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OF THE

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OF THE

WEKIVA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Elder R. W. Lawton	- - -	Oviedo.
W. B. Culpepper	- - -	Geneva.
J. R. A. Tucker	- - -	Oviedo.
M. A. Stewart	- - -	Apopka.
J. M. Blitch	- - -	Orlando.
Dr. W. J. Sears	- - -	Kissimmee.
N. J. Trowell	- - -	Umatilla.

## MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES.

J. D. Bohanan,	- - -	DeLand.
A. L. Farr,	- - -	Orlando.
S. F. Gove,	- - -	Longwood.
R. W. Lawton,	- - -	Oviedo.
T. J. Bell,	- - -	Kissimmee.
J. E. King,	- - -	Umatilla.
G. P. Guild,	- - -	Sanford.
L. Drury,	- - -	Altamonte.
W. T. Gordon,	- - -	Bloomfield.
W. J. Sears, Licentiate,	- - -	Kissimmee.
A. S. Tatum,	- - -	Orlando.
D. Palmer,	- - -	Altoona.
R. Telford,	- - -	DeLand.
Sidney Dyer,	- - -	DeLand.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Read letters from churches.
3. Elect officers.
4. Petitionary letters.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
6. Letters of correspondence.
7. Appointments of special committees.
8. Sunday School Reports from churches.
9. Reports of standing committees.
10. Treasurer's report.
11. Appointment of standing committees.
12. Report of special committees.
13. Miscellaneous business.

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## MINUTES.

The Wekiva Baptist Association convened, according to adjournment, with Apopka Baptist Church, at 11 a. m. Oct. 1, 1886.

Preaching at 11, by Rev. L. Drury, from Matt. vii. 20.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30, after prayer, business was resumed. Letters were presented from fifteen churches, and the names of messengers enrolled according to statistical table.

Rev. S. F. Gove was elected Moderator, and C. A. Carson, Clerk.

Petitionary letters were called for, when the church at Merritt, Brevard Co., presented an application for membership in this body, and was unanimously received.

Invitations were extended to visiting brethren to seats with us. The invitation was accepted by Brother Simmons, of the South Florida Association, also by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, Treasurer of Mission Work and editor of the *Florida Baptist Witness*.

Brother Chaudoin, on invitation, spoke forcibly and feelingly of foreign, home and state missions; also on ministerial education, church building and the *Florida Baptist Witness*.

Appointed special committees as follows:

On Preaching.—L. Drury, J. A. Richardson, J. T. Chapman, A. P. Farnell, R. D. Brooks and J. S. Hudson.

On Finance.—J. S. Hudson, N. J. Trowell, E. F. Driggers, J. J. Higginbotham and J. S. Oliver.

On Letters and Queries.—T. J. Bell, A. S. Tatum, W. P. Lasater and R. D. Brooks.

On Publications.—W. J. Sears, A. W. Krossman, A. P. Farnell, S. Hodges, G. W. Hicks and A. H. Davis.

On State of Churches.—A. S. Tatum, W. B. Hull, A. H. Davis, C. R. Tiner, T. P. Johnston and G. W. Hicks.

On Temperance.—J. Y. Parce, W. J. Sears, W. P. Day, J. T. Chapman and J. R. A. Tucker.



On Missions.—R. W. Lawton, T. J. Bell, A. W. Krossman, L. Drury, W. P. Day and J. F. Prince.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.—L. Drury, R. D. Brooks, W. P. Lassater, E. F. Driggers and H. Tanner.

On Sunday Schools.—J. A. Richardson, J. S. Hudson, W. J. Sears, J. R. A. Tucker and W. T. Hansell.

On Ministerial Education.—C. A. Carson, W. J. Sears, J. A. Richardson, J. S. Hudson and J. F. Prince.

On motion, a committee of five was appointed to district the Association, so as to render the union meetings more effective.

On that committee were, L. Drury, J. F. Prince, J. R. A. Tucker, R. W. Lawton and R. D. Brooks.

Prayer by W. J. Sears, and adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Saturday morning.

Preaching Friday night by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin from the text: "And grieve not the holy spirit of God."

#### SATURDAY—9 A. M.

After prayer meeting, conducted by Rev. S. F. Gove, the morning session opened with prayer by W. J. Sears.

Minutes of first day's proceedings were read and approved.

A letter was presented from Altoona Church and the names of delegates enrolled.

On motion, C. A. Carson, L. Drury, D. Palmer, R. W. Lawton and N. J. Trowell were appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Sister Bailey.

Reports of special committees were called for.

#### On Ministerial Education.

While we view with pleasure and gratitude to God an increased interest in the education of our ministers, we find there is need of even greater exertion on our part to sustain our young brother in his efforts at Mercer University. May God give us a stronger determination and make us more liberal in this respect. We again commend, in unmeasured terms, Mercer University as an institution worthy the support and patronage of our denomination. There, our young ministers may obtain a most thorough instruction in the scientific and classical, and also in the theological course. To make this work more effective, we recommend that it be brought before each church once every quarter, and that each church appoint a committee of one, whose duty it shall be to collect funds for this specific object. We also recommend that Brother Chaudoin be requested to publish in the *Baptist Witness*, quarterly, a statement of the funds received for our ministerial student, and amount lacking, if any.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. CARSON, Chairman.

#### On Sunday Schools.

Sunday School is properly the work of church members. We regard the work as exceedingly important. Great moral questions, affecting not only the salvation of human souls, but the success of the church, and the salvation of this nation as well, are to be decided. They are now agitating and will continue to agitate all civilized governments. The Sunday School is the best drill-room in the world to prepare future men and women for these great living issues. Upon the millions of children gathered every Sunday under the banner of the Cross to learn of the Meek and Lowly One, will depend more than upon any class the sanctity of the Sabbath, the purity of marriage, the peace of home, the rights of property, the security of life, the protection of society, the proper solution of the questions between capital and labor, and with it all, whether rum is to rule or ruin the world.

Your Committee, therefore, urge upon all the churches of this union to be alive in fostering this great interest, upon the superintendents and teachers to be alive and thorough in their preparations to teach, wise in planning to secure an interest and co-operation on the part of the scholars, and withal zealous and earnest in performing the duties devolving upon them. We urge the church and officers of the school to remember that this is the great seed-sowing time of life, and if faithfully done, the harvest for Christianity, the Church and Eternity, will be abundant, for God says: "My word shall not return to Me void."

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. RICHARDSON, Chairman.

#### On Missions.

In the bounds of this Association, Brethren Gove in the Indian River country and Gordon at Bloomfield, as missionaries, have done effective work. The Cuban work has been wonderfully blest; likewise the Mexican and the more distant fields of China, Burmah, and almost everywhere that we have sent missionaries. There is one very significant fact that we call attention to: That a far greater number of converts to the Baptist Church are reported in foreign lands, in proportion to the amount of money expended, than to any other denomination. This shows us our great responsibility as Baptists, and at the same time furnishes us the most powerful incentive to renewed efforts in all missionary work.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. LAWTON, Chairman.

#### On Publications.

Your Committee ask to report as follows: In view of the recent calamity in the destruction of the *Florida Baptist Witness*, that we the more earnestly recommend the Baptists to unite in their efforts to sustain our organ in this critical ordeal, and urge our membership to rally to the support of the same. We also cheerfully recommend the use of *Kind Words* in our Sunday Schools. We also recommend and fully endorse the *Christian Index*, and recommend that our people subscribe for it.

W. J. SEARS, Chairman.

*On Temperance.*

Believing intoxicating drinks to be the source of more sin and misery than all other causes combined, its evils so far outweighing its benefits, that—

*Be it Resolved,* That the Wekiva Baptist Association condemn its manufacture, sale and use, as a beverage, and if necessary to suppress the evil, would prohibit its manufacture altogether.

*Resolved,* That we deem the signing of petitions to grant license to sell liquors a sin and offense deserving of church discipline.

*Resolved,* That by our influence, our prayers and our votes, we will do our utmost to bring about the legal prohibition of the manufacture and traffic in all intoxicants.

J. Y. PARSON, Chairman.

*State of Churches.*

So far as ascertained from the churches, in proportion to the financial strength of our people, much has been done in building and finishing up church houses to increase the value of church property. Still much remains to be done in this direction, spiritually. In reference to the increase of membership, while the statistics will show an increase over the last associational year, yet considering the rapid increase of population in this part of the State, together with the large number of non-professors of the religion of Christ, the additions are comparatively small in proportion to what they should be.

*Resolved, therefore,* As the preaching of the Gospel is designed to encourage and strengthen in every good word and work, we advise the churches to sustain and liberate the ministers, whom the Lord has given us, that they may be able to devote themselves more wholly to the work of preaching the Word. And further, we advise more punctuality to the Baptists in our midst who are delinquent in attendance upon the meetings of preaching and prayer. And finally, pray that our next year may be characterized by an increased spirituality and blessed with more increase of true members.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. S. TATUM, Chairman.

*On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.*

With grateful recognition of God's goodness to us, the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons report that the letters from the churches make no mention of the departure from earth of any of the laborers in the Master's vineyard.

L. DRURY, Chairman.

*On Letters and Queries.*

We find a query from the First Baptist Church of Sanford: "Shall the baptism of a Primitive or Freewill Baptist be received by us as valid?"

We answer: The baptisms of the Primitive Baptists are considered valid, but the Freewill is not so regarded by the Baptists in general.

We recommend that the Association convene next year with the Live Oak Church at Umatilla.

T. J. BELL, Chairman.

*Executive Committee.*

Owing to the better plan adopted, of the churches doing their work directly through the various state boards, we have no accounts to render.

R. W. LAWTON, Chairman.

*On Preaching.*

We recommend that at our next Association R. W. Lawton preach the introductory sermon; alternate, A. S. Tatum. Doctrinal sermon, D. Palmer; alternate, S. F. Gove. Missionary sermon, W. T. Gordon; alternate, J. D. Bohanan.

L. DRURY, Chairman.

*On Districting Associations.*

We recommend the following arrangement, placing in the First District the churches east of the river, in the Second District the churches between the river and the S. F. R. R., in the Third the churches along the line of the railroad, and in the Fourth those west of the railroad.

The churches comprising these districts are as follows:

First District—Bethlehem, DeLand, LaGrange, Lake Ashby, Merritt.

Second District—Chuluota, Crabgrass, Lake Harney, Pine Grove.

Third District—Sanford, Longwood, Oviedo, Midway, Kissimmee.

Fourth District—Apopka, Altoona, Bloomfield, Live Oak, New Hope, Pleasant Grove.

We further recommend that a committee of one from each of the churches in these several districts be now appointed, whose duty it shall be to make all needed arrangements for the meetings.

L. DRURY, Chairman.

*In Memoriam.*

This body has learned with deepest regret of the death of our beloved sister, A. B. Bailey, whose earnest, faithful, effective labors, combined with a life of the most complete consecration, has rendered her memory very dear to us. Those who have known her from her childhood gladly testify to her worth, and can truly say that to "know her was to love her." To all human appearances, it will be impossible to fill her place, but He whose wisdom determined best to remove this faithful laborer from His field, knows what is best, and it becomes us in this, our time of sorrow, to humbly say, "Thy will be done."

*Resolved,* That a copy of this be furnished the family of Sister Bailey, the *Witness* be requested to copy, and it be spread on the minutes of this body.

C. A. CARSON, Chairman.

*The Ladies' Missionary Society.*

The ladies met at 3 p. m. in the Methodist church. Mrs. Telford, of DeLand, a returned missionary from China, was introduced by Mrs. M. J. Mays of Apopka. Mrs. Telford presided over the meeting. After reading letters from different societies, Mrs. Telford made some very interesting remarks regarding her work in China, which we hope will stimulate the ladies to renewed work in the cause of missions. There were contributed during the past associational year the following amounts:

Orlando (including \$5 to redeem pledge)	\$ 12 00
Sanford	59 10
DeLand (Foreign Missions)	100 00
" Home Missions	10 00
" Mission Band	60 00
" " Home Missions	10 00
Oviedo	5 55
" Mission Band	6 55
Apopka (\$2.50 to redeem pledge)	63 92

REPORTED BY W. N. CHAUDOIN.

Bethlehem	15 50
" Children's Band	8 98
Ft. Christmas Band	1 84
Pine Grove	2 69
LaGrange	11 61
Kissimmee	10 85
" Band	12 05
Umatilla	6 55
" Band	65
Lake Harney	4 45
" Band	3 40
Antioch	2 82
Mrs. Chaudoin's Mite Box	4 30
Total	412 40

*In Memoriam—By Ladies.*

WHEREAS, It has pleased an allwise Providence to remove from her earthly toils to her reward in heaven, our dear Sister Bailey.

*Resolved*, That in her death the Woman's Missionary Society has been deprived of a most useful and valuable member. Our beloved Secretary has gone; her bodily presence has left us, but the undying influence of her character and example are still with us in our labor of love. May we emulate her virtue here, so that we may join her above.

*Resolved*, That we tender to her bereaved husband and friends our tenderest sympathy.

*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the family, to the *Witness* for publication and be embodied in the minutes of the Association.

MRS. J. A. RICHARDSON, } Com.  
MRS. M. J. MAYS. }

Doctrinal sermon preached at 11 a. m. by Rev. T. J. Bell.

## AFTERNOON SESSION—1.30 P. M.

Prayer by W. J. Sears.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

*Resolved*, That in view of the importance of sanctified education to this new and growing state, to our denominational prosperity, and in view of increasing the sympathy of the people for our Baptist College at DeLand, we set apart the first service in April, 1887, as Educational day, and devote the time to addresses, sermons, etc., bearing on the subject, and prayers for DeLand Academy and College and for the teachers.

*Resolved*, That a collection be taken on that day and the funds thus raised be used in securing one or more furnished rooms in that institution, to be named the Wekiva Association Rooms.

First union meeting will be held in First District fifth Sunday in October, 1886. Committee of Arrangements: Turner Hamilton, W. A. Day, A. J. Brooks, Ellen Sauls and Shotwell.

Second meeting in Second District on fifth Sunday in January, 1887. Committee: J. R. A. Tucker, Charles Phillips Lassater, Jno. Parker.

Third meeting in Third District fifth Sunday in April, 1887. Committee: A. P. Farnell, C. H. Tuxbury, E. F. Driggers, J. D. Beggs, H. Tanner, W. J. Sears.

Fourth meeting in Fourth District fifth Sunday in July, 1887. Committee: L. Drury, N. J. Trowell, D. Palmer, W. T. Gordon, H. L. Meeks.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of Apopka for their generous hospitality in the entertainment of the messengers and visitors in attendance upon the meeting of this Association.

*Resolved*, That we appreciate the kindness of the Methodist and Congregationalist churches in offering the use of their houses of worship; also of the editor of the *Scintillator* for tendering the courtesies of his office and columns.

*Resolved*, That we add to the special committees a committee on DeLand College.

J. M. Blich was elected Treasurer; A. S. Tatum, S. F. Gove, T. J. Bell, R. W. Lawton, L. Drury, J. R. A. Tucker, J. D. Bohanan, N. J. Trowell, J. F. Prince and Geo. Sauls were elected delegates to the State Convention.

Appropriated \$25 for printing minutes, and \$10 for Clerk's services.

Association adjourned to meet with Live Oak Church at Umatilla, on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1887.

On Sunday the collection for missions amounted to \$17.70. On Sunday night for ministerial education \$14.46, with pledge from Brother Sheppard for \$5.

S. F. GOVE, Moderator,  
C. A. CARSON, Clerk.

MINUTES WEKIVA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Treasurer's Report.

J. M. Blitch, Treas., in account with Wekiva Baptist Association:

DR.		
To am't received from Finance Committee for Minutes		\$ 28 30
" " " " for general purposes		6 70
" " " " for Ministerial education		11 00
" " " " for Home Missions		4 50
" " " " for Foreign Missions		8 25
" " " " for State Missions		48 87
To collections for State Missions		5 90
" " Foreign Missions		5 90
" " State Missions		5 90
" " Ministerial education		14 46
Total,		\$ 130 78
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By amount paid ministers		\$ 25 00
" " clerk		10 00
" " W. N. Chaudoin		104 78
Total,		\$ 139 78

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	DELEGATES.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Excluded.	Dismissed by Letter.	Dead.	Total.
Apopka	L. Drury	P. D. Shepherd.	Apopka	L. Drury, J. A. Richardson, J. T. Chapman	9	6			2	80
Alfoona	D. Palmer	S. H. Jackson.	Alfoona	D. Palmer, J. J. Dykes, W. G. Shores	5	12	6		1	42
Bethlehem	W. N. Chaudoin	J. W. Osteen	Osteen	H. E. Osteen, R. D. Brooks, A. H. Davis.	1				1	44
Bloomfield	W. T. Gordon.									
Chuluota	Jas. Savage.	C. Phillips	Chuluota	C. Phillips, P. T. Jacob, H. Tanner, T. R. Long.			1			25
Chuluota										
DeLand	S. Dyer.	M. W. Sargent	DeLand.	Mrs. L. R. Telford, J. D. Buchanan, A. W. Krossman, J.	24	25			1	105
Kissimmee	A. S. Tatum	L. R. Phillips.	Kissimmee	T. J. Bell, W. J. Sears, J. S. Oliver, C. A. Carson.	10	4				38
LaGrange	S. F. Gove	R. J. Mims.	Mims	W. P. Day	3					32
Lake Ashby	T. J. Bell	W. B. Culpepper	Geneva	J. J. Higginbottom, L. P. Lassater, D. C. Hart	3				1	24
Lake Ashby	S. F. Gove	J. G. Dwyall	Lake Ashby	Bryant Osteen, J. D. Brooks	1	3				16
Lake Oak	J. E. King	S. J. Trowell	Umatilla	T. F. Johnson, M. Johnson, S. J. Trowell	4	12				60
Longwood	L. Drury	J. D. Lewis	Longwood	E. F. Driggers, D. A. Cassady, S. F. Gove	3					21
Midway	T. J. Bell	W. T. Hansell	Pine Castle	C. R. Tiner, W. F. Hansell, A. R. Tanner	3					55
Midway	S. F. Gove	T. Hamilton.	Merritt.	S. F. Gove						19
New Hope	R. W. Lawton.	J. M. Jones	Oviedo	R. W. Lawton, A. P. Farnell, Robert Luton,	4	3			2	44
Oviedo	A. L. Farr	E. H. Rice	Oviedo.	A. S. Tatum, J. S. Hudson, J. D. Beggs, P. B. Jaudon.	1	26				71
Orlando				S. Hodges, J. R. A. Tucker					1	33
Pine Grove	J. W. Swange.	Sam'l Hodges	Chuluota	J. F. Prince, C. H. Tuxbury, G. W. Hicks.	4	15			2	33
Pleasant Grove	J. M. Cross.	C. H. Tuxbury	Sanford		38	114	8	30	8	253
Sanford				Total.						



# CONSTITUTION

## OF THE

# WEKIVA ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Wekiva Baptist Association, which shall have the privilege of engaging in benevolent operations for the purpose of advancing the Redeemer's kingdom and the furtherance of Christ's glory on earth. In this the churches and individual members are left free, and the giving or withholding shall not be a bar to fellowship.

ART. 3. The Association shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, nor infringe any of their internal rights, but shall merely be considered an advisory council in all matters relating to their internal concerns. Nevertheless, it becomes necessary in some cases to have a uniform rule of procedure, viz: If one church commits an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction. If she fail of success she shall call in the aid of two or more churches in our union to assist in laboring for satisfaction, and if, in the opinion of the helps thus called, it be not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merits. If a serious difference should arise in an individual church, which, upon due labor, cannot be reconciled, she shall call in aid from two or more churches to assist in the work, and if reconciliation be not effected, the helps so called, or the church, may bring the case before the Association to be acted upon according to its merits, but the Association shall take no notice of any case of the above kind unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of the church discipline, as found in the scriptures of the New Testament.

ART. 4. The Association shall have the power to exclude any church from her union which shall violate the constitution or shall depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

ART. 5. Each church in our union shall send to every annual session of the Association written communications, specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fellowship, the

## WEKIVA ASSOCIATION.

### CASH SENT TO ASSOCIATION.

### CASH RECEIVED BY STATE BOARD DURING THE YEAR.

	Minutes.	(General Purposes.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Total.	State Missions.	C. B. Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Total.
Apopka	\$1.50			\$21.62	\$0.50	\$3.00	\$26.12	\$19.38		\$10.40	\$4.10	\$3.40	\$36.28
Attoona	2.00					2.50	2.50	11.90		8.00	9.70	11.40	\$39.48
Bechtelmin	2.50					2.50	2.50	51.40	\$14.00	8.00	20.82	11.00	\$107.72
Bloomfield*	1.00	\$1.00				2.00	2.00	4.80	1.40	2.52	1.45	1.15	11.65
Chillicothe													
Clifton	3.00						3.00	278.17					288.17
Clifton	1.00	1.00	\$5.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	20.00	251.79					42.14
Clifton	1.50						1.50	21.97					39.18
Clifton	1.00	1.05					2.05	5.27					14.18
Clifton	1.00						1.00	24.45					32.00
Clifton	1.50						1.50	10.82	1.00				14.82
Clifton	1.00						1.00	2.00					4.81
Clifton	2.00	1.00					3.00	8.25					11.65
Clifton	2.00						2.00	5.30		2.24			24.43
Clifton	1.80		6.00	6.00			7.80	22.55					36.05
Clifton	1.00	2.25					3.25	5.04					8.73
Clifton	1.50						1.50	31.00					73.96
Clifton	1.50						1.50	31.00					73.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28.30</b>	<b>\$0.30</b>	<b>\$11.00</b>	<b>\$18.57</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>	<b>\$8.25</b>	<b>\$107.22</b>	<b>\$527.34</b>	<b>\$16.40</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$111.55</b>	<b>\$87.89</b>	<b>\$771.20</b>

\*Not represented.



number of white males, white females, and colored members, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored or deceased since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 6. Every church in this union shall be entitled to three delegates. Should any church fail to represent herself, she shall state her reason in her next letter to the Association.

ART. 7. New churches, and churches dismissed from other associations, may be admitted into our union by delegates bearing petitionary letters. If, upon due examination, they be found orderly and orthodox, the Moderator shall manifest their reception by giving their delegates the right hand of Christian fellowship.

ART. 8. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by the regular and proper rules of decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

ART. 9. At every meeting of the Association, a Moderator shall be elected by and from the delegates sent, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall also be elected in like manner, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings; the Clerk shall be Treasurer *ex-officio* of this union.

ART. 10. The Association shall furnish the churches of our union with the minutes of every session.

ART. 11. Every query sent by a particular church must be included in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to rectify it, but failed. In such a case the Association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of the majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the minutes.

ART. 12. Queries which immediately concern the union, or state of the churches at large, sent by a particular church or introduced by a proper motion, shall be taken up and decided as soon as practicable.

ART. 13. Any church in our Association having a preacher whom she deems worthy of ordination, shall call a presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work. All presbyteries in the ordaining of deacons or ministers, and in the constituting of churches, shall be governed by the articles of faith adopted by this Association.

ART. 14. The Association shall have a fund supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All moneys thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches by the delegates and paid over to the Committee of Finance, which committee shall be annually appointed, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge all money sent to the Association, dispose of the same agreeably to order, and make a fair and circumstantial report in writing.

ART. 15. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of every session.

ART. 16. The Association shall not adjourn any session until she shall have finished all business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

ART. 17. This Association shall correspond with such other associations as may be agreed on while in session.

ART. 18. The Association shall in all cases (except to amend the constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present.

ART. 19. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises.

ART. 20. The Association shall at each session appoint one of her members to preach an introductory sermon at her next session, one to preach a doctrinal sermon, and one to preach a missionary sermon.

ART. 21. Amendments to this constitution may be made at any session of the Association, when two-thirds of her members present may deem it necessary.

