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MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

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| Rev. N. A. Bailey | Orlando. |
| Rev. J. D. Bohannan | DeLand. |
| Rev. W. N. Chaudoin | LaGrange. |
| Rev. A. D. Cohen | Sanford. |
| Rev. L. Drury | Apopka. |
| Rev. W. B. Dye | Kissimmee. |
| Rev. S. Dyer | DeLand. |
| Rev. J. F. Forbes (Licentiate) | DeLand. |
| Rev. W. T. Gordon | Bloomfield. |
| Rev. S. F. Gove | Longwood. |
| Rev. W. D. Hiers | DeLand. |
| Rev. J. L. Jackson | DeLand. |
| Rev. R. W. Lawton | Oviedo. |
| Rev. R. E. L. Lovell (Licentiate) | Apopka. |
| Rev. J. McKinney | DeLand. |
| Rev. D. Palmer | Altoona. |
| Rev. J. C. Phillips | Kissimmee. |
| Rev. J. A. Richardson | Apopka. |
| Rev. J. W. Savage | Chuluota. |
| Rev. W. J. Sears (Licentiate) | Kissimmee. |
| Rev. R. Telford | DeLand. |
| Rev. O. N. Williams | Chuluota. |
| Rev. J. N. Woodall (Licentiate) | Kissimmee. |

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Reading of letters from churches.
3. Election of officers.
4. Petitionary letters.
5. Inviting visiting brethren to seats.
6. Appointment of standing committees.
7. Call for correspondents.
8. Appointment of correspondents.
9. Election of delegates to the State and Southern Baptist Conventions.
10. Reports of standing committees.
11. Fixing time and place of next meeting.
12. Arranging for printing minutes.
13. Call for Treasurer's report.
14. Miscellaneous business.

MINUTES.

The Wekiva Baptist Association convened October 18, 1889, with the Church at Altoona:

Devotional services by N. A. Bailey.

W. B. Dye and D. Palmer were appointed to read the letters presented, and the names of messengers were enrolled as shown by the statistical table.

N. A. Bailey and C. A. Carson were re-elected Moderator and Clerk, respectively.

A petitionary letter from Fort Bassinger Church, asking admission to the Association, was read. The petition was granted, and the hand of fellowship was extended to their messenger.

Visiting brethren were then invited to take seats with this body. Brother Godinez, resident missionary at Regla, Cuba, was present, and was recognized as a visiting brother.

The Committee on Preaching (D. Palmer, E. D. Dykes, J. P. Rogers and Robert Stokes) ordered that Brother Palmer be released from preaching the introductory sermon, and the Committee on Preaching was instructed to appoint some one else.

The order of business of last year was adopted.

No correspondents being present, Brother Walter Gwynn was appointed correspondent to Manatee Association.

The Committee on Preaching reported Brother Lawton to preach the introductory sermon at 2 o'clock p. m.

Adjourned, after prayer by Brother Lawton.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1889, 2 P. M.

Prayer by J. C. Phillips.

The following were appointed delegates to the Florida Baptist Convention, viz.: W. B. Dye, N. A. Bailey, R. W. Lawton, D. Palmer, W. Gwynn, C. A. Carson, J. P. Rogers, W. N. Chaudoin.

It was ordered that the Clerk be allowed ten (\$10) dollars for his services, and that the remaining money on hand be expended in printing the Minutes.

Standing committees were appointed as follows:

On Finance—R. W. Lawton, J. R. A. Tucker.

On Letters and Queries—J. C. Phillips, J. M. Tanner.

On Publications—D. Palmer, Robert Stokes.

On the State of Churches—A. J. Mostello, E. D. Dykes.

On Temperance—Walter Gwynn, W. P. Day.

On Missions—W. B. Dye, R. E. L. Lovell.

On Sunday-Schools—N. J. Trowell, J. L. Greer.

On Education—John McKinney, C. A. Carson.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—W. W. Baker, J. P. Rogers.

C. A. Carson was re-elected Treasurer.

The Executive Committee is hereby dispensed with.

The introductory sermon was preached by R. W. Lawton, who read from Isaiah liii, and preached from Galatians i: 8.

W. B. Dye was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Letters were presented from Lake Harney, Oviedo, Chuluota and Sanford. R. W. Lawton and Walter Gwynn, delegates.

It was agreed to meet next year with the Oviedo Church, on the Friday before the third Sunday in October 1890.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with the body. No acceptances.

The Committee on Preaching reported that a missionary mass-meeting, to be conducted by Brother J. C. Porter, would be held at 7:30 o'clock to-night.

Bethlehem, Merritt and Lake Ashby Churches were granted letters of dismissal, with the request that they furnish statistics of the past year's work to the Clerk for incorporation into the Minutes.

It was moved that correspondents be appointed to attend the meeting in Titusville on the Friday before the fourth Sunday in November. J. McKinney, W. N. Chaudoin and W. P. Day were appointed.

It was ordered that any church belonging to this Association desiring to unite with the new Association be permitted to do so.

The discussion of missions was made a special order for to-night.

Prayer by Brother W. T. Gordon.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock p. m.

NIGHT SESSION, 7 P. M.

Prayer by J. R. A. Tucker.

The Committee on Missions presented a report, which was ably discussed by Brothers Dye, Palmer and Porter, after which the report was adopted as follows, to wit:

ON MISSIONS.

Your committee would like to present the subject assigned to it under the following heads: First—"Its Scope;" second—"Its Aim;" third—"Its End."

In looking over the field to the south of us, we view a large extent of territory unoccupied and already white, and inviting the harvesters. Turning in any direction, with attentive ear, we hear the cry, "Come over and help us"—so much so that the entire State appears to be a great mission field, with only here and there a self-sustaining church; and this is true in other States. Large territories

lie out before us, and cry continually unto us. But this presents but a small spot of the territory calling for mission work and workers. Surely, "the field is the world," and our obligation to occupy is as binding as inspired will and language could make it: "Go, disciple all nations."

The aim of this work, in obedience to the Divine order, is happier mothers, nobler fathers, purer sons and holier daughters. It looks to the advancement of a purer civilization, the lifting of the mind to the contemplation of holy scenes, works and emotions thus exalting a man, for "righteousness exalteth a nation."

The end of mission work may be summed up in these words: "The eternal joys of the saved and the glory of God." Hence Jesus says to us: "Disciple the nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo! I am with you." Through this work does the Lord purpose to send forth His glory in the face of Jesus Christ—through the gospel which is preached unto the nations, through which we are made partakers of the Divine nature and inheritors with the saints of light, having God for our father, Jesus as our elder brother and the Holy Spirit as our comfort and guide.

W. B. DYE,

Chairman.

During the discussion of the above report, a missionary collection was taken by Brother J. C. Porter.

Adjourned until Saturday, 8:30 o'clock a. m.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

A Scripture lesson was read by the Moderator.

Prayer by A. J. Mostello.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The reports of the standing committees being called for, they were presented as follows:

The report on finance was handed back to the committee for completion.

ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

Your committee find nothing in the letters requiring attention except that the church at Oviedo asks for the next session of this Association, which we recommend be granted.

J. C. PHILLIPS,

Chairman.

ON STATE OF CHURCHES.

We find that most all the churches have had quite a number added to their membership during the past year, and out of the twenty-seven (27) churches that we have statistics from there are only five which have no Sunday-school, and seven that send in no report of mission work. Let us thank God for his blessings during the past year, and go out to the work of next year with renewed courage and energy, and do more for our Master and his cause than we have ever done in one year.

A. J. MOSTELLO,

Chairman.

ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee would report that, while there can be found no cause for rejoicing at the prospect of an early abatement of the great evil of intemperance, as a Christian people we should by no means relax our efforts, but be ever found ready to employ every agency looking to the advancement of the temperance cause, reverently and unceasingly invoke Divine blessing upon such efforts, recognizing the fact that to successfully combat this, as all other evils, must be through the power of the grace of God.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER GWYNN,

W. P. DAY,

Committee.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee would report that since our last Association it has pleased our Heavenly Father in his boundless mercy and loving kindness to spare to us all of our ministers, for which we give Him all the praise.

It has pleased Him in his wisdom to take from our midst our dear, beloved Brother, Leonard B. Trowell. We deeply mourn his loss, but we are comforted with the knowledge that he has gone to his reward—the rest that remains for the faithful in Christ. Brother Len was a deacon of Umatilla Church for four years, was a true and devoted Christian and a faithful deacon, beloved by all who knew him. We recommend that a page in our Minutes be dedicated to his memory.

W. W. BAKER,
Chairman.

ON PUBLICATIONS

The report of the Committee on Publications being submitted, was discussed at length by W. T. Gordon, R. W. Lawton, J. McKinney, D. Palmer, C. A. Carson and Walter Gwynn. At this point, the hour of preaching having arrived, business was suspended and a doctrinal sermon was preached by Rev. N. A. Bailey from Rev. xix:7, 8, 9. After preaching, adjourned to 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Brother Hayes. The report on Publications was further discussed by N. A. Bailey and Walter Gwynn, after which the report was adopted as follows:

ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications would beg leave to report that, as a body, seeking to impress the truths of the Gospel upon the minds and hearts of the people, we should recognize the growing power of the press as a power that is shaping the destinies of the people, and we be-

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lieve it to be our duty to use the press as an instrument in the hands of God to lift souls nearer to Jesus, and for that purpose we would recommend a liberal support of *The Baptist Witness* as our home paper, and in our general work the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society, *The Kind Words* series, *The Foreign Mission Journal*, *Our Home Field*, and *The Baptist Basket*.

D. PALMER,
Chairman.

At this point the letter from Cassia Church was presented and names of messengers enrolled. The Committee on Education reported:

ON EDUCATION.

All our powers and capacities are trusts from God. Our responsibility is connected with their use and development. This responsibility should be clearly recognized and faithfully discharged. Whether we know that God will demand his own with usury or not, the fact remains the same.

Each individual must stand at last to be judged for the manner in which he has trained and used himself as a thinking being. No one should be satisfied until he has made the most of himself for himself, his fellow-man and his God. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary not only that he should avail himself of all opportunities to use his powers as he now possesses them, but also to enlarge these powers that he may use them to accomplish greater results in the future. And whenever the direction of the minds of others is entrusted to another's keeping, it becomes his duty both to instill into them the loftier aspirations and to provide them with the best appliances for the realizing of these.

If these things are so, then, as ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we should constantly aim to render ourselves

more efficient by a wise use of all the means at our disposal for the development of our minds. As sons and daughters of God we should ever strive to grow in knowledge that we may thus more and more honor our Father; and as parents and guardians we should be willing to deny ourselves and children and wives in other directions in order that we may give them the training that shall fit them to live wisely and usefully in this world, and to have an abundant entrance into the world to come. As a help to those thus charged, we would commend John B. Stetson University. In this Institution will be found all the facilities needed to inspire, direct and develop any who seek to make more of themselves or who desire to have their children accomplish more than themselves have been able to do. To this Institution we should give our good wishes, our prayers, our money and our children. Especially should we give our money during the present year, that the obligation of our State Board, which is to be met next year, may be fully met.

To this Association is given the honor of having this grand Institution within its boundaries, and, therefore, of all Associations this should be most loyal to it and most liberal.

JOHN MCKINNEY,

Chairman.

ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your Committee beg to report that fourteen (14) Sunday-schools are reported by the churches of this Association with an enrollment of six hundred and ninety-two (692) scholars, and while we are grateful to God that so many churches are engaged in this important work, we would recommend that all of the churches remember their duty to God in this matter of Sunday-schools and the education of the children in the truths of the Gospel, thus

hoping to sow seeds that will bring the fruits of everlasting life.

N. J. TROWELL,

Chairman.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Association endorse the Woman's Mission Work of the denomination in the State; that we recommend to the churches of this Association the worthy and consecrated Secretary, Sister Telford, whose presence at this meeting is cordially welcomed, with the sincere hope that she may be much encouraged in the organization of new societies, and in strengthening and enlarging the work of those already organized in this Association.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

At the Methodist Church, Saturday night, Rev. W. B. Dye preached from Matthew iii:10.

At the same hour, in the Baptist Church, Rev. J. McKinney preached from Acts, xx:24.

Sunday, 10 a. m., Sunday-school mass-meeting, conducted by C. A. Carson.

J. McKinney, who was appointed to preach on Education at 11 o'clock, at the Baptist Church, being taken suddenly ill, was compelled to retire. On request, Rev. N. A. Bailey preached, selecting as his text, Eph., i:13, 14.

At the same hour R. W. Lawton preached at the Methodist Church.

SUNDAY, 3 P. M.

Prayer by Bro. Godinez.

Preaching, in Spanish, by Bro. Godinez. An explanation was then made by Rev. W. B. Dye of the work in which Bro. Godinez is engaged, together with a strong appeal for funds to aid in purchasing a cemetery at Regla,

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES | PASTORS. | CLERKS. | POST-OFFICE | MESSENGERS | No. Last Year | | Baptized | Received by Letter | Excluded by Letter | Dismissed | Dead | Increase | Decrease | Present No. |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|------|----------|----------|-------------|
| | | | | | 1890 | 1889 | | | | | | | | |
| Altoona | D. Palmer | T. M. McTearns | Altoona | D. Palmer, E. D. Dykes, R. Stokes, J. P. Rogers | 64 | 22 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 24 | 9 | 88 | |
| Apopka | L. Drury | P. D. Shepherd | Apopka | R. E. L. Lovell, S. Dunaway | 100 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 14 | 18 | 26 | 91 | |
| Astoria | B. D. Farmer | A. N. Shibley | Astoria | Letter | 12 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 18 | 42 | |
| Bethlehem | S. F. Gove | J. W. Osteen | Osteen | Letter | 42 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 16 | 18 | |
| Bohery Creek | J. N. Woodall | J. W. Matchett | Pine Castle | Letter | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 16 | |
| Cassia | J. A. Richardson | E. J. Owens | Jessie | Letter | 22 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 24 | |
| Chuluota | K. W. Lawton | E. A. Douglas | Chuluota | Letter | 118 | 26 | 10 | 4 | 16 | 2 | 12 | 11 | 180 | |
| Deland | J. McKinney | M. W. Sarrent | Deland | J. McKinney, Mrs. Telford | 74 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 73 | |
| F. Bassinger | J. C. Phillips | W. H. Altman | Underhill | J. C. Phillips | 27 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 28 | |
| Kissimmee | W. B. Dye | J. W. Sears | Kissimmee | W. B. Dye, C. A. Carson | 27 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 29 | |
| Lakfrange | A. D. Cohen | J. W. Day | Lakfrange | W. P. Day | 28 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 31 | |
| Lake Ashby | S. F. Gove | J. T. Brooks | Osteen | Letter | 9 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 10 | |
| Lake Hartney | R. W. Lawton | J. T. Leonard | Lakewood | Letter | 8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 88 | |
| Lakewood | O. N. Williams | W. R. Sanders | Merritt | J. M. Tanner | 97 | 4 | 19 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 85 | |
| Merritt | S. F. Gove | W. B. Rush | Oakland | Letter | 52 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 57 | |
| Oakland | T. E. Leroy | E. H. Rice | Oakland | R. W. Lawton | 85 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 30 | |
| Orlando | N. A. Bailey | E. H. Jones | Oviedo | J. R. A. Tucker | 51 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 40 | 51 | 51 | |
| Oviedo | R. W. Lawton | S. Hodges | Chuluota | Walter Gwynn | 64 | 27 | 19 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 104 | |
| Pine Grove | O. N. Williams | E. F. Barnes | Sanford | W. W. Baker, J. L. Greer, N. J. Trowell | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | |
| Sanford | A. D. Cohen | N. J. Trowell | Umatilla | | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | |
| Umatilla | D. Palmer | H. M. Lanier | Kissimmee | | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | |
| Bloomfield | J. C. Phillips | J. D. Lewis | Kissimmee | | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | |
| Elizabethtown | J. C. Phillips | W. T. Hansell | Lakewood | | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | |
| Enterprise | J. C. Phillips | P. de Castle | Pine Castle | | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 | |
| Lakewood | W. T. Hansell | Kissimmee | Kissimmee | | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | |
| Midway | J. C. Phillips | | | | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | |
| Midway, Osceola Co | J. A. Richardson | R. J. Bigelow | Ocoee | | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | |
| Ocoee | J. A. Richardson | R. J. Bigelow | Ocoee | | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | |
| Total | | | | | 972 | 110 | 83 | 17 | 61 | 11 | 133 | 25 | 1118 | |

*Based on Report for '87, there being no report since. †Based on report for '88, there being no report since.
 A petitionary letter from Cross Prairie Church, asking admission into the Association, arrived too late for action by the body.

Cuba, after which a collection was taken amounting to \$31.21.

ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have received from the various churches:

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| For Minutes and Clerk..... | \$ 34 | 91 |
| For Missions..... | 60 | 97 |
| Missionary collection Friday..... | 13 | 62 |
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| Total..... | \$109 | 50 |

\$13.62 of this amount was handed Bro. Porter for Missions, the remaining, \$95.88, we have delivered to the Treasurer.

R. W. LAWTON,
 J. R. A. TUCKER,
Committee.

On motion, it was
Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the people of Altoona and vicinity for their very cordial welcome and extremely liberal hospitality in entertaining us during our stay. We also return thanks to those transportation companies who granted a reduction of rates to those in attendance. The Committee on Preaching reported the following appointments for the next Association, viz: Introductory Sermon, Rev. W. B. Dye; Alternate, Rev. J. A. Richardson. Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. J. McKinney; Alternate, Rev. J. F. Forbes. Missionary Sermon, Rev. L. Drury; Alternate, Rev. N. A. Bailey.

After singing, the Association adjourned to meet with the Oviedo Church, Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1890.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL RECORD.

| CHURCHES. | Superintendents. | No. of Officers and Teachers | | Average Attendance. | No. Baptized During the Year. | Vols. in Library. | Contributions for Missions. | Amount of money raised. |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | No. of Pup Is En-rolled. | | | | | | |
| Altoona | T. McTureous.. | 6 | 32 | 27 | 1 | | | \$ 33 48 |
| Apopka | T. C. Darby.... | 11 | 54 | 40 | | | | 20 17 |
| Astatula | A. N. Sibley... | 6 | 28 | 18 | 12 | 30 | | 4 42 |
| Bethlehem | R. D. Brooke. | 5 | 60 | 20 | | | | .. |
| Boggy Creek..... | C. H. Tuxbury. | | | 20 | | | | |
| †Cassia | | | | | | | | |
| †Chuluota | | | | | | | | |
| DeLand | G. S. Mead..... | 10 | | 8 | 17 | 150 | \$35 00 | |
| †Ft. Bassinger..... | | | | | | | | |
| Kissimmee..... | C. A. Carson... | 11 | 89 | 60 | 1 | 75 | | 40 00 |
| *La Grange..... | | | | | | | | |
| †Lake Ashby..... | | | | | | | | |
| Lake Henry..... | W. P. Lassiter. | 5 | 30 | 25 | 3 | | | |
| †Lockwood..... | | | | | | | | |
| †Merritt..... | | | | | | | | |
| *Oakland..... | | | | | | | | |
| Orlando | J. B. Nokes..... | 11 | 64 | 60 | 4 | 200 | | 150 00 |
| Oviedo..... | W. A. Jelks.... | 4 | 25 | 20 | 3 | | | 20 00 |
| Pine Grove | O. Williams.... | 6 | 29 | 29 | 1 | | | 5 60 |
| Sanford..... | A. D. Cohen.... | 7 | 25 | 23 | | 60 | | 34 99 |
| Umatilla | F. L. Owens.... | 12 | 85 | 50 | 15 | 75 | | 25 00 |
| Totals | | 94 | 521 | 477 | 57 | 590 | \$35 00 | \$333 06 |

* Union Sunday-school, hence not reported

† No school reported

The reports of moneys collected were so meagre that the statement is omitted. The record will be found in the minutes of the State convention. C. A. CARSON,

Clerk.

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 rec-

tify 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, 8:60. 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, 1:12. 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 Thess., 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 baptised 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. Matt., 25:46. Dan., 12:6. 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.

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