

MINUTES
of the
Alabama State Association
of
Free Will Baptists

Held With
FRIENDSHIP CHURCH, Pell City, Ala.
November 5, 6 and 7th, 1942

OFFICERS:

- Rev. J. J. Staab Moderator
2313 33rd Ave., N., Birmingham, Ala.
- Rev. K. V. Shutes Vice Moderator
Cordova, Alabama
- Rev. William H. Ryland Secty. and Treas.
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- Rev. H. L. Mitchell Asst. Secty. and Treas.
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The next session of this State Association will convene
with Malone Church on Dwight Ave., Alabama City,
Ala., on Thursday night before the second Sun-
day in November, 1943.

All Associations in Alabama are urged to represent
in this meeting by delegates and letter.

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REV. J. J. STAAB, Moderator
2313 33rd Avenue, N.
Birmingham, Ala.

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THURSDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 5th

The Alabama State Association was called to order on Thursday night, November 5, 7:00 p.m., by Elder K. V. Shutes, acting moderator. The congregation sang several good songs, after which the moderator called on Rev. Ira D. Garrison to lead in prayer. The moderator made a very impressive talk, after which the devotional was led by Rev. Ira D. Garrison. The Scripture reading was from Mark 6:14-29. All seemed to enjoy a very impressive talk by Bro. Garrison. The congregation sang "Did You Think to Pray." Rev. P. J. Box was called on to lead prayer after which the moderator asked how many associations represented, finding nine present.

The Rev. Sister Lizzie McAdams took the stand and brought a wonderful soul stirring message. Reading from St. John 14:34. Using for a text "The church without spot or blemish." Subject, "What God expects us to be when He comes." Every one gave the most earnest attention and at the close an old-fashioned handshake. A pledge to swap prayers for each other. After a good closing song, the delegates were assigned to homes. Dismissed by Rev. N. Wright.



REV. K. V. SHUTES
Vice Moderator and Statistician
Box 204, Cordova, Ala.

FRIDAY MORNING—9:00 A. M.

Opened by singing and reading of scriptures. Bro. Grady Collins was appointed to conduct the song service. The Rev. Lavander then led a real good devotional service. Reading from I Cor. 1-11. Speaking on a subject of "Laboring Together with Christ." The moderator, Rev. J. J. Staab, being present, then lined up his committees for the session:

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—J. H. Potts, Raymond Rogers, V. C. May.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—W. C. Patterson, D. H. Davenport, W. C. Clearman.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS—H. L. Mitchell, P. J. Box, Lee Hanks, S. R. Lee, K. V. Shutes.

GENERAL BUSINESS—H. L. Mitchell, N. Wright, Ira D. Garrison, H. L. Perkins.

STATISTICIAN—K. V. Shutes.

TWO READING CLERKS WERE APPOINTED—Ira D. Garrison, H. L. Mitchell.

Letters were called for and read as follows:

VERNON ASSOCIATION—Delegates: W. H. Clearman, V. C. May, W. M. Fields. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

CAHABA RIVER—Delegates: Grady Collins, J. C. Howard, R. E. Collins. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

BEAR CREEK—Delegates: P. J. Box, Ira D. Garrison, C. C. Cla-borne. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

LIBERTY—Delegates: W. C. Patterson, H. D. O'Donnell, Breman Rogers. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

PROGRESSIVE—Delegates: O. M. Porter, J. B. Bloss. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

FLINT RIVER—Delegates: (By two churches) J. H. Davenport, O. K. Morgan. \$2.00 fee enclosed.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT—Delegates: Lee Hanks, Charlie Franklin, W. E. Parker. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

MOUNT MORRIAH—Delegates: J. L. Lavander, S. R. Lee, T. L. Walker. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

MORNING STAR—Delegates: N. Wright, John Smith. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

LIBERTY NO. 1 OF S. W. ALA.—Delegate: W. S. Thomley. \$5.00 fee enclosed.

Next—Call for report of the credential committee.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We your credential committee submit the following: We have examined letters and delegates of new associations petitioning membership in this state body. We find them all in good standing and in the Alabama state as associations. We recommend that all ten above associations and their delegates be accepted and seated in this body.

Humbly submitted,

J. H. POTTS, Chairman.

By motion and second the credential committee's report was accepted. All ten above associations were accepted and all delegates properly seated.

The moderator then read the rules and by-laws of the association. It was very instructive to all the new delegates. A selected quartet was called on to sing, after which the congregation joined in singing "Jesus Hold My Hand." The Elder J. B. Bloss then led in prayer and Troy Carroll led some good songs. Rev. J. H. Davenport led a very good devotional. The moderator then introduced Eld. J. R. Davidson of Nashville, Tenn., who brought the eleven o'clock message.

As chairman of the National Board of Education, Bro. Davidson said many good things about the fine school in Nashville. His text was "The Godly Nature." Scripture reading was from Rom. 5:12 and Eph. 2:2-10. At the close of the sermon Bro. Davidson called for a free will offering for the school. \$37.00 in the offering. A number of people signed pledges to give to the school. After being dismissed by prayer, dinner was served to the entire body on the church lawn.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 P. M. The house was called to order by the moderator. Singing was furnished by the Melody Quartet. Prayer by Rev. Harry Mitchell. The devotional was conducted by Rev. W. H. Ryland, speaking on the subject of "Our Opportunities in the Church Today."

The committees were then called on to report:

THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS MADE REPORT

(See report) The Executive Committee will have charge to aid and assist all associations in adopting the one unified Articles of Faith, as prescribed by the national association.

The Rev. Sister Lizzie McAdams, of Texas, then brought a wonderful message on the Ladies' Auxiliary Work. Also included our great mission work. At the close an offering was given to Sister McAdams to assist her in her great work on the field. \$17.40 was in the offering. Sister McAdams promises to come to Alabama to do a lot of field work next summer, 1943.

The General Business Committee turned in their report. (See report.)

Various reports were read of the different Ladies' Auxiliary work over the state. Reports will appear in these minutes. All associations were urged to get the ladies' work organized in their different sections.

The Leeds Quartet sang the closing song for the afternoon. Delegates were placed in homes and the congregation was dismissed until the night service.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Opened by singing "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There." Prayer by Rev. T. L. Walker. The Leeds Quartet sang several good songs, after which Rev. J. J. Staab conducted the devotional service, reading from Rom. 8:1-14. A very good talk was enjoyed, after which Rev. K. V. Shutes brought the message of the hour, using for a text, Exod. 14:15. The subject was "Forward Steps." Many good points were brought out by Bro. Shutes. At the close all preachers were asked to line up in front of the altar. There being too many to even get about the altar the preachers stood in the choir. An old-fashion altar call was made. Several asked for prayer. There was much rejoicing. An old-fashion handshaking took place and everybody seemed to be happy. It was said to be the greatest number of preachers in one body in a long time.

All delegates were placed in home and the closing prayer was offered by the Rev. P. J. Box.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Open by congregation singing "Just a Little While." Prayer by Rev. O. K. Morgan. Devotional led by Rev. A. G. Robersshaw. After a very enthusiastic talk by Bro. Robersshaw, the moderator called for report of the Executive Committee. The report was read and discussed, then accepted. (See report.)

A final report was given by the General Business Committee. A very interesting discussion was held on this report, especially about the erecting of the orphanage in Alabama. The moderator appointed the Orphanage Committee as follows: From Bear Creek Association, P. J. Box, R. 1, Addison, Ala., Chairman; O. K. Morgan, R. 1, Cullman, Ala. (Flint River); W. C. Patterson, R. 1, Pell City, Ala. (Liberty); Ira D. Garrison, Delma, Ala. (Bear Creek); K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala. (Progressive); W. H. Ryland, Margaret, Ala. (Cahaba River); V. C. May, Vernon, Ala. (Vernon); T. L. Walker, Gordo, Ala. (Mt. Morriah); Lee Hanks, Adamsville, Ala. (Birmingham District); J. H. Potts, Pell City, Ala. (Jasper); W. S. Thomley, Roberts-dale, Ala. (Liberty No. 1).

This committee was appointed to devise and arrange plans to raise funds to build the orphanage. The whole program is in their hands to select the most suitable place and engineer the building. This committee is appointed to serve two (2) years. The committee will meet in North Birmingham Church on December 12 to elect all necessary officers.

A PLEDGE OFFERING WAS TAKEN TO BE PAID BY JULY 1, 1943, AS FOLLOWS:

J. J. Staab, \$25.00; P. J. Box, \$25.00; Lee Hanks, \$25.00; Ira D. Garrison, \$25.00; Leslie Penson, \$25.00; Mrs. Roy Harper, \$25.00; Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, \$25.00; Rev. H. L. Mitchell, \$25.00; W. H. Ryland, \$25.00; K. V. Shutes, \$25.00; Birmingham Church, \$50.00; Claras Chapel Church (Boothton, Ala.), \$50.00; Ryan Church (Maylene), \$25.00; H. T. Perkins, \$25.00; Davis Chapel Church (Sterrett, Ala.), \$25.00; J. B. Bloss, \$10.00; O. M. Porter, \$10.00; Rev. Sister McAdams, \$25.00; Leeds Church, \$25.00; Sylacauga Church, \$100.00; Pleasant Grove Church (Ashville, Ala.), \$50.00; Malone Church (Ala. City, Ala.), \$25.00; Joe Wright, \$25.00; Breeman Rogers, \$25.00; Mt. Olive Church (Guin, Ala.), \$25.00; Barnettts Chapel Church (Houston, Ala.), \$25.00; A. G. Robersshaw, \$25.00; Fairview Church, \$50.00; Friendship Church (Pell City, Ala.), \$100.00; Ed Goodwin, \$10.00; Mack Jones, \$5.00; Mrs. Roxie Rogers, \$25.00; this making a total of \$985.00 pledges to be paid and the following names paid cash as follows: V. C. May, \$25.00; Claud Deason, \$25.00; Clarence O'Donnell, \$6.00; T. F. Finch, \$5.00; Mordis Miner, \$10.00; a freewill offering was given amounting to \$20.00; making a total of cash on hand, \$91.00. A total of pledges and cash \$1076.00.

The devotional was conducted by the Rev. W. S. Thomley. Then the moderator introduced the Rev. J. B. Bloss, who brought the 11:00 o'clock message. The subject was "What WE Believe." Bro. Bloss brought a real good, soul-stirring message that all seemed to enjoy. The house was then dismissed for lunch which the good people of Pell City spread on the lawn.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song by congregation. Prayer by Rev. O. K. Morgan. The Jubilee Quartet then sang several good songs which were enjoyed by all. The devotional was led by the Rev. P. J. Box. The moderator then made a real impressive address. At the close of his address he appointed delegates to the National Association as follows:

O. M. Porter	Progressive
W. F. Johnson	Cahaba River

C. R. Franklin	Birmingham District
V. C. May	Vernon
C. C. Claborn	Bear Creek
Brady Montgomery	Mt. Moriah
Walter Amberson	Liberty No. 1
D. J. O'Donnell	Liberty
E. Z. Tucker	Flint River
K. V. Shutes	Alabama State Association

All committees were elected as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. B. Bloss, Chairman; T. L. Walker, Leslie Penson, Douglas Harris, W. H. Clearman.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS INSTITUTE

K. V. Shutes, Chairman; W. H. Ryland, V. C. May.

GENERAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

H. L. Mitchell, Chairman; O. M. Porter, A. J. Lambert, E. W. Graves.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Elder J. J. Staab was elected Moderator and Elder K. V. Shutes was elected Vice Moderator. Both men were elected for two ensuing years. The house voted 100 per cent for both men.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Rev. W. H. Ryland was elected Secretary and Treasurer and Rev. H. L. Mitchell was elected Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.

A VOTE OF THANKS was given to Pell City Church for the hospitality and taking care of the association in such good way.

CLOSING

The closing song was sung, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." The parting hand was taken, the closing Benediction was offered by The Rev. K. V. Shutes.

SPECIAL NOTE

The committee that was appointed on the orphanage work has met and the standing officers elected as follows: Rev. P. J. Box, Chairman, Addison, Ala., and V. C. May, Secretary and Treasurer, Vernon, Ala. All communications and money concerning the orphanage is to be sent to Bro. May. All pledges and new subscribers also will address to Bro. May.

SPECIAL NOTE

The committee has already reported the meeting place for the Christian Workers Institute will be with Leeds Church sometime during the summer of 1943. Announcement will be made later concerning the date. Any correspondence about the school may be sent to Rev. W. H. Ryland, Margaret, Ala., who also will be able to post you about the date of the session.

A WORD FROM THE SECRETARY

All associations are urged to give a full report as laid down in the statistical table. Please cooperate with us to this extent that our table can be reported correctly. Each association will please have reports of the Ladies' Auxiliary work sent in that it can be placed in the minutes.

REPORT OF GENERAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

GREETINGS

We your General Business Committee submit the following:

1.
That a committee be appointed to arrange and make plans for a Bible Institute in Alabama for the summer of 1943.

2.
That a committee be appointed to work out a program for the purpose of building an orphanage in Alabama; that said committee contact every association in the state that they may know to comply with said plan.

3.
That this state association send delegates to the National Association. One from each association represented in the state association. That funds for fee of \$10.00 be paid for the state and \$5.00 for each additional association in the state.

4.
We urge all our preachers to sponsor and attend the Christian Workers Institute during next session.

5.
We urge all our preachers and laymen to subscribe to the "Free Will Baptist" published in Ayden, N. C., and the "Gem" published in Monette, Mo.

6.
We recommend that this body in selecting of next year's meeting place decide for the best point for transportation due to the prevailing conditions.

7.
We recommend that all churches organize or form a prayer meeting praying for unity and strength which will be a help to the state work.

8.
We recommend that our ministers and churches preach and practice "tithing," not as a binding rule but as a church sponsoring plan.

REPORT OF LADIES' AUXILIARY WORK

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

Statistics of work done by District Woman's Auxiliary Societies of the Progressive Association:

Number of Auxiliaries Societies	5
Total number of members in societies	58
New members received the past year	16
Members dropped from roll	5
Amount of money raised the past year	\$567.19
Total paid out for all purposes	520.35
Balance on hand in general treasury	46.84
Stewardship study classes conducted	12
Mission study classes conducted	9
Auxiliaries observed the Week of Prayer	3
Auxiliaries sponsored Young People's Auxiliaries	1
Auxiliaries conducting study of Auxiliary Manual	3
Number of tithers in Auxiliaries	24
Auxiliaries having personal service committee	3
Number of papers and tracts distributed	934
Church paper subscribers in auxiliaries	23
Number of sick homes visited	823
Number of Bibles given	12

MRS. K. V. SHUTES, President,
Cordova, Ala.

MRS. J. B. BLOSS, Recording Secretary
511 W. 15th Street, Columbia, Tenn.

CAHABA RIVER ASSOCIATION

Number of Auxiliary Societies.....	3
Number of members	52
New members received	9
Amount of money raised the past year.....	\$749.96
Total amount paid out for all purposes.....	613.23

The above amount was spent on church improvements and to help the sick and needy.

Some mission study courses were conducted, the sick visited, flowers and trays carried to sick rooms and hospitals. Prayer meetings conducted in homes. Sponsored some mission work.

In as much as there is no auxiliary organization as a whole, this is only a total report collected from auxiliary societies in this association.

Several other associations have auxiliaries but did not send in any report this time as they were not notified to do so. Each association will please report all the auxiliary work in a separate letter next year.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the word of God as our rule of faith and practice we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "Grow in Grace and Knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observances of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the Church, of its poor and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love and endeavoring to "keep the unity of spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the Church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of education and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday School, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT

J. J. Staab, 2313 33rd Ave., No., Birmingham, Ala.
W. H. Ryland, Margaret, Ala.
Mack Jones, Leeds, Ala., Route 1.
John S. Howell, 427 Williams Ave., Talladega, Ala.
L. V. Pinson, 30 Millhaven St., Sylacauga, Ala.
Harry L. Mitchell, 1720 8th Ave., No., Birmingham, Ala.
P. H. Howard, Sterrett, Ala.
Clarence O'Donnell, Pell City, Ala., Route 1.
C. A. O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala., Route 1.
H. A. O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala., Route 1.
A. G. Robersshaw, Alabama City, Ala.
H. T. Perkins, Eden, Ala., Route 1.
J. T. Windsor, Pell City, Ala.
T. J. Finch, Pell City, Ala., Route 1.
Ira D. Garrison, Delmar, Ala.
P. J. Box, Addison, Ala., Route 1.
T. L. Walker, Gordo, Ala.
J. L. Lavander, Gordo, Ala., Route 1.
S. R. Lee, Coker, Ala., Route 1.
N. Wright, Oakman, Ala.
John Smith, Bankston, Ala., Route 1.
K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.
Aubrey Rosser, Cordova, Ala.
O. M. Porter, Columbia, Tenn., Box 122.
J. B. Bloss, 311 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.
O. K. Morgan, Cullman, Ala., Route 1.
W. C. Patterson, Pell City, Ala., Route 1.
Lee Hanks, Adamsville, Ala., Route 1.
D. H. Davenport, Cullman, Ala., Route 1.
W. S. Thomley, Robertsdale, Ala.
J. R. Davidson, Ashland City, Tenn.
Sister Lizzie McAdams, Huntsville, Texas.

(This is not a complete list of all ministers present. Others attended that did not register.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
THE ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL
BAPTISTS OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA

1. The Alabama Association is designed to comprise all the Annual Associations in the Free Will Baptist denomination, and to complete the organization of the connection in one body; to consolidate the body by harmonizing its different parts, keeping a common interest in view, and producing unity of sentiment and discipline; to concentrate its strength in the common cause of the Redeemer; and, by a fraternal interchange of views among its members, to promote growth in grace and knowledge of Gospel Truth.

2. The Alabama State Association sustains the same relations to the district associations, as the district associations do to the Quarterly meetings or the quarterly meetings do to the churches which compose them.

3. This body adopted the following Constitution and By-Laws, by which it is to be governed:

Sec. II Constitution and By-Laws of
ALABAMA STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE: We, the members of the ORIGINAL Free Will Baptist denomination, of Alabama, being regularly baptized upon profession of our faith in JESUS CHRIST, assembled in order to advance, promote and increase the cause of CHRIST, do establish and ordain this constitution and by-laws.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME—This body shall be known as the "THE ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS."

SECTION I

This Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists adopts the Treatise of the National Association, and this body be composed only by Free Will Baptist Associations, on their adoption and compliance of said Treatise in Name, Faith and Practices of said treatise.

SECTION II

No association that adds to or takes from the National Association Treatise in Name, Faith and Practice, will be permitted sanction of this Body, the only body of Associations to be accepted are associations composed of Free Will Baptist Churches only.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The officers of this State Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary and Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Executive Board, the above officers being elective officers, other officers being appointed as moderator may need or desire.

Section 2. This association shall be composed of all active ordained ministers who are members of an association which is a member of this body, and duly elected or appointed delegates of district association—one (1) delegate for each church of each association—which is a member of this body.

Section 3. No independent church may be a member of this body, but must be a member of an association that belongs to this body to be recognized.

ARTICLE III

Finance—Each district association representing in this body shall send the sum of \$5.00 with its report and each Minister that presents his credentials pays the sum of \$1.00 annually to the body to help with the expenses of the association.

Section 2. The secretary shall be paid the sum of \$10.00 annually for service rendered. All other expenditures not specified shall be made at the direction of the body.

ARTICLE IV

Discipline—The State Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or practice that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing the State Association of Free Will Baptist Churches or act upon any appeal that may be made by any body belonging to this State Association. Said appeal having been properly signed by the constituent body or bodies, and its decision shall be final.

Section 2. All appeals coming before the State Association may be settled in either of the following ways: (1) By the State Association sitting in a committee as a whole. (2) By a special committee appointed by the Executive Board whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

ARTICLE V

The Moderator of the State Association of Free Will Baptists shall be regarded as an ex-officio member of all boards or committees elected or appointed.

ARTICLE VI

Each elected officer shall serve for a period of two (2) years, elections coming on the even years, the appointed officers or committeemen serving at the direction of the Moderator, or until dismissed by Moderator.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings—The State Association of Free Will Baptists shall hold its regular meetings annually, place of meeting to be decided by a vote of body. The time of meeting to be on Thursday night before the second Sunday in November of each year, and to remain in session until its work is completed.

ARTICLE VIII

This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the State Association by a two-thirds vote of members present provided proposed amendment be presented in writing to the body, and shall lie on the table at least from morning session until evening session, or from evening session to morning session prior to adoption and shall during that time be read at least twice in open session.

BY-LAWS

The adoption of By-Laws of National Association.

1. The clerk or the assistant clerk, or in their absence the senior minister in years shall call the association into conference if a quorum is present. The Moderator or in his absence the Assistant Moderator shall take charge; and if neither of them is present the senior minister in years shall act as moderator.
2. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the delegates to the association who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the association. In case of questionable representation however the case under question shall be referred to the credential committee.
3. It shall be the duty of every body belonging to this association to send a letter to every annual session of this association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any body belonging to this association which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions may be dismissed from the association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.
4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer and shall be closed with prayer.
5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator can be over-ruled.
6. This association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.
7. This association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.
8. Any person not a member of this association may be allowed to take part in its discussion by obtaining permission from the moderator.
9. It shall be the duty of all members of the association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.
10. No member shall absent himself from the association during its meetings without first obtaining permission from the moderator.
11. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee provided the person nominated be elected.
12. The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.
13. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation "brother moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.
14. The "yeas" and "nays" may be counted on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.
15. No member of this association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator.
16. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.
17. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

FORM OF LETTER FROM LOCAL ASSOCIATION TO STATE ASSOCIATION

We the _____ Association in Alabama send greetings to the Alabama State Association when in session at _____ Church. We send as delegates _____ to sit with you in your deliberations and help transact any legal business that may come before your honorable body.

The statistics of our association are as follows:

1. Number of Churches _____
2. Total membership _____
3. Number of Ministers _____
4. Number of Sunday Schools _____
5. Number Enrolled in Sunday Schools _____
6. Number of F. W. B. Leagues _____
7. Number Enrolled in F. W. B. Leagues _____
8. Number of Ladies' Auxiliaries _____
9. Value of Church Property _____
10. Value of Parsonage Property _____
11. Total of members received the past year _____
12. Deceased members _____
13. Number of members dismissed or expelled _____
14. Paid out for Building Repairs _____
15. Paid to Pastor Salaries _____
16. Paid to Evangelist _____
17. Paid to Orphanage _____
18. Paid to Home Missions _____
19. Paid to Foreign Missions _____
20. Paid to Christian Education _____
21. New Churches Organized _____
22. New Sunday Schools Organized _____
23. New F. W. B. Leagues Organized _____
24. New Church Buildings Erected _____
25. Total Amount Paid Out for All Purposes _____
(Please fill out all the above information.)
(Location of Association in State.)
26. Moderator _____ Address _____
27. Assistant Moderator _____ Address _____
28. Clerk _____ Address _____
29. Treasurer _____ Address _____

STATISTICAL REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONS

This is not a complete report. We will be able to give a complete report next year if each association fills in Letters Form.

NAME OF ASSOCIATIONS	Number of Churches	Number of Members	Number of Ministers	Members Rec'd Past Year	Deceased Members	Dismissed or Expelled	Number of Sun. Schools	Number of F. W. B. L.s	No. of Ladies Auxillaries	New Churches Organized	CLERK'S NAME AND ADDRESS	MODERATOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS
PROGRESSIVE	10	1279	19	41	6	9	10	5	5	1	Dewey Kile, Cordova, Ala.	(not given)
VERNON	11	1318	7	34	4	7	11	—	—	—	Dewey Jordan, Vernon, Ala.	Joe Frederick, Covin, Ala.
BEAR CREEK	8	419	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	C. C. Claborn, Houston, Ala.	P. J. Box, Addison, Ala.
MORNING STAR	12	757	17	12	9	4	—	—	—	—	(not given)	Mack Wade, Rt. 3, Oakman, Ala.
FLINT RIVER	7	385	10	13	—	4	5	—	—	—	(not given)	(not given)
CAHABA RIVER	17	731	25	55	3	34	14	3	3	—	W. F. Johnston, 30 Millhaven Street Sylacauga, Ala.	H. L. Mitchell, 1720 8th Ave., North Birmingham, Ala.
MT. MORRIAH	14	1737	23	44	11	8	14	6	9	—	W. L. Barkholter, Rt. 1, Gordo, Ala.	M. Montgomery, R. 1t, Brownville, Ala.
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT	5	188	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Brittie Hanks, Adamsville, Ala.	Lee Hanks, Adamsville, Ala.
LIBERTY No. 1 OF S. W. ALA.	—	755	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(not given)	W. S. Thomley, Robertsedale, Ala.
LIBERTY	5	308	12	12	4	11	5	—	1	—	C. L. Carlisle, Rt. 1, Pell City, Ala.	H. T. Perkins, Rt. 1, Eden, Ala.

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