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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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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.

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## MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

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J. D. Bohanan,	DeLand.
G. P. Guild,	DeLand.
R. Telford,	DeLand.
S. Dyer,	DeLand.
L. B. Plumer,	DeLand.
W. A. Bailey,	Orlando.
A. S. Tatum,	Orlando.
R. W. Lawton,	Oviedo.
S. F. Gove,	Longwood.
T. J. Bell,	Kissimmee.
L. Drury,	Apopka.
W. T. Gordon,	Bloomfield.
D. Palmer,	Altoona.
W. N. Chaudoin,	LaGrange.
J. M. Cross,	Sanford.
W. J. Sears, Licentiate,	Kissimmee.
J. N. Woodall, Licentiate,	Kissimmee.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1. Introductory sermon.
2. Read letters from churches.
3. Elect officers.
4. Petitionary letters.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
6. Appoint standing committees.
7. Call for correspondents.
8. Appoint correspondents.
9. Reports of standing committees.
10. Call for treasurer's report.
11. Miscellaneous business.

## MINUTES

The Wekiva Baptist Association convened, according to adjournment, with Live Oak Baptist Church, Umatilla, at 11 a. m., Sept. 30, 1887.

Introductory sermon at 11 o'clock by Rev. N. A. Bailey; text: "The people had a mind to work."

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30, after prayer by Rev. D. Palmer, business was resumed. Letters were presented from seventeen churches, and the names of messengers enrolled according to statistical table. Rev. N. A. Bailey was elected Moderator, C. A. Carson, Clerk; J. M. Blich, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were received from Astatula and Cassia Baptist churches asking admission into this Association. Both unanimously received and the right hand of fellowship extended to their messengers.

Appointed special committees as follows:

On Preaching.—D. Palmer, L. J. Greer, W. W. Baker and N. J. Trowell.

On Finance.—P. D. Shepherd, N. J. Trowell, J. Higginbotham.

On Letters and Queries.—D. Palmer, R. E. L. Lovell, J. T. Brooks, Wm. Boatwright.

On Publications.—L. Drury, J. M. Blich, W. P. Day, W. J. Smith.

On State of Churches.—Jno. H. Jackson, J. M. Owens, Sr., J. R. A. Tucker.

On Temperance.—S. F. Gove, W. H. Belton, A. J. Lindsay, A. N. Sibley.

On Missions.—W. F. Gordon, W. P. Moon, S. M. Cochran, D. W. Sawyer.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.—T. M. McTureons, Geo. M. Carpenter, J. W. Osteen.

On Sunday Schools.—W. P. Moon, M. Burnhart, Jno. M. Hansell.

On Ministerial Education.—W. F. Gordon, L. Drury, G. W. Hicks.

On motion, the time of meeting of this Association was changed to Friday before the fourth (4th) Sunday in September.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to revise the order of business, viz., N. A. Bailey, S. T. Gove and C. A. Carson.

On motion, the following were appointed to arrange for Union meetings during the year, to-wit: S. T. Gove, L. Drury, W. P. Moon.

Committee on preaching reported as follows, viz.:

Preaching Friday night by S. F. Gove. Devotional services on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock by C. A. Carson.

On motion, Article 9 of the Constitution was amended by striking out "The Clerk shall be Treasurer ex-officio of this Union," and inserting "Also a Treasurer, and they are to hold office until their successors are elected."

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Saturday.

Preaching Friday night by S. F. Gove.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 1ST, 9 A. M.

Devotional services by C. A. Carson.

Delegate from DeLand church presented credentials and was duly seated.

The report of committee on order of business received and adopted. (Report appears on frontispiece.)

Reports of committees being called for they were offered as follows:

*On Temperance.*

The alarming increase of the use and abuse of spirituous and fermented liquors is calling the followers of the Lord Jesus to duty. The vast increase in crime in high and low places, the 70,000 murdered each year, crowded penitentiaries, jails filled to overflowing, our old men enfeebled, our young men victims of this vile sin; added to this, that the liquor dealers have been able to control Presidents, Congress, and State Governments; that too often the officers of the law are unfaithful to their trusts, all this in deadly enmity to the Cause of our Redeemer, and threatening the destruction of the grand temple of civil and religious liberty, won for us by our forefathers, the outgrowth of the blood and tears and prayers of men who on God's side, were working with Him for poor humanity. In the contest now pending it is only necessary to examine the weapons used to determine the right. On the one hand, prayers and tears, help for the fallen, sorrow for the murdered ones, for widows and orphans, whose groans and tears are testifying continually before God, fearful witnesses against the wrong doer. On the other side the pistol and the bludgeon, before which Gambrill and Haddock and Northrop have fallen, the floodgates of scurrility and blackguardism opened upon every man who dare stand against them, and on the side of Jesus and humanity. They have not hesitated to attack our mothers, wives, daughters and sisters, who moved by love to God and man are doing what they can. In the opinion of this Association it is the duty of every follower of the Lord Jesus to stand squarely by the right. There is in the fight no neutral ground. If no drunkard can enter eternal life, the men who either directly or indirectly help to make drunkards, cannot hope to escape. In the contest we have already been more successful than we hoped. "God hath done great things for us whereof we are exceeding glad." Looking to Him for grace and

strength let us go on to pull down this and every other stronghold of Satan and sin. Therefore, be it

*Resolved.* That we as Baptist churches, as in the past so in the future, uphold temperance in all things.

S. F. GOVE, Chairman.

*State of Churches.*

We find that while the churches of our Association as a whole are increasing in membership, there are a few churches that have decreased and still others that have made but little progress. Taking into consideration the increase in population and the number of those who are not on the Lord's side, we do not think the increase in membership is altogether what it should be. As far as we can ascertain our churches are financially not so good, and their condition in this respect, taken into consideration, much has been done in building churches and in adding to the value of church property, and much still remains to be done. In view of these facts, therefore, be it

*Resolved.* That we earnestly invite the attention of the churches of this Association to the importance of the weekly prayer meeting participated in as far as practicable by all of the members; earnestly and prayerfully aiding and encouraging your pastors in every good work; pray for him and one another, and pay your pastor all that you owe him. We also advise members to attend all meetings punctually, whether prayer meeting or preaching, and humbly trust our Heavenly Father for abundant blessing. Respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. JACKSON, Chairman.

*On Ministerial Education.*

The importance of a ministerial education is acknowledged by our brethren everywhere. A thorough education, requiring many years of study, calls for a large expenditure of money. Very few of those whom God calls into this work are able from their own resources to provide the necessary funds. Their brethren must aid them or they must either relinquish



their cherished purpose or enter the work with no suitable preparation for it. We therefore cannot too forcibly urge the duty of contributing regularly and liberally in aid of any deserving brother in our Association who feels called of God to engage in the work of the Gospel Ministry. In regard to educational facilities we now have at DeLand a college which, with its large and able corps of instructors, offers in its academic and collegiate department advantages that compare favorably with those at Mercer University, with the additional advantage of being within the limits of our Association instead of hundreds of miles distant. With these facilities at our own doors let us pray the Lord of the harvest to raise up laborers whom we may help to send forth to gather in the sheaves.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. GORDON, Chairman.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the collection of to-day be appropriated to ministerial education.

*On Sunday Schools.*

The Sunday school is properly an important branch of the work of the church and there is nothing that exemplifies this more clearly than the difference between churches which have and those which have not efficient Sabbath Schools. On the one hand we are likely to find the members of the church up and alive to the interests and spiritual welfare of their own families and to those of their neighbors, besides being themselves intelligent in regard to Bible truths and to the religious condition and wants of the world. We need look no farther than within the bounds of our own State to find the great disparity there is in the character of the constituent members of churches and the families connected therewith who do not encourage religious culture in Sunday Schools or by reading Sunday School literature, and those who are efficient in Sunday School work. In the one case we find a laxity in the observance of the Lord's day and His laws. The day is likely to be given to listless idleness, or visiting with no desire for intellectual or moral improvement; loose ideas of the obligations of moral and social

laws are engendered; the rights of others are more easily disregarded and children more readily become useless if not bad citizens. Too often from this class come those who think it no harm to indulge in the social glass and the dance, which in many cases lead on to greater evil. On the other hand we find, where an efficient Sunday School is kept up, more strict teachings of Bible truths and holy living are inculcated, and from childhood the young are thoroughly led into paths of righteousness, and become better Christians and more law abiding and useful church members and citizens. It is from such children, too, that the robust healthy members of our churches come. How much less easily are the young people who are thus reared led into temptation. How much more readily can such give an emphatic "No" to invitations to step aside from the paths of virtue and rectitude. Such are more willing to acknowledge God in all their ways. Many of us can look back upon good habits formed in the Sunday School in our younger days which have become in after life as second nature, and thereby been saved from falling into temptation. None but Sunday School workers know how much need there is for help and encouragement in the work. Let us then as individual members of our individual churches, hold up the hands of those who are willing to engage in the religious and spiritual education of the young. Most respectfully,

W. P. MOON, Chairman.

Doctrinal sermon preached at 11 a. m. by Rev. D. Palmer.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30 P. M.

Prayer by P. D. Shepherd.

Association agreed to meet with Kissimmee church next year.

Motion carried to allow \$25.00 for printing Minutes and \$10.00 for Clerk's services.

Reports of special committees were called for.

*On Missions.*

A wide field has been given to your committee with little time in which to give even a cursory survey of the ground. It is very pleasant to report improvement and advance in the Mission work of the Association.

Bro. W. T. Gordon continues to carry forward the Master's cause at Bloomfield and Astatula. On Indian river we have a pretty house of worship, which stands out as a beacon to be seen for miles up and down the river. A small church has been organized at this point, and at several other places there is a prospect of churches being constituted and church edifices erected. This would not have been if a missionary had not been sent to the field. Bro. S. F. Gove has been your agent in carrying on this work at City Point, Melbourne and Eau-Gallie, also at Lake Ashby, Cassia and Titusville. All over the Home and Foreign mission fields God's blessing has followed the self-sacrificing labors of the missionaries, giving us renewed occasion for gratitude to God and calling upon us for larger contributions to help on the great work committed to our hands, and to hold up the hands of the devoted men and women who have given their lives for the spread of the Gospel. We would recommend for adoption by the churches the plan of systematic beneficence ordered by the inspired apostle Paul, that every member "lay by in store on the first day of the week" as the Lord has prospered him.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. T. GORDON, Chairman.

*On Publications.*

Your committee recommend as especially worthy of patronage The Florida Baptist Witness. As our only denominational organ in the State it has become a very important helper in promoting Baptist interests. As it brings weekly information of the condition of our churches and the work they are doing, it helps the brethren in all parts of the State to become acquainted with each other, thus enabling them to work

together more intelligently and unitedly for the advancement of our common cause. The paper has recently been much improved; will soon be enlarged to eight pages, and other improvements are promised as soon as increase of patronage shall make it possible. In the Kind Words Publications, including the Teacher Quarterlies and Children's paper, valuable help is offered which our Sunday Schools cannot afford to dispense with. We also recommend the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society for replenishing our Sunday School libraries. As the missionary spirit in our churches cannot be properly developed without information concerning missionary work, we would commend to our brethren The Heathen Helper, published at Louisville, and the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond.

L. DRURY, Chairman.

*On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.*

Your committee would report that since our last Associational meeting, it has pleased our Father, in His all-wise providence, to remove from our midst and his earthly labors, Bro. A. L. Farr, the beloved pastor of the Orlando church; and it is with heartfelt sorrow and deep regret we miss his presence amongst us; yet, we have the consolation that he has gone across the River, and is now resting from his labors in the bosom of our Saviour, whom he loved and served so well. And it is with equal regret that we have to record the death of our Bro. W. T. Robinson, deacon of Bloomfield church, who departed this life Aug. 15th, 1887, at Adairville, Ky., his old home, and where he served for many years as deacon, working for his Master, and doing what he could for the advancement of His cause here below.

"Soldiers of Christ, well done;  
Praise be your new employ;  
And, while eternal ages run,  
Rest in your Saviour's joy."

T. M. McTUREONS, Chairman.

*On Preaching.*

Your committee recommend that Bro. Cross, of Sanford, preach the introductory sermon at our next Association; alternate, R. W. Lawton. Doctrinal sermon, L. Drury; alternate, W. T. Gordon. Missionary sermon, S. F. Gove; alternate, N. A. Bailey.

D. PALMER, Chairman.

*On General Meetings.*

Your Committee beg leave to report the following districts for holding general meetings:

- 1.—Sanford, Oviedo, Chuluota, Lake Harney, Pine Grove.
- 2.—Bethlehem, DeLand, LaGrange, Lake Ashby, Merritt.
- 3.—Longwood, Midway, Kissimmee, Apopka, Orlando.
- 4.—Altoona, Bloomfield, Astatula, Live Oak, Pleasant Grove, Cassia.

*Resolved*, That the union meetings be held in districts, as set aside by this Association, and that each district hold its own union meetings within the bounds of the district, each district to appoint its own committee of arrangements.

S. F. GOVE, Chairman.

*On Finance.*

Your committee beg leave to make the following report of funds sent up to the Association, and for the purposes named, which amounts have been turned over to the Treasurer of the Association:—

Foreign Missions	\$ 7 00
Home Missions	21 60
State Missions	28 65
Associational purposes	17 25
Minutes	27 50
Ministerial Education	10 00
Church Building	3 00
Total	\$115 00

Respectfully submitted,

P. D. SHEPHERD, Chairman.

Volunteers to the State Convention, which meets at DeLand in January, 1888, being called for the following gentlemen responded: J. M. Owens, Sr., W. J. Smith, L. Drury, D. Palmer,

Jno. H. Jackson, J. R. A. Tucker, P. D. Shepherd, W. P. Moon, N. A. Bailey, S. F. Gove.

Moved and carried that the delegation to convention be allowed to fill vacancies in representation.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a collection be taken at the Sunday morning service, and that said collection be equally divided between Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education and State Missions.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the people of Umatilla and vicinity who have so kindly provided for us during our meeting; and also to the Florida Southern R. R., the T., O. & A. R. R., for favors extended to our messengers; also to Methodist church for use of church during Association.

Ordered that a page in minutes be dedicated to the memory of Rev. A. L. Farr, of Orlando, and Deacon W. T. Robertson, of Bloomfield.

On motion, Association adjourned to meet with Kissimmee Baptist church, Friday before 4th Sunday in September, 1888.

N. A. BAILEY,

C. A. CARSON, Clerk.

Moderator.

*Treasurer's Report.*

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

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To am't received from Finance Committee	for Minutes	\$ 25 00
" " " "	for Clerk	10 00
" " " "	for Foreign Missions	7 00
" " " "	for Home Missions	21 60
" " " "	for State Missions	28 65
" " " "	for Ministerial Education	19 75
" " " "	for Church Building	3 00
To collection Saturday	for Ministerial Education	7 75
" Sunday	"	5 62
" " "	Foreign Missions	5 62
" " "	State Missions	5 62
Total		\$139 61

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By amount paid for printing Minutes	\$ 25 00
" " Clerk	10 00
" sent W. N. Chaudoin	104 61
Total	\$139 61



*Ladies Meeting.*

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Wekiva Association held their annual meeting at Umatilla on the 1st of October in the Methodist church, kindly proffered by our Methodist brethren. Sister Guild, of DeLand, was with us, and followed the opening exercises by an interesting talk on Foreign Missions. Sister Simmons, of Apopka, read a letter from the Missionary Society of that place, speaking lovingly of dear Sister Mays, our former president, who since the last Association has been called from her work here to a home "beyond the river;" also read resolutions on her removal from us, which were adopted and sent to Sister Telford for publication in "The Baptist Witness" of DeLand. Sister Cox elected president of

Contributions of Apopka Society near \$10.00.

Mrs. Baker, of Umatilla, reports \$2.30 for Foreign Missions and \$5.57 for Home work, and that they had besides their society a Mission Band, numbering twenty-one; and a Penny club, consisting of five members.

Mrs. Guild reports favorably of their society in DeLand, that they were at work and finances in good condition.

Mrs. Hayes reports from Altoona Society, 21 (twenty-one) members, interest good, amount sent for foreign missions \$1.98, and amount raised during year for home work about \$551. The members pay (2) two cents a week, which, together with honorary members' dues, is given to work abroad.

*Resolved*, That Rev. N. A. Bailey be invited to preach on Woman's Work, to-morrow, last day of Association. Short reading by Mrs. Hayes, "So much to do at home." "Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box," read by Mrs. Guild. An expression being called for, a number pledged to pay 2 cents per week for mission work. Mrs. Guild encouraged the society by her talk, who were glad that the Lord directed her to visit them, and who will ever pray that when her earnest labors cease here she may enter into that rest prepared for those who love God.

Adjourned by singing doxology.

LOUISA HAYES, Sec'y pro tem.

On Sunday Rev. N. A. Bailey preached a very able sermon. On motion, the society unanimously requested the sermon for publication in "The Witness," and offered a vote of thanks to Bro. Bailey for his kindness. L. HAYES, Sec'y pro tem.

WHEREAS, our late President, Sister Mattie J. Mays, has been removed from us to her heavenly home,

*Resolved*, That we hold her in loving remembrance as one whose life most beautifully exemplified the spirit of Christ, and whose zealous devotion to His service has done much to stimulate in us a desire for more earnest efforts in aid of the missionary cause.

*Resolved*, That as one after another of the faithful ones are taken from us, we recognize the necessity of being ourselves more earnest and faithful, that the work to which we have been called may suffer no loss.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be placed on the records of the society and published in the Minutes of the Association.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

CHURCHES.	No. of Schools	SUPERINTENDENTS	No. Officers and Teachers	No. of Pupils Enrolled	Average Attendance	No. Baptized during Year.	Vols. in Library	Contributions for Missions	Amount of Money Raised.
Apopka									
Astatula*									
Bethlehem*									
Bloomfield	1	— Williams	4	15				\$1 00	
Cassia	1		2	95					
Chuluota	1	Mrs L. M. Sholes	4	42	35				
DeLand	1	Theo. Shotwell	10	125	65	7	150		200 00
Kissimmee	1	C. A. Carson	10	124	50	11	65		35 00
LaGrange*									
Lake Ashby	1	J. D. Brooks	6	22	13				7 00
Lake Harney	1	W. P. Lassater	7	46	25				
Live Oak	1	L. B. Trowell	7	60	40	1		5 30	
Longwood									
Merritt....	1	F. M. Plympton		37	30				
Midway	1	J. W. Matchett	5	59	35				2 66
Orlando	1	J. S. Hudson	5	60	40		24		
Oviedo....	1	A. P. Farnell	3	20	12	1			6 50
Pine Grove	1	Lemuel Hodges	3	45	30	16			27 96
Sanford									
Crabgrass*	2			57	40				
Pleasant Grove*									
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>79</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>\$6 30</b>	<b>\$311 68</b>

\* No report.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	General Purposes	State Missions	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	C. B. Fund.	Ministerial Education.	Total.	CASH SENT TO ASSOCIATION FOR					Total.
									State Missions.	C. B. Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Total.	
Altoona	\$2 00		\$11 00		10 50			\$12 50	\$6 84	\$23 10	2 44	\$5 00	\$20 94	
Apopka	1 50							12 50	12 85	5 75	1 04	5 00	26 04	
Astatula	50							8 15	15 00	30 00	25 10	9 00	79 10	
Bethlehem	2 50		5 65					1 00	21 00	160 83	6 79		180 15	
Bloomfield	1 00				1 00			2 00	1 75				1 75	
Cassia	1 00							2 25						
Chuluota	1 00	1 25						2 00	65 00	131 13	33 80	22 30	252 23	
DeLand	2 00			3 00	7 00			25 00	6 55	3 21	5 00	3 59	9 76	
Kissimmee	1 00	1 00		4 00	4 00			10 00	5 63	25 00			38 22	
LaGrange	2 00							4 00	7 90	5 00			12 90	
Lake Ashby	1 00	3 00						4 00	3 08	2 31			5 39	
Lake Harney	1 00							4 00	8 74	4 01			12 75	
Live Oak	1 50							2 00	1 50	3 00			4 00	
Longwood	1 00							5 00	13 54	1 65			15 19	
Merritt	1 00							4 00			2 30		2 30	
Midway	1 00							12 00	25 45	2 27	19 68	30 00	96 40	
Orlando	2 00	10 00						2 00	12 15	8 00	2 55		22 07	
Oviedo	2 00							3 00	1 60	2 00			3 00	
Pine Grove	1 00	1 00						1 50	51 79	5 00	12 00	5 00	83 79	
Sanford	1 50								7 53		1 36			
Promiscuously collected														
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27 50</b>	<b>\$17 25</b>	<b>\$27 65</b>	<b>\$7 00</b>	<b>\$22 50</b>	<b>\$3 00</b>	<b>\$10 00</b>	<b>\$114 90</b>	<b>\$241 51</b>	<b>\$415 60</b>	<b>\$115 20</b>	<b>\$74 89</b>	<b>\$557 24</b>	

WEEKLY ASSOCIATION.

CASH SENT TO ASSOCIATION FOR

CASH REC'D BY STATE BOARD DURING THE YEAR

# 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 fails 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 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; also a Treasurer, and they are to hold office until their successors are elected.

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, or 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 moneys 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.

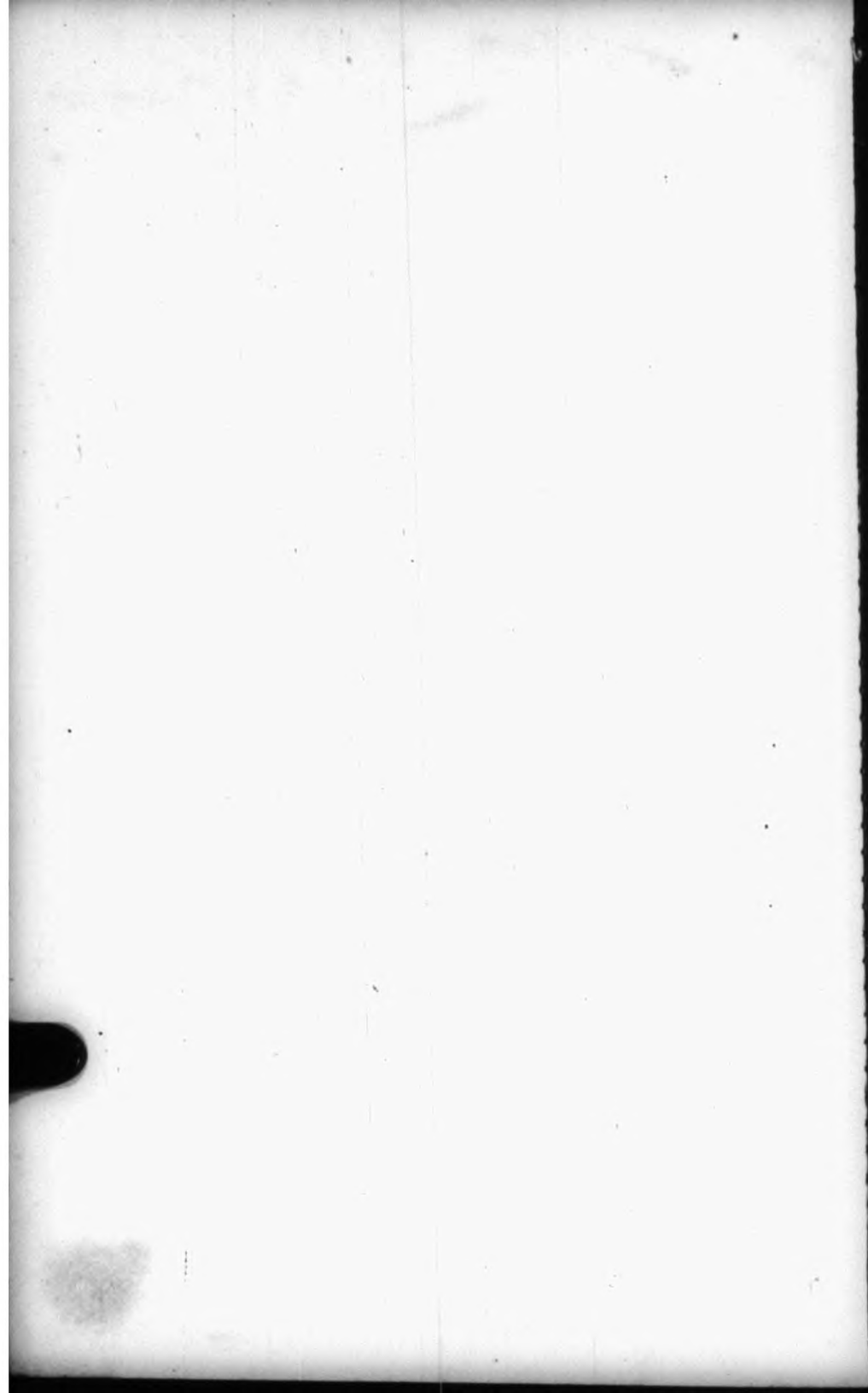
ART. 18. The Association shall in all cases (except to amend the constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present.

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.





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