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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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| Elder R. W. Lawton, | - | - | - | - | Oviedo. |
| W. B. Culpeper, | - | - | - | - | Geneva. |
| J. R. A. Tucker, | - | - | - | - | Oviedo. |
| M. A. Stuart, | - | - | - | - | Apopka. |
| Dr W. J. Sears, | - | - | - | - | Kissimmee. |
| N. J. Trowell, | - | - | - | - | Umatilla. |

MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

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|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|-------------|
| J. D. Bohannon, | - | - | - | - | DeLand. |
| R. Telford, | - | - | - | - | DeLand. |
| John McKinney, | - | - | - | - | DeLand. |
| N. A. Bailey, | - | - | - | - | Orlando. |
| R. W. Lawton, | - | - | - | - | Oviedo |
| S. F. Gove, | - | - | - | - | Longwood |
| L. Drury, | - | - | - | - | Apopka. |
| W. T. Gordon, | - | - | - | - | Bloomfield. |
| D. Palmer, | - | - | - | - | Altoona. |
| W. N. Chaudoin, | - | - | - | - | Lagrange. |
| A. D. Cohen, | - | - | - | - | Sanford. |
| W. B. Dye, | - | - | - | - | Kissimmee. |
| O. N. Williams, | - | - | - | - | Chuluota. |
| J. A. Richardson, | - | - | - | - | Apopka. |
| J. F. Forbes, (Licentiate), | - | - | - | - | DeLand. |
| W. J. Sears, | " | - | - | - | Kissimmee. |
| J. N. Woodall, | " | - | - | - | Kissimmee. |

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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. Elect delegates to the State and Baptist Southern Conventions.
10. Reports of standing committees.
11. Fix time and place of next meeting
12. Arrange for printing minutes.
13. Call for Treasurer's report
14. Miscellaneous business.

MINUTES.

The Wekiva Baptist Association having been prevented by quarantine from meeting September 21, pursuant to adjournment, met according to call of the Executive Committee with the Kissimmee Church, at 11 A. M. Dec. 14, 1888.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. A. D. Cohen, of Sanford.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock, after prayer, business was begun. Letters being presented from twelve churches, Revs. Cohen and Forbes were appointed to read them, and the names of messengers were enrolled as shown in statistical table.

Rev. N. A. Bailey and C. A. Carson were re-elected Moderator and Clerk by acclamation. C. A. Carson was also elected Treasurer and W. J. Sears, Assistant Clerk.

Petitionary letters being called for, one was presented from Lockwood Baptist Church asking admission into this Association. The request was granted and the right hand of fellowship was extended to their messenger. Similar requests from Elizabeth, Enterprise and Midway churches were referred to a special committee composed of A. D. Cohen, D. Palmer and W. N. Chaudoin.

Visiting brethren being invited to seats with the body, Rev. W. B. Dye, of the South Florida Association, accepted the invitation. The report of the Committee on Education, to be appointed, was made the special order for Saturday night.

Correspondents were appointed as follows, viz.: St. Johns River

Association, J. F. Forbes; South Florida Association, W. N. Chaudoin; Alachua Association, W. N. Chaudoin and J. F. Forbes.

On motion of J. F. Forbes, all the churches were requested to forward all moneys for benevolent purposes direct to the Treasurer of the State Board.

On motion, all the Ministers present were requested to meet immediately after service to-night to examine O. N. Williams with reference to his ordination to the ministry, as requested by the Pine Grove Church.

Preaching Friday night by D. Palmer, after which the special committees were announced as follows:

On Preaching—W. B. Dye, W. J. Sears, C. A. Carson.

On Finance—J. S. Oliver, J. P. Rogers.

On Letters and Queries—H. W. Tanner, J. R. A. Tucker.

On Publications—A. D. Cohen, J. N. Woodall.

On State of Churches—J. H. Tucker, J. S. Oliver.

On Temperance—D. Palmer, J. R. A. Tucker.

On Missions—W. N. Chaudoin, C. A. Carson.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—O. N. Williams, J. P. Rogers

On Sunday Schools—J. A. Richardson, D. Palmer.

On Education—J. F. Forbes, W. B. Dye.

Adjourned till Saturday 9 a. m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1888—9 A. M.

Reading Ephesians 2 by Moderator. Prayer by Brother O. N. Williams. Minutes of previous day read and adopted.

Oakland Church presented a letter asking admission into the body, as did also Ocoee.

On motion, both were received.

The special committee reported favorably on the petitionary letters from Elizabeth, Enterprise and Midway churches, and they were all admitted.

Rev. F. M. Beebe, of Mount Dora, on invitation, accepted a seat in the Association.

Reports of standing committees being called for they were presented as follows:

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.—Your committee would report that since our last meeting God has been pleased to spare all our Ministers from death. It is with the most profound gratitude to Him that we are enabled to make such a report. Our joy, however, is mingled with grief, while we are called to weep over the fact that we shall never have the pleasure of shaking hands at these earthly gatherings, with our dearly beloved brother, Deacon J. F. Prince; who had served the church at Sanford in this capacity since its organization. We weep not as those without hope, but look forward to the time when we shall meet where parting is no more. We would recommend that a page in our Minutes be dedicated to his memory.

O. N. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

On Sunday Schools.—Your committee believe that efficient Sunday School work cannot be too much emphasized. It is a work of educating our children and young people in the great truths of the Bible. Upon it the church largely depends for its success in winning souls for Christ. Your committee is not informed as to the state of the Sunday Schools within the bounds of this Association, but are impressed with the pleasing fact that the Sunday School interest is growing throughout the State.

They recommend the use of the Blackboard or the Bible Lesson Pictures of the American Baptist Publication Society as a means of review each Sunday, where it is possible to have them used at all efficiently.

They would also have the Association recommend to the Baptist Convention of the State of Florida that Sunday School work be made a part of the work of the Secretary of the State Board of Missions, and that said Secretary, as the State Sabbath School Evangelist, issue circulars asking for statistics and other information in regard to Sunday Schools and act as the medium through whom needy and destitute localities can obtain help from the Convention and be informed of other sources of help. This will greatly aid and encourage the organization of new schools in destitute places. Your committee would recommend the use of our own denominational literature and lesson helps, and of them they can speak in the highest terms. Heartily endorsing the publications of the A. B. P. Society, than which there is no better, they call special attention to the publication of the "Kind Words" series, issued under the direction of the Southern Baptist Church

J. A. RICHARDSON, Chairman.

On Publications—After discussion by Brethren Cohen, Chaudoin Palmer and Bailey, the report on Publications was adopted as follows:

Recognizing "the power of the press" and the importance of sound, religious literature for the people, we would be cautious in recommending any class of reading, nor would we do so without careful examination.

For good, sound and safe reading, we hesitate not to commend the "Florida Baptist Witness" as an important factor in promoting the interests of the cause of Christ in the State, and desire to know that a copy of this valuable and useful paper is read in every Baptist family in the State. Price, \$2.00 per year; published at Ocala. For Sunday School purposes and for family use, we know nothing so good as the "Kind Words" publications, consisting of teacher, quarterlies and children's papers, published at Ocala. For libraries for the children and also adults, we heartily approve and commend the AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY'S books, pamphlets, tracts, and cards.

For indispensable information with reference to Home and Foreign Missions we insist that we can not get along very well without the beautiful and useful paper, "Our Home Field" published by the Home Mission Board, at Atlanta, Ga., and "The Foreign Journal" published by the Board of Foreign Missions at Richmond, Va.

Respectfully submitted.

A. D. COHEN, Chairman.

At this point the letter from the Cassia Church was presented and read.

On Missions.—After remarks by brethren Chaudoin and Forbes, the report on Missions was adopted as follows:

The Mission work, in all its departments, was never more encouraging than now, and never was there more urgent need of enlarged contributions.

The work in the State is prospering all around and calls for help are numerous, important. The need for funds for church building is great.

We have more young men asking for aid in securing an education than at any time before.

The general work of the Home Mission Board calls for aid, while the Cuban branch of that work, which we really commenced

and in which we are specially interested, calls upon us for aid at once to purchase a house of worship in Havana.

The Foreign Mission Board has recently reinforced in China and Mexico, and to support these additional missionaries will require larger contributions.

While these calls are ringing in our ears we are under a financial pressure, caused partly by the epidemic that deranged in some measure, the whole business of the State. From some of our principal churches we have received no aid for a good while and can expect none for some time. We shall consequently fall considerably behind this year unless those of us less affected, or unvisited by the epidemic, in the spirit of the Master, make sacrifices and do more than we have been doing.

W. N. CHAUDOIN, Chairman.

On Letters and Queries.—Your committee find nothing in the letters requiring our attention, except that the church at Altoona asks for the next session of this Association, which we recommend be accepted.

H. W. TANNER, Chairman.

On motion this body agreed to meet with the Altoona Church on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1889.

On State of the Churches.—There is reason for encouragement in the fact that several of our churches have had considerable gatherings. Most of them have Sunday Schools, and peace prevails. The most discouraging fact is that several of the churches seem to have no system in finances and contribute little or nothing for Missions.

J. H. TUCKER, Chairman.

On motion of A. D. Cohen, it was

Resolved, That this body shall appropriate out of the funds at their disposal \$1.50 to reimburse the Secretary of the Board of State Missions for furnishing statistical blanks for the use of the churches.

Adjourned to 2.30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION 2.30 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Phillips.

Reports of special committees continued:

On Finance—Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Funds sent to the Association for associational purposes and Minutes (\$35 25)—thirty-five dollars and twenty-five cents—which amount has been turned over to your Treasurer.

J. S. OLIVER, Chairman.

On motion of W. N. Chaudoin,

Rev. N. A. Bailey was elected a delegate from this body to the Southern Baptist Convention, with the request that the Orlando church defray half his expenses and the Association the other half.

On motion of Brother Cohen, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the people of Kissimmee and vicinity for their kind hospitality in entertaining the members of this body. Also to the S. F. R. E. for courtesies and favors shown the messengers.

On motion it was ordered That the collection to be taken on Sunday at 11 a. m. be turned over to W. N. Chaudoin for missionary purposes.

Adjourned to 7 P. M.

NIGHT SESSION—7 P. M.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed ten (\$10) dollars for his services; and ordered to use the balance of the money in the Treasury for printing Minutes.

The following were appointed delegates to the State Convention to meet in January, viz.: A. D. Cohen, J. F. Forbes, W. N. Chaudoin, W. J. Sears, E. D. Beggs, N. A. Bailey, R. W. Lawton, J. A. Richardson, Walter Gwynn, and John McKinney.

Report on Education.—After being ably discussed by Rev. J. F. Forbes, W. B. Dye and N. A. Bailey, the following report was adopted viz.:

Knowing from 1 Timothy 3: 2, that the man who has the qualification for the Ministry is "apt to teach," we would urge upon every one who is in the work to 'study to show themselves workmen approved of God, rightly dividing the word of truth, giving to each their portion of meat in due season.' And those who contemplate

entering the Ministry first, spend much time in learning *what* to teach; second, study much before undertaking to teach, *how* to teach. Looking to this end, the Lord in calling men as Ministers, affords abundant facilities for the well doing of His called, hence "study" is the Master's demand.

As aids and absolutely necessary directions to study God, through His loved children, has given to the world men and women who are to direct this study in theology and other means of preparation therefor, and we urge our brethren to give liberally both for the support of students for the Ministry and also for general christian education; and we call special attention to our own State University in DeLand, with its equipment, all first class. We would direct special attention to the raising of the remainder of the endowment fund therefor.

J. F. FORBES, Chairman.

Association then adjourned, to meet with the Altoona Church on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October 1889.

N. A. BAILEY, Moderator

C. A. CARSON, Clerk.

Treasurer's Report.—C. A. Carson, Treasurer, in account with Wekiva Baptist Association:

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| Dr. | |
| To amount received from Finance Committee..... | \$35 25 |
| Cr. | |
| By amount paid Clerk | 10 00 |
| For Minutes, printing and mailing | 25 25 |
| | \$35 25 |

On Preaching—Introductory sermon, D Palmer. Alternate, O. N. Williams.

Doctrinal sermon, N. A. Bailey. Alternate, L. Drury.

Missionary sermon, J. F. Forbes. Alternate W. N. Chaudoin
W. B. DYE, Chairman.

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J. M. Blitek, Treasurer,

ORLANDO,

Deceased during the past year.

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AMOUNTS COLLECTED DURING THE YEAR.

| | Minutes | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Church Building | Minis Education | Total |
|-------------------|---------|----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| Altoona | \$ 2 00 | \$5 81 | | \$7 78 | \$10 25 | \$ 25 84 | |
| Apopka | | 8 40 | | 6 00 | 2 50 | 19 40 | |
| Astatula | | 1 25 | | 1 25 | | 2 50 | |
| Bethlehem | 1 50 | 25 00 | | 15 00 | 37 84 | 85 02 | |
| Bloomfield | | 9 22 | 2 84 | 8 50 | 5 15 | 29 21 | |
| Cassia | 1 00 | | | | | 1 00 | |
| Chuluota | | | | | | | |
| DeLand | 3 09 | 64 74 | 145 00 | 123 36 | 130 00 | 482 80 | |
| Elizabeth | 75 | | | | | 75 | |
| Enterprise | 1 00 | | | | | 1 00 | |
| Kissimmee | 2 00 | 6 00 | 3 25 | 9 15 | 3 25 | 29 00 | |
| LaGrange | 2 00 | 25 00 | 4 00 | 14 83 | 8 24 | 58 07 | |
| Lake Ashby | 1 00 | | | | | 1 00 | |
| Lake Harney | 1 00 | 2 85 | | | 14 50 | 18 35 | |
| Live Oak | 1 50 | 2 10 | | 1 37 | | 4 97 | |
| Lockwood | | | | | | | |
| Longwood | | 2 10 | | | | 2 10 | |
| Merritt | 50 | 12 00 | | | | 12 50 | |
| Midway | | | | | | | |
| Midway, Osceola | | | | | | | |
| Ocoee | 1 00 | 1 95 | | | | 2 95 | |
| Oakland | 1 00 | 1 25 | | | | 2 25 | |
| Orlando | 10 00 | 18 73 | | 10 00 | 8 69 | 52 42 | |
| Oviedo | 1 50 | 14 00 | | 8 81 | | 24 31 | |
| Pine Grove | 2 00 | | | | | 2 00 | |
| Sanford | 1 50 | 23 00 | | 19 50 | 2 75 | 50 25 | |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | | | | |
| Port Orange | | 1 00 | | 1 00 | | 2 00 | |
| Eustis | | 14 00 | | | | 14 00 | |
| Mrs. Valentine | | 3 00 | | | | 3 00 | |
| Wiggins Children | | 1 61 | | | | 1 61 | |
| Grant Isl. W.M.S. | | 1 04 | | | | 1 04 | |
| Sunday's Collect | | 5 00 | | 5 00 | 2 00 | 2 19 | 14 19 |
| Total | 34 25 | 249 15 | 155 00 | 231 55 | 225 17 | 49 32 | 944 43 |

As the Sunday School reports from the Churches were so imperfect the "Sunday School Record" is necessarily omitted from these Minutes.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES | PASTORS | CLERKS | POSTOFFICE | MESSENGERS | No. Last Year | Baptized | Rec'd by Letter | Excluded | Dismissed by Letter | Dead | Increase | Decrease | Present Num. per. |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|---|---------------|----------|-----------------|----------|---------------------|------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| Altoona | D. Palmer | John H. Jackson | Fort Mason | D. Palmer, J. P. Rodgers | 54 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 10 | | 64 |
| Apopka | L. Drury | P. D. Shepherd | Apopka | J. A. Richardson | 83 | 19 | 6 | | 2 | | 17 | | 100 |
| Astatula | W. N. Chaudoin | A. N. Sibley | Astatula | Letter | 8 | | | | 1 | | | | 42 |
| Bethlehem | J. A. Richardson | J. W. Osteen | Bloomfield | J. A. Richardson | 44 | 17 | | | | | | | 17 |
| Bloomfield | John McKinney | W. T. Johns | Cassia | J. F. Forbes | 33 | 23 | | | | | | | 16 |
| Cassia | J. C. Phillips | L. J. Owens | Chuluota | J. C. Phillips | 22 | 7 | | | | | | | 22 |
| Chuluota | W. B. Dye | W. C. Jacobs | DeLand | J. S. Oliver, J. N. Woodall, C. A. Carson | 110 | 7 | 18 | | 1 | | 8 | | 118 |
| DeLand | W. N. Chaudoin | H. M. Lanier | Kissimmee | W. N. Chaudoin | 56 | 25 | 4 | | 1 | | 18 | | 14 |
| Elizabeth | S. F. Gove | J. W. Sears | LaGrange | J. S. Oliver, J. N. Woodall, C. A. Carson | 25 | 4 | | | | | 18 | | 14 |
| Enterprise | D. Palmer | J. D. Almond | LaGrange | Letter | 25 | 3 | | | | | 18 | | 74 |
| Kissimmee | J. W. Savage | J. G. Dyall | Osteen | J. F. Forbes | 16 | 15 | | | | | 13 | | 27 |
| LaGrange | J. W. Savage | W. B. Culpopper | Sanford | J. C. Phillips | 24 | 24 | | | | | 3 | | 24 |
| Lake Ashby | J. W. Savage | N. J. Trowell | Umatilla | Letter | 61 | 11 | 9 | | 2 | | 9 | | 64 |
| Lake Harney | J. W. Savage | N. J. Trowell | Longwood | H. W. Tanner | 9 | | | | | | | | 9 |
| Live Oak | J. W. Savage | J. D. Lewis | Merritt | J. C. Phillips | 24 | | | | | | | | 24 |
| Lockwood | J. W. Savage | J. Sanders | Pine Castle | J. C. Phillips | 9 | | | | | | | | 9 |
| Longwood | J. W. Savage | W. T. Hansell | Kissimmee | S. Seegar, E. J. Bigelow | 53 | 53 | | | | | 7 | | 53 |
| Merritt | J. W. Savage | R. J. Bigelow | Ocoee | J. W. P. Bray | 7 | | | | | | | | 7 |
| Midway, Osceola | J. W. Savage | W. B. Rush | Oakland | N. A. Bailey | 19 | | | | | | | | 19 |
| Ocoee | J. W. Savage | E. H. Rice | Orlando | R. Linton | 8 | | | | | | | | 8 |
| Oakland | J. W. Savage | J. M. Jones | Oviedo | J. H. Tucker, O. N. Williams | 76 | 9 | 20 | | 1 | | 21 | | 97 |
| Orlando | J. W. Savage | S. Hodges | Chuluota | A. D. Cohen | 42 | 4 | 8 | | 2 | | 5 | | 53 |
| Oviedo | J. W. Savage | E. F. Barnes | Sanford | | 33 | 8 | | | 2 | | 1 | | 38 |
| Pine Grove | J. W. Savage | | | | 64 | 4 | 3 | | 17 | | 6 | | 81 |
| Sanford | J. W. Savage | | | | 887 | 108 | 73 | | 59 | | 182 | | 1042 |

*Based on report for 1887, there being no report this 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 shall 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 help 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 case 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Is. 45:22,23, v:4,6,9. 1st Kings, 8:80. Joel, 2:27. Mark, 28:19. 2d Cor. 13:14. Is. 48:16. John 14:16. Mark, 3:16. 17. John, 10:20,30. Acts 5:3,4.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2d Timothy, 3:10. Acts, 1:16. 1st Peter, 4:11. 1st Thess. 2:13. Luke, 11:28. James, 1:22. 1st Samuel, 15. Deut., 4:2, 22, 32. Prov., 30:8. Matt., 15:9. Rev., 22:19. John, 14:15.

3. We believe in eternal and particular election. Deut. 7:6. Acts, 22:14, 13:46; 15:18. Matt., 24:31. John, 10:16 6:37 10:27 29. Rom. 8:29, 30; 9;15. Eph., 1:4, 5, 11. 2d Thess., 13:14. 2d Timothy, 1:9. Titus, 1:1 2. 1st Peter, 1:12, 2:9.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen., 5:3. Psalms, 51:5. John, 3:6.

5. We believe in man's impotency, of his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the state he is in by nature. Jer., 13:23,17:9. Rom., 1:28, 31; 8:7, 8. Psalms, 53:1. John, 7:7; 3:3; 6:4. Eph., 4:18, 19. Gal., 3:10, 11. Hebrew, 10:4.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ. Rom., 8:1, 25; 10:4; 3:25, 26. Isaiah, 1:11. Acts-13:38, 39. 1st Cor., 1:30. Gal. 3:21, 24; 2:16. Phil., 3:8, 10.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, renewed and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Rom., 8:29, 30; 11:7. Acts, 13:48. John, 10:16, 30, 32. Eph., 2:5, 10. 2d Tim., 1:9. 2d Thes. 2:13, 14.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away. John, 17:9, 10, 11, 23; 10:27, 28, 29. Rom. 8:31, 39. 1st Peter, 1:4, 5.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus imposed upon His churches; that nothing is baptism except immersion; that believers are the only subjects of this ordinance, and that none but baptized believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. Matt., 2:19. Mark, 16:16, 1:5,9. 1st Cor., 10:16; 16:29. Acts, 2:38 8:36, 38:39; 10:47; 16:2, 4. Rom. 6:3; 5:16. Col., 2:12.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment. 1st Cor., 15:3, 4, 12, 20, 25; 4:5. Matt., 25:46. Heb., 9:28.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal. Mat., 25:46. Dan., 12:3. Mark, 9:46. John, 5:38, 39. 2d Thess., 1:9.

12. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances, only such as are called and have come under the hands of the Presbytery. Matt., 28:16, 20. Acts, 13:2, 5. 1st Tim., 4:14; 5:22. 2d Tim., 2:2. 2d John, 1:9, 11.