	
	131	64	23	75	46	17	1150	

## DECORUM.

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

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

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

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

ART. 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.

ART. 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.

ART. 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.

ART. 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 that effect the union of the Church.

ART. 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.

ART. 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.

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

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

ART. 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 in session. The Association is not considered closed until after the farewell sermon is preached.

ART. 14. If any member shall break the rules of this Constitution he shall be immediately reprovved by the Moderator.

ART. 15. It is the business of the Association, 1st., to provide for the general union of the churches; 2nd., 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 cannot be made up, to withdraw from any church whom they shall look upon as unsound in principle or disorderly in practice, until she be reclaimed; 4th., to admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, if they deem it to be necessary; 5th., to appoint a clerk to keep the records of every meeting of the Association; 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 the majority of the Association may deem it necessary; 8th., to adjourn to any time or 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 God-head—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; xxxiii, 19; 1 Tim. 1, 2, 5; Exod. xx 1, 3; v. 23; x 30; John i, 1, 4; v. 23, 30.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—2 Tim. iii, 16, 17; 2 Peter i, 21; 2 Sam. xxiii, 2; Rev. xii, 18, 19.

ART. 3. We believe in the fall of Adam, and the imputation of his 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.—Isaiah i, 5, 6; Psalm xiv. i, 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 Son before the world began, in which their salvation is secure, and they, in particular, are redeemed.—xxi, 3; John xv, 16, 17; Isaiah xi, 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; John x, 9, 15; Rom. v, 1, 10; Cor. i, 30.

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

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

ART. 8. We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a General Judgment and that 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 discipline of the church is in-

tended 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.

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