

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Arkansas State Association
of
Free Will Baptists

Held With
Paint Rock Church, Logan Co., Ark.,
October 25-27, 1902



REV. I. S. C. SATTERWHITE AND REV. J. T. ROSS,
MODERATORS



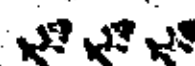
REV. J. H. JOHNSTON, RECORDING SECRETARY.



G. W. BURRIS, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
AND TREASURER, Atkins, Pope county, Arkansas.



J. A. PHELPS, ASSISTANT CORRESPONDING
SECRETARY, Houston, Pope county, Arkansas.



J. E. PARTAIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE FI-
NANCE COMMITTEE, Dover, Pope county, Arkansas.



1903:

CROSS COUNTY DEMOCRAT, BOOK AND JOB OFFICE,
WYNNE, ARKANSAS.

State Order of Business.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. House called to order by Moderator, or, in his absence, by the clerk.
3. Letters from the subordinate associations of this association called for and read and messengers invited to seats.
4. Call for letters from newly organized associations.
5. Corresponding associations.
6. Right hand of fellowship.
7. Election of permanent officers.
8. Reading rules of order and minutes of last association.
9. Appointment of following committees: (a) Resolutions. (b) Finance. (c) Arrangement of preaching. (d) Temperance. (e) Sabbath Schools. (f) Obituaries. (g) Condition of non-represented associations. (h) Union of associations.
10. Reports of committees appointed by last association, and other unfinished business.
11. Reports of new committees.
12. New business.
13. Adjournment.

Subordinate Order of Business.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Association called to order by the Moderator, in his absence the clerk.
3. Letters from the churches of this association called for, read and messengers invited to seats.
4. Call for letters from newly organized churches.
5. Corresponding associations.
6. Right hand of fellowship.
7. Election of permanent officers.
8. Reading rules for order and minutes of last association by chair or clerk.
9. Appointment of following committees: (a) Resolutions, (b) Finance, (c) Arrangement of Preaching, (d) Temperance, (e) Sabbath School, (f) Obituary, (g) Condition of Non-Represented Churches, (h) Union of Churches.
10. Report of committees appointed at last association, and other unfinished business.
11. Report of new committees.
12. New business.
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The annual sermon was delivered by Elder A. A. Davis at 10:15 a. m., text, John 3:16, followed by Bro. J. W. Phelps. The moderator proceeded to call the association to order.

The secretary being absent, Brother J. H. Johnston was elected secretary pro tem, and Brother J. L. Redwine reading clerk.

Letters of the subordinate associations were called for, and received from associations as follows:

Antioch Association by letter and delegation. Delegates—G. W. Burris, G. C. Baker, R. C. Chappel, J. W. Phelps, J. Jeffreys, C. W. Smith, M. A. Whisnant, S. E. Hansell.

Eastern Arkansas Association. Delegates—B. H. Benefield, E. N. Sanders, J. T. Ross, W. W. Mangum, A. A. Davis, R. J. Collins, J. L. Redwine, G. W. Ewing and F. M. Williams.

Mount Zion Association. Delegates—W. T. Jones, J. F. Jones, L. W. Pitts, J. E. Partain, J. G. Carter, I. S. C. Satterwhite.

Tyronza Association. Delegate—J. H. Johnston.

Western Arkansas Association. Delegates—H. Baer, A. J. Phillips.

Letters from newly constituted associations were called for, and one received from the Hamburg Association by the hand of our beloved brother, D. J. Molloy. The right hand of fellowship was extended to him and he was invited to a seat with us. Letters from corresponding associations from other states were called for and nine received.

The association demanded the election of permanent moderators and clerks, which resulted in the election of Bros. I. S. C. Satterwhite and J. T. Ross moderators, Bro. J. H. Johnston recording clerk, G. W. Burris corresponding clerk, and J. A. Phelps assistant corresponding clerk.

Rules of order were read. Adjourned to meet at p. m.



Saturday Afternoon Session.

Met at 2:15. Prayer by J. Jeffreys. Roll call and twenty-seven present. Committees were appointed as follows:

On Resolutions—Bro. R. J. Collins, E. N. Sanders and F. M. Williams.

Finance—Bros. J. G. Carter, J. W. Daniel and S. E. Hansell.

Devotional—Bros. L. W. Pitts, J. E. Partain and B. H. Benefield.

Temperance—Bros. A. A. Davis, D. J. Molloy and M. A. Whisnant.

Sabbath Schools—Bros. G. W. Ewing, W W Mangum and J C Baker.

Obituaries—Bros. J W Phelps, J T Ross and C W Smith.

Condition of non-represented associations—Bros. G W Burris, A J Phillips and J Jeffreys.

Union of Associations—Bros. H Baer, J L Redwine and W F Jones.

Reports of unfinished business committees appointed by last session were called for and reported nothing. These committees were discharged.

Report of the committee on resolutions was called for and laid over until Monday morning. Adjourned until 8 a. m. Monday. Divine services Sunday.



Monday Morning Session.

Met at 8 o'clock. Singing. Prayer by Bro. G W Burris.

Roll called and twenty-four delegates present.

Report on Resolutions was again called for, and reported as follows: We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report:

Important Instructions.

1. Be it Resolved, That we advise the subordinate associations of the state of Arkansas, to hold their annual sessions previous to the third Sunday in October in each year; and that each subordinate association elect its delegates to the State Association to bear the manuscript complete which will represent said association in full; and said manuscript shall be printed with the state minutes as prepared. Said delegates are required to bring with them such contributions as will pay their prorato part for the printing of the minutes. But if any subordinate association should fail to delegate to the State Association, the manuscripts shall be sent together with the contribution to the Treasurer of the State Association, whose name and postoffice address appears in the minutes; whose duty it shall be to forward the manuscripts to the clerk of the State Association with a statement of how much money has been sent to him from subordinate associations. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to hold the funds sent to him for publication of minutes until the state committee elect, has made a contract with some publisher to publish the minutes, then the treasurer, after being notified by the state committee that the contract is made, shall at the demand of the state committee, send the amount required for publication to the state clerk.

2. The clerk of the subordinate associations should get their manuscripts ready to send to the State Association by the 18th of

October, and if the delegate should fail, it should be sent by the date mentioned above.

3. Resolved, That we elect an additional corresponding clerk, (see above) also a state treasurer.

4. Resolved, That Bro. J. H. Johnston be elected state treasurer. Adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.



Monday Afternoon Session.

Met at 2:50. Roll called and twenty-three delegates present.

5. Resolved, That we endorse the evangelistic work in the state and favor a continuance of the same, and we recommend our worthy evangelist, J. H. Johnston.

6. Resolved, that Bros. J W Phelps and A A Davis lecture on the subject of temperance at the next State Association, subject to the Devotional committee.

7. Resolved, That we have communion and foot washing at each meeting of the State Association on Sunday evening.

8. Resolved. That the association defray the expenses of our corresponding clerks.

9. Resolved, That Bro. G. W. Burris be elected treasurer of the State Association as Bro. J H Johnston has desired to resign.

10. Resolved, That Bros. J E Partain, H Baer and F M Hudson. Jr., be elected state finance committee.

11. Resolved, That said committee have the supervision over the contemplated printing press.

12. Resolved, That this Association empower each pastor of each church to raise at least five dollars at each church for our state evangelist.

13. Resolved, That G W Burris act with the state finance committee.

The committee appointed to organize Sunday schools reported five Sunday Schools in the Mt. Zion association. J. E. Partain, I S C Satterwhite and J G Carter, organizers. Four Sunday schools organized in the Antioch association by S E Hansell.

Report of committee on resolutions received and committee discharged.

COMMITTEE:

{ R J Collins,
E N Sanders,
F M Williams.

Report of the financial committee was called for, and reported as follows:

We, your committee beg leave to make the following report:

Reported for printing of our minutes, \$53.90.,

Report of committee on finance was received and committee discharged.

COMMITTEE: { J G Carter,
J W Dariel,
S E Hansell.

Report of committee on temperance was called for, and reported as follows:

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report, It is our honest conviction that intemperance is the direct cause of nine-tenth of all the crimes on earth: that it is the mighty lever prying at the very foundation of Christianity and invades peaceful homes of men, blighting and withering the fairest flowers of our land; clouding the minds, corrupting the morals and deadening the sensibility of both young and old age, making widows of happy mothers and mendicants of orphan children. It wrecks happy lives and families, and laughs at the ruin it has wrought: It corrupts the bar, the bench and the pulpit, the State legislatures and the halls of Congress, and no race of people nor class of society is exempt from its ravages. Therefore, we believe it to be our duty as Christians and children of a pure and holy God, to banish this demon from our church and country; and as a means of so doing, we believe it to be the duty of this Association to have at least one lecture on temperance at its annual session and on all other public occasions, especially our district meetings.

Report of the committee on temperance was received and committee discharged.

COMMITTEE: { M A Whisnant,
D J Molloy,
A A Davis.

Report of committee on Sabbath Schools was called for, and reported as follows:

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report, We believe it to be the duty of each church to maintain a Sabbath school, and that it is the duty of every minister to make such school instructive and interesting to both old and young, and we request each church to report condition of their schools next year. Brethren, listen to the command of God, Raise

your children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord: For instruction in this, is union, and in union there is strength.

Report of committee on Sabbath schools was received and committee discharged.

COMMITTEE: { G W Ewing,
W W Mangum,
J C Carter.

Report of committee on Obituaries was call for. No report.

Resolved that the clerk write an obituary suitable for the deceased.

Committee on Obituaries discharged.

COMMITTEE: { J W Phelps,
J T Ross,
C W Smith.

Report of the committee on the Union of Associations was called for, and reported as follows:

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report, We find that upon investigation of the Union of Associations, that the associations of the state of Arkansas are in harmony with the exception of Polk Bayou Association, which does not practice the ordinance of feetwashing. We believe in union of associations and we advise our ministers that they work to recommend union of associations throughout the state. We believe we ought to be one people, as Christ prayed for his people to be one in heart, in spirit and practice. Respectfully submitted.

Report of the committee on Union of the Associations was received and committee discharged.

COMMITTEE: { H Baer,
J L Redwine,
W F Jones.

Report of the State Evangelist was called for, and reported as follows:

I, your evangelist, beg leave to make the following report, I have visited three points and its surroundings in six associations, and one point in two associations and two points in one association, since the 20th of February, 1902; preached one hundred and sixty-five sermons; wrote a letter to two associations not visited upon the subject of a union and of having their minutes published with the state minutes. Now, brethren, you see the result of my work. I have received for my work up to this date from the following associations:

1. New Hope Association.....\$ 4 90

2. Antioch Association.....	13 35
3. Eastern Arkansas Association.....	19 55
4. Western Arkansas Association.....	11 60
5. Mt. Zion Association	12 49
6. New Mt. Zion Asssocation	12 80
7. Little Missouri Association	9 40
8. Polk Bayou Association.....	4 51
9. Tyronzo Association.....	13 79

Traveling expenses to the associations and back home, is as follows, for 2,890 miles: I paid \$43.67, hotel fare included.

Total Amount collected	\$102 39
Expense, 90c added for postage.....	44 57

Total amount clear of expenses	\$ 57 82
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Your servant for Christ sake,

J. H. JOHNSTON, Your Evangelist.

I have received since coming to this session \$31.70, which makes a total of \$134.09. J H Johnston.

Resolved, That each minister take up a cash subscription for the purpose of buying a printing press, to be located somewhere in the state, also cash subscriptions for the paper to be printed by it. This paper will be a six column, four page weekly paper, one dollar per year. Receipts are to be given where cash subscriptions are taken, and the money turned over to the treasurer, who shall receipt for same.

7 The next session of the State Association is voted to be held with Strawberry Valley church, Johnson county, Arkansas, eight miles northeast of Cabin Creek, on the Ft. Smith & Lit-Rock railroad, to convene on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1903, at 11 a. m.

Elder I S C Satterwhite delivers the annual sermon, and Elder J T Ross his alternate.

The minutes were read and approved. Our heartfelt thanks were manifested by giving the people the right hand for their generous hospitality around Paint Rock church during our stay with them.

Adjourned to meet at the time and place above mentioned.

Elders I S C Satterwhite and J T Ross, moderators.

Elder J H Johnston, recording clerk, Wynne, Ark.

G W Burris, corresponding secretary and treasurer, Atkins, Pope county, Ark.

Elder J A Phelps, assistant secretary, Houston, Ark.

Elder J E Partain, chairman of the state finance committee, Dover, Pope county, Ark.

Preaching according to arrangements of the devotional committee: The stand was occupied Saturday night by Rev. J W Phelps; text Romans 6:22, followed by Rev. J Jeffreys. Sunday at 11 a. m. by Rev. J H Johnston; text Romans 8:37, followed by Rev. D J Molloy. Sunday at 5:50 p. m. by Rev. E N Sanders; text I Cor. 11:26, John 13:14, followed by Rev. I S C Satterwhite. Monday at 11 a. m. by Rev. A J Phillips; text John 10:6, followed by Rev. F M Williams. Monday night by J W Phelps; text Psalms 84:11, followed by Rsv. J L Redwine.

Postoffice Address of Ordained Ministers.



Antioch Association.

Burris, J T, Atkins, Pope county, Ark.
Churchill, J M, Russellville, Pope county, Ark.
Duvall, R E L, Atkins, Pope county, Arkansas.
Hansell, S E
Howell, S C, Jerusalem, Conway county, Arkansas.
Hudson, F M, Jr., Moreland, Pope county, Arkansas.
Isabell, W D, Hector, Pope county, Arkansas.
Jeffreys, Jesse, Divide, Conway county, Arkansas.
Jobe, W R, Moreland, Pope county, Arkansas.
Johnson, R A, Uttley, Logan county, Arkansas.
King, J S, Piney, Pope county Arkansas.
Miller, J M, Appleton, Pope county, Arkansas.
Morgan, S A H, Houston, Perry county, Arkansas.
Phelps, J W, Houston, Perry county, Arkansas.
Rail, T H, Morrilton, Conway county, Arkansas.
Reasner, J A, Uttley, Logan county, Arkansas.
Smith, S C, Blane, Logan county, Arkansas.
Starks, J A, Dover, Pope county, Arkansas.
Summer, C M, Houston, Perry county, Arkansas.
Sutton, G W, Holley Bend, Pope county, Arkansas.
Thompson, C S, Hector, Pope county, Arkansas.
Treadwell, J H, Hector, Pope county, Arkansas.
Vaughan, J B, Cleveland, Conway county, Arkansas.
Vaughan, J C, Worthwood, Pope county, Arkansas.
Williams, G H, Houston, Perry, county, Arkansas.

Eastern Arkansas Association.

Crossland, C A, Buffton, Yell county, Arkansas.
Davis, A A, Neeley, Yell county, Arkansas.
Ewing, G W. Millard, Logan county, Arkansas.
Harris, B C, Gravelly, Yell county, Arkansas.
Lofland, D S. Gravelly, Yell county, Arkansas.
Redwine, J L, Bellville, Yell county, Arkansas.
Rogers, G S, Havannah, Yell county, Arkansas.
Ross, J T, Corley, Logan county, Arkansas.
Sanders, E N, Magazne, Logan county, Arkansas.
Spivey, J H, Havanah, Yell county, Arkansas.
Williams, F M, Little Rock, Pulaski county, Arkansas.

Hamburg Association.

Estell, J M, Hamburg, Ashley county, Arkansas.
Molloy, D J, Fountain Hill, Ashley county, Arkansas.
Purser, E J, Fountain Hill, Ashley county, Arkansas.

Mt. Zion Association.

Carter, Jessie, Lamar, Johnson county, Arkansas.
Jones, G J, Haggarsville, Johnson county, Arkansas.
Prince, J M, ; Lock, J T, Johnson county, Arkansas.
Russell, John, Mingo, Johnson county, Arkansas.
Satterwhite, I S C, Dover, Pope county, Arkansas.

New Hope Association.

Alford, A J
Dalton, G A, Enolia, Faulkner county, Arkansas.
Daniel, J W, ElPaso, White county, Arkansas.
Dike, Wm ; Wankler, J S
Moore, W B, Quitman, Cleburne county, Arkansas.
Reynolds, J H, Enolia, Faulkner county, Arkansas.

Mt. Zion Association.

J W Bearden ; N Bradshaw.
W R Burnett, Hill Top, Boone county, Arkansas.
McCullough, David, Densmore, Newton county, Ark.
Kesner, J A ; Newberry, Robert ; Reynolds, E R

Tyronza Association.

Beatty, W T, Wynne, Cross county, Arkansas.
Bullard, J H, Deckerville, Poinsett Co., "

David, J S, Earle, Crittenden county, Arkansas.
 Johnston, J H, Wynne, Cross county, “
 Jones, M L, Colt, Cross county, “
 Stephens, H, Jonesboro, Craighead Co., “

Western Arkansas Association.

Baldwin, E, Hackett, Sebastian county, Arkansas.
 Combs, G W, Cressent, Sebastian county, “
 DeArman, J N, Branch, Franklin county, “
 Dillard, J D, Washburn, Sebastian county, “
 Griffin, A M, Selfs, Fannin county, Texas.
 Holland, F M, Barber, Scott county, Arkansas.
 Jackson, Thomas, Oden, Montgomery “
 Kennedy, M R, Heavens, Indian Territory.
 Larrimore, J H, Ft Smith, Sebastian county, Ark.
 Lovett, B R, Chismville, Logan county, “
 Mankins, W M, Boles, Scott county, “
 Mantooth, T J, Mena, Polk county, “
 Marsh, L D, Dial, Fannin county, Texas.
 McVey, W P, Telephone, Fannin county, Texas.
 Morgan, H S, Waldron, Scott county, Ark.
 Morgan, L P, Gwynn, Sebastian county, “
 Noris, A, Canthron, Scott county, “
 Oborr, W H, Donald, Franklin county, “
 Phillips, A J, Hackett, Sebastian county, “
 Perrine, W L, Huntington, Sebastian county, “
 Redding, James, Mena, Polk county, “
 Sessions, R E, Stringer, Scott county, “
 Shuman, Henry, Mansfield, Sebastian county, “
 Snow, M N, Webb City, Franklin county, “
 Slate, B J, Mansfield, Sebastian county, “
 Swift, M M, Webb City, Franklin county, “
 Turner, Richard, Branch, Franklin county, “
 Ward, J N, Hatfield, Polk county, “
 Williams, G, Crow, Scott county, “
 Wilson, L G, Tate, Scott county, “
 Stinecipher, E H, Alderson, Indian Territory.
 Ministers, ninety-eight.



Associations Not Represented in the State.

Little Missouri River Association.

Barton, J A; Brewer, J W; Coffman, J H

Fox, David, Kirby, Pike county, Ark.

Killian, J M, Kirby, Pike county, "

O'Neal, E J, Daisy, Pike county, "

Fox, J A; Hill, Fancy; Hite, J S; James, D B; Kennedy, M R; Lawlis, Z D; Maning, H; O'Neal, Gordon; Pannell, James; Porter, R; Stafford, S E; Tolerson, M A; Ward, I H; Whisenhaunt, L M.

Old Mt. Zion Association.

Babcock, G E; Bean, Wm; Edwards, L A; Evans, G; Guinn, J R; Lynch, G W; Mason, D; Moses, S G; Roberts, C; Wilson, J G.

Polk Bayou Association.

Agon, H O; Arnold, W E; Craffton, John; Brooks, A J; Damron, Geo; Davis; Hassell G W.

Dover, F M, Swifton, Jackson county, Ark.

Doyal, J D, Strawberry, Lawrence county, "

Horton, A E, Swifton, Jackson county, "

Rogers, W J, Swifton, Jackson county, "

Rowlett, A J, Swifton, Jackson county, "

Williams, J R, Tuckerman, Jackson county, "

Hutchens, Joseph; Laster, John; Richerson; Ring, D C; Smith, D W. Ministers not represented, forty-eight.

Total, one hundred and forty-six.



Antioch Association—Northern Division of the State.

Churches.	Delegates.	Pastors.	Meeting Days	Added by Baptism	Added Otherwise	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Number of Membership	Val. of church property	Contribution for Minutes
Antioch											
Bethlehem											
Bunker's Hill	By Letter	S A H Morgan	2			5	4		25		
Cross Plains	W P Rinder, F M Hudson, Jr.	J T Burris		8					50		
Economy	J H Harshaw, Mrs. Harshaw,	J T Burris						2	13		
Friendship	By Letter	M A Whisnant		1	4	1			20		
Friendship No. 2											
Houston		J W Phelps									
Job's Chapel	W H Johnston, O H Johnston	W D Isabel	1	1		1			26		
Liberty	J R Rainwater, Thomas, F M Nichols ..	R A Johnson	1		4	1			50		
Maple Springs											
Mt. Vernon	J W Burris, I J Coffman	S E Hansell	3	1					21		
Mt. Zion	W C Burton, M Mason, T A Stark	F M Hudson	1	4		1			48		
Northwood	A F Taylor, W Deane, J C McCuin	C D Thompson	1	5					38		

Antioch Association—Continued.

Pine Grove.....	G. Wurst, R T Garrison, A Harrison,	R A Johnson....	3			1	7	3	33	
Pleasant Valley.....	J R Hood	G W Sutton.....							24	
Rocky Valley										
Rose Creek.....	W C Coda, R C Chappelle, J Jeffreys,	J T Ross	1						24	
Shady Grove.....	Toney Mirl, Alonzo Young	J C Vaughan....	3	11	3				21	
Shiloh	R E L Duvall	F M. Hudson....	2						20	
Smyrna	J N Leach, T J Boone, J M Hollabough	W I Isabel.....	3	1	1		3		19	
St. Joe.....	J H Venable, Alonzo Young	C T Thompson	4		2				40	
Union Grove.....		J B Vaughan....								
Viney Grove	By Letter.....	S A H Morgan	1		3				24	
Walnut Grove.....	G W Churchill, Coffman, Thompson...	J M Prince	1		1		2		71	
Zion Hope	By Letter.....	S E Hansell....	3						53	
Total, 26.....	Thirty-five.			12	30	14	20	5	620	\$11 03

Eastern Arkansas Association—Middle Division of the State.

Churches.	Delegates.	Pastors.	Meeting Days	Added by Baptism	Added Otherwise	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Number of Membership	Val. of church property	Contribution for Minutes
Howell Town	W. W. Mangum,	J L Redwine	4					1	11		75
Mountain Grove.....	B H. Benefield, E. W. Ewing,.....	G S Rogers		3			4		25		\$1.00
Mulberry Grove.....	J. M. Bean, J A Crawford.	E N Sanders	2						57		2.00
Paint Rock	C Reck, S E Sanderson	E N Sanders	4						21		1.45
Pine Grove	C Simmons.....	A A Davis.....	3	1				1	11		25
Pleasant Hill.....	W B Carpenter	J T Ross.....	4		2	3	2	2	30		1.25
Ranger	P Parkerson, J H Womack.....	J T Ross	2	15	13	12	3	1	52		1.40
Total, 7.....	Eleven.....			19	15	15	9	5	207		\$8.10

Hamburg Association—South East Division.

Chtrches.	Delegates.	Pastors.								Contribution for Minutes...
			Meeting Days.....	Added by Baptism	Added Otherwise.....	Dismissed by Letter.....	Excluded.....	Died	Number of Membership.....	Val. of church property
Fellowship	Henry White.....								10	50
Mt. Pleasant.....	W S Bennington. J P Estell, S Molloy		3	5			1	1	55	\$1 00
Pleasant Grove	R T Deal, S N Linder, W M Bax.....		2	7	2	2	1	1	65	1 25
Prairie Grove.....	W D Carter, J R Johnston, J C Carter,		4	3		2		2	51	1 05
Union	W H Jackson		1		2	3			32	1 00
Total, 5.....	Eleven.		10	15	4	7	2	4	223	\$4 80

Mt. Zion Association—North West Division of the State.

		Pastors.	Meeting Days.....	Added by Baptism	Added Otherwise.....	Dismissed by Letter.....	Excluded.....	Died	Number of Membership	Val. of church property ...	Contribution for Minutes....
Churches.	Delegates.										
Erving Seminary.....	C S Holman, V Ingleland, S M Carter.....	I S C Satterwhite	2		2				40		
Pleasant Grove	J F Jones, G J Green, J E Partain.....	I S C Satterwhite	4		1			1	25		
Pleasant Hill.....	O Wilkins, J D Holman, M Wilkins	M A Whisnant	3					2	51		
Strawberry Valley	J G Carter, L W Pitts, C S Pitts.....	G H Williams..	1		1			1	21		
Total, 4	Twelve.....		10		4			4	137		\$5 15

Tyronza Association—East Division of the State.

Churches.	Delegates.	Pastors.	Meeting Days	Added by Baptism	Added Otherwise	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Number of Membership	Val. of church property	Contribution for Minutes
Bethlehem	Robberts, Beatty, Boone, Jones, Allen,	W T Beatty	1	4	5	1		65		\$1 85
Beaver Dam										
Bullard's Chapel.....	James Carroll.....	J H Builard.....	3	1	2	3		30		25
Dead Timber.....	R P Kerr, J R Kerr.....	"	4					17	\$800	2 50
Holly Grove.....	J H Bullard	"	1	3			2	15		2 00
New Home.....										
Oak Grove	By Letter	"	4		1			33	600	
Pleasant View.....										
Tyronza Chapel.....		"	2	6	7			45	800	1-00
Union Grove.....	J T Jones, J H Pettie.....		2					24		10
Union Hill.....	W A Harvey, J H Shannon.....	J S David.....	3	5				24		50
Total, 11.....	Thirteen		20	19	15	4	1	253	2200	\$8 10 4 00

Western Arkansas Association.

Churches.	Delegates.	Pastors.	Meeting Days.....	Added by Baptism	Added Otherwise.....	Dismissed by Letter.....	Excluded.....	Died	Number of Membership	Val. of church property	Contribution for Minutes.....
Antioch	R L Hunter, M Burt, J C Robinson		2		2	1	2	34		\$1 00	
Brooklyn.....	J Thomas, V M Smith, J W Bullock.....	B R Lovett		1	3	2		25		75	
Earl Prairie.....	Z D Green, T B Slone.....	J S Dillard	1	1	8			15		1 00	
Freedom	James Kimbrough, E L Smith.....	W M Mankin.....			3		1	26		50	
Friendship No. 2	F M Holland.....	F M Holland.....	13	2				54		1 05	
Green Chapel.....	J N Dearman	L D Marsh.....	2	3	14			17		1 60	
Harmony.....	R E Sessions, T J Hood, A Self							23		1 50	
Massard.....	H Baer, J D Williams, J Manus	G W Combs.....	1		1		1	50		1 50	
Mt. Pisgah	J Cates, John Crump, R Cates	T Jackson.....	3	3	6		1	77		1 50	
New Bethel	J B Cartwright										
Oak Grove.....	J L Reding, George Liming.....	J L Reding.....	1					12		75	
Pleasant Hill No. 1....	E C Beard, F R Vlce, W N Parson.....	F M Holland	2	1	2			24		40	
Pleasant Hill No. 2....	A J Phillips.....	E Baldwin	1	7	15			22		1 00	
Total, 13	Twenty-eight		13	26	28	21	3	21	379	\$12 45	

Postoffice Address of Associational Clerks.

- Antioch Association, F M Hudson, Jr., Moreland, Pope county. Arkansas.
- Eastern Arkansas Association, E J Fry, Gravelly, Yell county, Arkansas.
- Hamburg Association, W D Carter, Hamburg Ashley county, Arkansas.
- Mt. Zion Association, C S Holman, Lamar, Johnson county, Arkansas.
- Tyronza Association, J H Johnston, Wynne, Cross county, Arkansas.
- Western Arkansas Association, H. Baer, Barling, Sebastian county, Arkansas.

Postoffice Address of Church Clerks.

Antioch Association.

- Antioch, none given.
- Bethlehem, none given.
- Bunker's Hill; N T Edminton, Houston, Perry county, Ark. "
- Cross Plains; A J Hudson, Moreland, Pope county, "
- Economy; W L Sorrels, Economy, Pope county, "
- Friendship; A T Wharton, Mingo, Johnson county, "
- Friendship No 2; none given.
- Houston; S A Lawrence, Houston, Perry county, "
- Job's Chapel; R M Johnson, Moreland, Pope county, "
- Liberty; Ida Nichols, Uttley, Logan county, "
- Maple Springs; none given.
- Mt. Vernon; Jake Ermit, Isabel, Pope county, "
- Mt. Zion; D Williams, Moreland, Pope county, "
- Northwood; A F Taylor, Northwood, Pope county, "
- Pine Grove; Maggie Worst, Delaware, Johnson county, "
- Pleasant Valley; J Flood, Holla Bend, Pope county, "
- Rocky Valley; none given.
- Rose Creek; R C Chaprell, Divide, Conway county, "
- Shady Grove; G W Venable, Witts Spring, Searcy Co. "
- Shiloh; Bettie Maxwell, Moreland, Pope county, "
- Smyrna, J M Hollabaugh, Leta, Pope county, "
- St. Joe; G W Burris, Isabel, Pope county, "

Union Grove; G H Thompson, Jerusalem Ark.
 Viney Grove; W R Stain, Houston, Perry county, "
 Walnut Grove; H W Coffman, Leta, Perry county, "
 Zion Hope; W W Savage, Watts, Searcy county, "

Eastern Arkansas Association.

Howell Town; S C Chisum,
 Mountain Grove; B H Benefield, Corley, Logan county, Ark.
 Mulberry Grove, E J Fry, Gravelly, Yell county, "
 Paint Rock; E H Shirley, Paris, Logan county, "
 Pine Grove; J R Redding,
 Pleasant Hill; W B Carpenter, Bluffton, Yell county, "
 Ranger; J H Womach, Ranger, Yell county, "

Hamburg Association.

Fellowship; Henry White,
 Mt. Pleasant; J P Estell, Milo, Ashley county, Ark.
 Pleasant Grove; R T Deal, Paradise, Ashley county, "
 Prairie Grove; J R Johnson, Hamburg, Ashley county, "
 Union; W H Jackson, Fountyin Hill, Ashley county, "

Mt. Zion Association.

Erving Seminary; C S Holman, Lamar, Johnson Co., Ark.
 Pleasant Grove; W T Jones, Dover, Pope county, "
 Pleasant Hill; Oliver Wilkins, Mingo, Johnson county, "
 Strawberry Valley; W D Pitts, Hagersville, Johnson Co., "

Tyronza Association.

Bethlehem; W S Roberts, Wynne, Cross county, Ark.
 Bever Dam: none given.
 Bullard's Chapel; James Carroll, Wardell, Mississippi Co. "
 Dead Timber; J R Kerr, Deckerville, Poinsett county, "
 Holly Grve; W O Smith, Deckerville, Poinsett county, "
 New Home; none given.
 Oak Grove; F T Jenkins, Uriel, Tipton county, Tenn.
 Pleasant View, none given.
 Tyronza Chapel; W F Williams, Tyronza Poinsett Co., Ark.
 Union Grove; J T Jones, Earle, Crittenden county, "
 Union Aill; W A Harvy, Bay Village, Cross county, "

Western Arkansas Association.

Antioch; J C Cotton, Branch, Franklin county, Ark.
 Brooklyn; J J Gipson, Ratcliff, Logan county, "
 Earl Prairie; W Queen, Carolan, Logan county, "

Freedom; E L Smith, Booth, Scott county,	Ark.
Friendship No. 2; D C Wood, Barber, Scott county,	"
Green Chapel; J B Keelin, Sells, Franklin county,	"
Harmony; ————— Stringer, Scott county,	"
Massard; H B Bugg, Barlin, Sebastian county,	"
Mt. Pisgah; T F Pinnick, Boles, Scott county,	"
New Bethel; ————— Blansett, Scott county,	"
Oak Grove; J L Reding, Rocky, Polk county,	"
Pleasant Hill No. 1; R C Titsworth, Waldron, Scott Co.	"
Pleasant Hill No. 2; Alice Phillips, Hackett, Sebastian,	"



Constitution of the State Association.

From a long experience, we, the members of the Freewill Baptists Church of Christ, being baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of subordinate associations to perpetuate a union and a communion among us and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better government.

Section 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different subordinate associations in our union not exceeding five delegates each. Provided all ordained ministers shall be full ex-officio members when present.

Sec. 2 Letters from different associations shall express their number in fellowship, the number received by experience, letter, recommendation, and that have been dismissed, excluded, died or restored; also time and place of meeting, with name and P. O. Address of the Moderator and the Clerk.

Sec. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Arkansas State Association of Freewill Baptists and shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall have any ecclesiastical power over the associations composing this body, reserving the right of withdrawing from any association becoming disorderly.

Sec. 4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, a Recording Clerk and Treasurer, and a Corresponding Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Sec. 5. Newly constituted associations may be admitted

into the union, which shall petition by letter and by delegates, and if upon examination they are found to be orthodox and orderly, may be received into the Association by the right hand of fellowship being extended to them.

Sec. 6. No query from any association shall come under the consideration of this body unless it has first been discussed in the body in which it originated.

Sec. 7. All motions made and seconded shall come under the considerations of the association unless withdrawn by unanimous consent.

Sec. 8. This association is to endeavor to furnish the subordinate associations with minutes of this association in proportion to the number of members in each subordinate association, the distribution being at the discretion of the association.

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the Recording Clerk to keep a file of the minutes of each association in a book to be kept for that purpose, and the Corresponding Clerk shall conduct the correspondence.

Sec. 10. The association shall have a fund for her support, which shall be supplied by voluntary contributions of the subordinate associations, whose duty it shall be to send it by the hands of their messengers; which money so sent shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, and he shall be accountable to the association for all moneys by him received until paid out as it may direct.

Sec. 11. The association, in case of failure of any subordinate association to attend, may inquire the cause.

Sec. 12. It is the duty of this association to see after the union of associations.

Sec. 13. The minutes of the association shall be read, and corrected if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the association shall adjourn.

Sec. 14. Amendments to this plan of form of government may be made at any time when a majority of the members may deem it necessary.

Rules of Order.

1. At every sitting of the association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

2. Those who speak shall rise, address the Moderator; and personal reflections shall be avoided.

3. All motions made and seconded shall be open for discussion, but debate may be shut off at any time by a majority of the members of the Association.

4. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.

5. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

6. No one shall speak more than once on the same subject without special leave from the body.

7. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

8. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

9. At the future sessions of this Association arrangements shall be made so as to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises which shall be equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and that the chair announce before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

10. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.



Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are equal in divine essence, power and glory. Rom. 1:21. John 5:7.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. II Tim. 3. John 10:30. I John 5:7.

3. We believe that God created man good and gave him holy commandments, whereby he should live holy, but man voluntary disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same whereby all mankind are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the

power, But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Gen. 1:31. Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ by his death, burial and resurrection purchased our pardon and offers it freely to all mankind upon the principle of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent: therefore Look unto Me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else. Matt. 4:17, Isa. 45:22. Acts 20:21.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the spirit of God if they inherit eternal life. John 3:3, Rom. 5:1-13.

6. We believe that all Christians should persevere in grace, and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life for blessed are they that do his commandments that they have a right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates of the city. I Cor. 10:12-13. Rev. 22:14.

8. We believe the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women who have obtained fellowship with each other and have given themselves to the Lord and one another, having agreed to keep up good discipline according to the rule of the gospel. I Cor. 1:2-10.

9. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the government thereof is with the body. John 10:7-14. Col. 1:18. Matt. 18:17-18.

10. We believe that baptism by Immersion was the apostolic mode, even the burial of a believer in water, and that Christ who is our life showed this humble example to His children and bids us walk therein. Matt. 3:4-16. Rom. 6:4-5. Matt. 28:19-20. Mark 1:9-11.

11. We believe that God in his goodness displays power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost and by the instruction of his blessed word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation, without price. He bids us freely to come and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come. I Cor. 1:23. Eph. 3:7. Rev. 22:17.

12. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the

washing of the saints feet are ordinances of the gospel of Jesus Christ and that the keeping of the Lord's day holy and abstaining from wordly lusts and carnal cares and the assembling of ourselves together are ornaments which prepare and beautify the soldier of the cross to march onward in the army of the Lord. Matt. 26:28. John 13:14-15. Ex. 20:8-10. Heb. 10:25.

13. We believe that none has a right to baptism only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that none a right to administer the same only those who are called of God and have come under presbytery of elders. Tit. 1:15.

14. We believe it is the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month, and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church when setting forth the Lord's Supper and washing the saints feet, to invite all Christians. Heb. 10:25. I Cro. 11:27-28.



Constitution of Subordinate Associations.

From a long series of experience, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other, we therefore propose to keep orders and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government.

Section 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and each church is entitled to three Messengers. All ordained ministers of our faith and order shall be members when present.

Sec. 2. Letters from different churches are to express their number in fellowship, the number received by experience, letter or recommendation, dismissed, excluded, restored, and that have died since last Association, and the name of the Clerk, county, post office, and Sabbath of meeting.

Sec. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage; nor to have any

ecclesiastical power of the churches reserving the right of withdrawing from any church acting disorderly.

Sec. 4. The Association shall have a Moderator and a Clerk, who are to be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Sec. 5. New churches may be admitted into the Association by letter or delegates, if found to be orthodox in the faith of the Freewill Baptists, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Sec. 6. No question presented by the delegates of any church shall be discussed in the Association unless it has been thoroughly discussed in their own church.

Sec. 7. All motions made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association unless it be withdrawn by the members making it.

Sec. 8. The association is to endeavor to furnish the minutes of this association in proportion to the number of member in each church, the distribution being at the discretion of the association.

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes.

Sec. 10. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association closes.

Sec. 11. The association shall have a fund for her support which shall be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches whose duty it shall be to send it by the hands of messengers; which money so sent shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer for that purpose, and he shall be accountable to the association for all money by him received until paid out as they may direct.

Sec. 12. The association, in case of failure of any church to attend, may inquire into the cause.

Sec. 13. It is the duty of this association to see after the union of the churches.

Sec. 14. Amendments to this plan of form of government may be made at any time when a majority of the members may deem it necessary.



PROCEEDINGS.



Antioch Association.

The eleventh annual session of Antioch Association of Free-will Baptists convened with Liberty Church, Logan county, Arkansas, August 22, 23 and 24, 1902.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder W. D. Isabel Aug. 22 at 10 a. m. Text, Deut. 1:12. Owing to the death of the moderator, Elder W L Morrison, and absence of the clerk, Bro. G W Burris, the association was called to order by Elder W D Isabel and Elders Jesse Jeffreys and F M Hudson, Jr., were unanimously elected moderator pro tem and clerk pro tem respectively. Letters from the various churches composing Antioch Association were presented read, received and messengers invited to seats. Called off for dinner with prayer by Elder C. S. Thompson.

Afternoon Session.

Reconvened at 3 o'clock with prayer by the moderator.

Called for letters from newly organized churches and received one. Shady Grove and messengers invited to seats.

Called for letters from corresponding associations and received none. The association effected a permanent organization by the election of Elder Jesse Jeffreys, moderator, and Elder F M Hudson, Jr., clerk and treasurer. The Order of Business and Rules of Order were read by the clerk, after which the following committees were appointed to-wit:

On Resolutions—R E L Dewall, W D Isabel, H W Coffman, R A Johnson, G W Churchill, W P Kinder, C S Thompson, J N Leach, J T Burris, W H Johnston, R C Chappell, J H Harshaw, J A Stark, M Mason, G W Sutton, C W Smith, J A Reasoner, F M Nichold, D J Coffman, G Wurst, A F Taylor, J M Hollobaugh.

On arrangement of the stand—G C Baker, T A Allen and R B Harrison. On Finance—J H Venable, H W Coffman and Chas. King. On obituary—Alonzo Young, J R Hood, J M Thompson. On non-represented churches—R T Garrison, J B Rainwater, W C Burton. On union of the churches—Ad Thomas, O H P Johnson, Jno. W Deane. Adjourned

hospitality shown us during our stay with them and while many of us will, in all probability, never be permitted to meet them again on earth, let us indulge the hope that we and they may so live that when Life's journey is over that we may all be permitted to meet in that celestial city whose builder is God.

Afternoon Session.

Reconvened at 3:30. Prayer by Bro. J A Stark. All the ministers present came forward and assented their indorsement of Article 6.

The committee on Sabbath schools made the following report: God's Word repeatedly emphasizes the fourth commandment; the Sabbath is a memorial of creation and of the resurrection of Christ. It belongs to God and its observance is necessary for the moral and spiritual development of man. Education of the youth is the foundation of the church and state; hence, we most earnestly urge our parents to take their children to Sabbath school that our loved ones may not fall behind in the great progress of Christian development.

W. C. Coda, Chairman.

The committee on temperance reported as follows: We view with satisfaction the fact that we are making progression in the cause of temperance and urge our people to stand firm until even greater victories may be upon our banners.

C W Smith, Chairman.

The committee on obituaries made the following report: We find that six of our beloved brethren and sisters have fallen by the ruthless sickle of Time, among the number our beloved young moderator, W L Morrison; our devoted minister of fifteen years experience, Elder L T Freeman, and Brother Jno T Ennis who has so often served faithfully upon the various committees of our associations. We humbly bow in recognition of the fact that Death will soon claim us as His own, but let us look up to the dawning of the glorious immortality that is held in reservation for those "who die in the Lord."

Alonzo Young, Chairman.

Messengers to other associations were selected as follows: G W Burris, R C Chappell, G C Baker, J N Leach, W P Kinder to state association. W D Isabel, J A Stark, J N Churchill to Mount Zion. Jesse Jeffreys, R A Johnson, G W Sutton to Eastern Arkansas. J T Burris, C S Thompson,

J M Hollabaugh to New Hope.

The committee appointee at last association to consider the question of dividing the association reported in the negative and the report was unanimously adopted.

St. Joe church was selected as the place of holding our next association; Elder F M Hudson was elected to preach the introductory sermon with Elder R E L Dewall as alternate. There was preaching Friday night by Elder R. E. L. Dewall and C S Thompson, from Rom. 13:1 and 2, and by Elders G W Sutton and J W Churchill Saturday at 11 a. m.

Saturday night the stand was filled by Elders J A Stark and F M Hudson; text, Luke 18:37.

At the conclusion of this service, the parting hand was taken, and with love, praise and good fellowship, the association was formally closed to meet with St. Joe church, six miles north of Atkins, Pope county, Arkansas, on Thursday night, Sept. 24th, 1903.

Elder D J Coffman conducted prayer and praise service Sunday at 9 a. m. and Elders Jesse Jeffreys and Jas. T Burris preached to a large congregation at 11 o'clock Sunday from Matt. 24:37; at the conclusion of which a public collection was taken for the benefit of Sister W L Morrison to the amount of \$21.50.

There was preaching at 3 o'clock p. m. and also at night and at the latter service the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and the washing of feet were administered to a large number of persons who felt the truthfulness of the Savior's words:— If ye know these things, happy all ye if you do them.

There were a number of conversions and accessions to the local church during the association, prominent among the latter being Rev. Walker of the C. P. church and Rev. Sullivan of the Missionary Baptist church.

F. M. HUDSON, JR.,

Clerk and Treasurer.

JESSE JEFFREYS,

Moderator.



Eastern Arkansas Association.

The Thirty-fourth Annual session of the Eastern Arkansas Association of Freewill Baptists met pursuant to adjournment with Mulberry Grove church, Yell county, Ark., Sept. 4th,

On motion of Elder G W Ewing Resolution No. 2 was adopted. Resolution No. 2—Resolved, That we favor the holding district or 5th Sunday meetings using the same old district lines. On motion of Elder A A Davis the moderator appointed a committee of three to see and redeem the credentials of those brethren above mentioned as follows, R J Collins, M P Sledge and Elder A A Davis.

On motion of Elder A A Davis Resolution No. 4 was adopted. Resolved, That we hereby recommend Bro. R J Collins for ordination. On motion by Bro. R J Collins, Resolution No. 5 was adopted, Whereas, The membership in this association has decreased from six hundred members in 1895 to about three hundred and sixty in 1902; therefore, be it Resolved, That we as Freewill Baptists be a little more free with our money. On motion by Bro. B H Benefield the association adjourned to meet at 3 p. m. Prayer by Elder G S Rogers. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Elder G W Ewing, from Luke 22:2, followed by Elder B C Harris, benediction by Elder G W Ewing.

Evening session house called to order by the moderator. Reading the 109th Psalm. Prayer by Elder R J Collins. Call for letters from newly organized churches, whereupon Elder W W Mangrum presented a letter from Dowell Town Church. On motion by Bro. R J Collins, the letter with the delegate was received and the right hand of fellowship extended to Elder Mangrum. On motion by Bro. Reen Resolution No. 7 was adopted, Resolved, That we favor the printing of our minutes in with the minutes of the state association. On motion by Elder B C Harris Resolution No. 8 was adopted, Resolved, That we adopt the church covenant of the Tyronza association as follows, Having been brought as we humbly trust by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and having obtained justification by faith in his name we, as members of the Freewill Baptist of this association agree to watch over each other, in love to pray for each other as members of a common faith, ever striving to keep the unity of the spirit of peace. James 5:16, Eph. 4:3. We will not speak evil of one another nor will we persecute or expose the faults of the weak members of our church, but we will endeavor to be governed by Paul's instructions to Timothy that we will reprove,

rebuke and exhort each other as members of a common brotherhood. Tit. 3:2, Eph. 4:2, Matt. 18:15, II Tim. 9:2.

We are commanded to do good to all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith, in adopting this covenant we become a family and assume in a Christian sense the care and responsibility that the members of a family should feel for each other. I Cor. 12:25.

We will attend the stated meetings of the church unless Providentially hindered or uncontrollable circumstances prevent us, and we will prefer the services of our own church to that of any other. Heb. 10:25.

We will not injure our influence in the house of the Lord by occupying seats with the ungodly and sinners but will occupy seats near the pulpit and use the natural powers which God has given us to praise his holy name. II Cor. 6:17. We will not be guilty of Sabbath breaking, that is we will not push the ox in the ditch to get to pull him out on the Sabbath, nor by doing any work therein for the Lord saith keep the Sabbath day holy. We will shun all appearance of evil and all amusements that do not tend to the glory of God. We will adopt the covenant of Joshua, the servant of the Lord, and say as for me and my house we will serve the Lord. I Thes. 5:21-22.

Resolved, That each pastor before receiving candidates for membership into the church read the church covenant to the candidate and then ask them, Will you endeavor to keep this covenant? On motion by Elder G W Ewing and prayer by Elder W W Mangrum the association adjourned to meet Saturday, September 6th.

Preaching at night by Elder G S Rogers from St. John 17 and 20, followed by Elder W W Mangrum.

Morning Session.

Association called to order by moderator. Prayer by Elder R W Richards. Calling roll by clerk. Quorum being present the association proceeded to business. On motion by Elder J H Spivey Resolution No. 9 was adopted. Resolved, That we instruct the delegates to the state association to contend for the articles of faith as first adopted by the state association. On motion by Elder G W Ewing Resolution No. 10 was adopted as follows, Resolved, that each preacher in this association preach at least one doctrinal discourse to each church

in their charge each year and that there be one doctrinal discourse at each association. On motion by Elder J T Ross, Resolution No. 11 was adopted, Resolved, that we advise that the articles of faith be read once every three months. On motion by Bro. B H Benefield, Resolution No. 12 was adopted, Resolved, that we send delegates to the state association. On motion by Elder A A Davis, the moderator appointed delegates to attend the state association as follows, Bros. T M Reen, E P Parkerson, B H Benefield, J A Crawford and E J Fry. On motion by Bro. E P Parkerson report of committee on bill of arrangement. Received and committee discharged. On motion by Elder G W Ewing report of committee on temperance was received and committee discharged. (Report same as in state minutes.)

B H Benefield,
J A Crawford,
E P Parkerson,
Committee.

On motion by Elder R J Collins, the report on Sabbath schools was received and committee discharged. Reported as follows, We your committee on Sabbath schools beg leave to submit the following, That we believe it to be the duty of each church to maintain a Sunday school and that it is the duty of every minister to make such school instructive and interesting to both old and young and we request each church to report condition of their schools next year. Father and mother remember the commandments of holy writ raise your children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and they will not depart from it. Sabbath schools is the place for such instructions. Brothers and sisters aid each other in this great move, for in this there is union and in union there is strength. We also urge that we use Freewill Baptist literature.

J H Womack.
J E Sanderson,
G W Ewing,
Committee.

On motion of Elder A A Davis, report of committee on obituaries was received and committee discharged. Reported as follows, We find that Death has visited our midst and taken for its prey our dearly beloved brothers. Brother Wm. Staggs of Ranger church died Nov. 22, 1901. Brother H R

Redding of Pine Grove church died Jan. 12, 1902. Bro. L T Freeman of Dowell Town church died Dec. 20, 1901. These our dearly beloved brethren have fallen and on earth we meet them no more, but we delay not to offer in memory of them the sincere tribute of our affection and friendship, notwithstanding that we have our troubles and trials in this world our departed brethren are done with them all, therefore, be it resolved that we, the association, tender our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families and relations of the deceased.

E P Parkerson,
G S Rogers,
Calvin Simmons,
Committee.

On motion by Elder J T Ross, Pleasant Hill church was the place selected for the next annual meeting of the association. On motion of Bro. T M Reen, Elder J T Ross was to preach the introductory sermon and Elder J L Redwine his alternate. On motion by Elder A A Davis, the association adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Bro. J A Crawford; benediction by Elder J T Ross. Preaching by Elder R J Collins from Isaiah 35:8, followed by Elder A A Davis. Benediction by moderator.

Afternoon Session.

Met at 3 p. m. Reading John 14th by moderator; prayer by Elder J T Ross. Quorum present and on motion by Elder J H Spivey, the church covenant of the Tyronza association was ordered printed in the minutes. On motion of Elder J T Ross, E J Fry was elected to prepare the manuscript for the press. On motion by Elder R J Collins, the thanks of this association were tendered to this community and especially to the ladies for their kindness and hospitality during our stay with them. On motion of Rev. A A Davis, the minutes of the association were adopted as read by the clerk. On motion by Rev. G W Ewing the association adjourned to meet with Pleasant Hill church, Yell county, Ark., on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1903. Prayer and benediction by Elder J H Spivey.

E N Sanders, Moderator.

E J Fry, Clerk.



Hamburg Association.

Minutes of the fifteenth annual session of the Hamburg Association of Freewill Baptists, held with Pleasant Grove church, Drew county, Arkansas, Sept. 18, 19. 20 and 21st, 1902. Rev. D J Molloy, moderator; W D Carter, clerk, Hamburg, Ark. Introductory sermon preached by the Rev. J M Estell, text, St. John 1st and latter clause 29th verse.

Thursday afternoon service convened at 4 o'clock and after reading and prayer by the moderator. The first business in order was the calling for church letters from the several churches and all was found not to be in yet; it was agreed to read those present. The letter from Prairie Grove church was read and approved, then, on motion, this order of business was postponed until called for again.

Next in order was the election of permanent officers for this session, which resulted in the election of Rev. D J Molloy, moderator, and Bro. W D Carter, clerk. On motion, Bro. W H Jackson was elected assistant clerk and J H Estell, assistant moderator. On motion, the moderator appointed the following committee on devotional services, viz: W H Jackson, J R Johnson and R T Deal and in a few minutes reported, viz: Rev. J M Estell preach Thursday night and Rev. D J Molloy preach Friday at 11 o'clock a. m. On motion, the rules of decorum was read and on motion adjourned to half past nine o'clock Friday morning.

The morning session opened with reading of scripture and prayer by the moderator. Minutes of session up to present read by the clerk and approved. The church letter from Union church was offered, read and approved. Visiting brethren and sisters were next invited to seats with us. The door of the church was next opened for the reception of sister churches into this association. None presented. Pleasant Grove church letter was presented, read and approved with an amendment. Adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.

Evening session opened with devotional services by Bro. W H Jackson. Reading of minutes called for, read and approved. Committee on devotional services reported, viz: We, your committee, on divine service report that the Rev. J M Estell preach on Friday night. The church letter from Mt. Pleasant was next presented, read and approved.

preached, 86; public prayers, 130; number received into the church, 11; number baptised, none; number of funeral services performed, none; dismissed by letter, 1; burial services, 3; marriages performed, 4; amount of moneys received for year's work, \$74.65. J. M. Estell.

On motion, that we elect a delegate and alternate to the state association, which is to convene at Paint Rock church in Logan county, Ark., on Oct. 25, and that W H Jackson write our letter to same. After a few minutes the petitionary letter was read and approved. On motion, W H Jackson was elected delegate and Rev. D J Molloy alternate to state association and the moneys collected for that purpose was counted and paid over to delegate.

On motion, the next annual association be held with Prairie Grove Freewill Baptist church, Ashley county, Ark., to convene at 11 o'clock on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in September; Rev. J M Estell to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. D J Molloy be his alternate. On motion, the next district meeting be held with Mt. Pleasant church of Freewill Baptist near Milo, Ashley county, Ark., to convene at 11 o'clock on Friday before the 5th Sunday in November, 1902. Rev. E J Percer to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. D J Molloy be his alternate.

Resolved, that we, the delegates and visitors to this association tender our sincere thanks to the good people of this vicinity for their kindness and generous hospitality while with them in this association (especially the ladies.) On motion, adjourned to the hour of 4 o'clock. The association convened promptly at the appointed time. Elder D J Molloy preached an able sermon from text before given. At the conclusion the ordinances of the Lord's supper and the washing of the Saints feet were attended to in order. Adjourned to meet for the 11 o'clock Sunday services. At the appointed time a large congregation met and heard a fine sermon preached by Elder J M Estell, text, St. John 15:1-7 and Sol. 2:15.

W. H. Jackson, clerk.

D. J. Molloy, moderator.

Form of Church Letter to the Association.

We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ at Pleasant Grove church, in Drew county, Ark., come with greetings to the Hamburg Association of Freewill Baptist Church of Christ,

when convened with Prairie Grove church in Ashley county, Ark.: We have chosen our messengers, whom we deem worthy to sit with you in council as servants for God, viz., James Martin, Wm. Jones and Thos. Isaacson (delegates) and W N North, John Peters and Wm. Bunn (alternates)

Our statistics are as follows: Received by experience....., by letter....., by recommendation..... by restoration....., dismissed....., excluded....., died....., total..... Membership..... Our day of meeting is..... Value of church property is..... We have a Sunday School with average attendance of..... and have prayer meeting.....

Done by order of the church, this....day of.....1903.

.....Clerk.Moderator.

Mt. Zion Association.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Session of the Mt. Zion Association of Freewill Baptist held with Pleasant Grove church, Pope county, Ark., October the 3rd and 4th, 1902. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder John Bowen, text, II Tim. 4 chapter, 2nd verse—Preach the word.

Association elected Bro. John Bowen, moderator, only a few being present. Bro. J. E. Partain was appointed clerk pro tem. Committee on Arrangements—L W Pitts, G W Partain and W T Jones. Committee on Resolutions—I S C Satterwhite, J A Stark, L W Pitts with the moderator and clerk.

Saturday Morning Session.

Association called to order and opened with prayer by the moderator. C S Holman was elected clerk. Committee on Finance—Bros. J E Partain, V England and J G Carter. Committee on Obituaries—Bros. J S Lindsey, L W Pitts and M A Whisnant. Letters called for and four received—Pleasant Grove, Pope county, Pleasant Hill, Johnson county, Erving Seminary, Johnson county, and Strawberry, Johnson county. Letters read, received and delegates invited to seats. Called for corresponding letters. Received one from the Antioch Association by the hands of Bro. J A Stark and wife, F. M. Hudson, J T Burse, G W Burse. Letter received and delegates seated. Report of committee on resolutions:

1st. Resolved, That we have our minutes printed with

the state association minutes. 2nd, Resolved, That we keep up correspondence with sister associations, 3rd. Resolved, That we request all ministers in the bounds of the Mt. Zion Association to bring or send a condensed report of their ministerial work in each associational year. 4th. Resolved, That the moderator shall call all the ministers up in line and the 6th article of faith be read by the moderator and they either accept or reject the same. 5th. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each church clerk to report to the association the amount that they have contributed to their moderator during the associational year. 6th, Resolved, Where our next association will be held and who shall preach the introductory sermon. Pleasant Hill was selected as the place and Bro. J G Carter to preach the introductory sermon and M A Whisnant, alternate. Adjourned fifteen minutes to meet at 3 o'clock for preaching. Bro. Satterwhite filled the stand followed by Bro. J G Carter, I Timothy, 6:19-20.

Afternoon Session.

Motion to elect delegates to the state association carried by acclamation. Bros. David Pitts, W T Jones, J E Partain, C S Holman and G W Partain as delegates, Bro. L W Pitts, J F Jones, alternates. Motion that we tender our thanks to the good people around Pleasant Grove for their hospitality during this association. On motion the clerk is to write and bear the letter to the state association.

Report of committee on obituaries: We your committee on obituaries report as follows, Whereas, God has seen fit in his wisdom to call from us five brothers and sisters whom we loved, to-wit, Bro. James Rogers and Sister Watson, of Pleasant Hill, and Bro. John Murray and Sister Caroline Mays, of Strawberry Valley, and Sister E A Lindsey, of Pleasant Grove, who was born Oct. 3rd, 1848, in Johnson county., Ark., professed a hope in Christ July 23rd, 1879, joined the church August, 1879, died. Aug. 26th, 1902. Their labors being ended God saw fit in his wisdom to call them up higher where they will be free from sorrow and trouble and receive the crown of Glory which fadeth not away. While we weep not for them as ones having no hope; we will endeavor to press forward to meet them beyond the shores of dull Mortality. Report received and committee discharged.

Committee on finance reported \$3.00 to help print the minutes. Committee discharged. On motion, we favor a state evangelist, as we endorse Bro. Johnston's work. Association adjourned to meet with the Pleasant Hill church on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1903.

C. S. Holman, Clerk.

John Bowen, Moderator.

Tyronza Association.

Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Session of Tyronza Association of Freewill Baptists, held with Union Grove church, Crittenden county, Arkansas, September 12-13th, 1902. Met on Friday at 11:50 a. m., with the moderator present, who called the house to order.

Prayer by Bro. J R Kerr. Roll of churches was called, and the delegates answered to their names as follows: James Carroll, R P Kerr, J R Kerr, J H Bullard, W A Harvey, J T Jones, J H Pettie, J H Shannon, J W Shannon, W S Roberts, M L Jones, W T Beatty, M F Roberts, S A Allen, M A Lindley and D J Boone. The annual sermon was delivered by Elder J S David at 12 o'clock Friday, text, II Timothy 2:3, followed by Elder J H Johnston, after which the association adjourned until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday Afternoon Session.

Met at 3:20 o'clock. Singing. Prayer by Bro. J H Bullard. The moderator called the association to order. Roll of delegates was called, and thirteen delegates present. Appointment of committee on church credential as follows: J R Kerr, J W Shannon and J D Boone. Bro. R P Kerr was appointed reading clerk.

Committee on credentials made their report as follows: We, your committee, find that the credentials are legal. Report of committee on credentials was received and committee discharged. Credentials from the churches was read as follows: Oak Grove, Bullard's Chapel, Bethlehem, Union Hill and Holly Grove, which was reclaimed, and their delegates duly chosen, were seated with us in conference.

The moderator proceeded to appoint the several committees as follows: Devotional—Bros W S Roberts, J H Shannon and James Carroll. Obituaries—Bros. M L Jones, J S David and W A Harvey. Finance—Sisters M F Roberts, S A Allen

and M A Lindley. The moderator and clerk made a surrender of their office, thanking the delegation for past honors; whereupon Elder J H Bullard was elected moderator and Elder J H Johnston was elected secretary. Report of executive committee was called for, and reported as follows: We your committee beg leave to make the following report for the past year: Support of pastors and missions: Oak Grove church, to J H Johnston \$13.40, to J S David, \$16.95, total \$30.35. Tyronza Chapel, pastor \$8.00; Bullard's Chapel, pastor \$4 00, home mission 70c; Dead Timber, pastor \$23.50, home mission \$1.75; Union Hill, pastor \$15.95; Union Grove pastor 50c; Bethlehem, to J H Johnston \$8.41. Total, paid pastors \$90.71; home mission \$2.45.

Money paid to pastors from outside as follows, to J H Johnston \$3.15, to J. H. Bullard \$2.30. Money paid to pastors from churches of which they are not pastors as follows, to J H Johnston, 55 cents from Union Hill. Traveling expenses of pastors as follows, J H Johnston \$12.50, J S David \$22.96.

The report of committees on church building: There was reported on the 16th of November, 1901, for building Tyronza church \$57.45 since the association. The total amount collected up to November, 1901, is \$575.67. The committee for September the 11th, 1902, could not make any report until further on.

Resolutions.

1. Resolved, That we have our minutes published with the State minutes, and that we have two hundred and fifty copies published.

2. Resolved, That we pay Bro. J H Johnston the thirteen dollars and seventy-nine cents that is in the treasury, toward our prorato part, for his services as state evangelist in our association.

3. Resolved, That Elder M L Jones travel in the bounds of the Tyronza association as an evangelist the coming year.

The committee on Home Mission reported money paid to treasurer since last association, \$6.45; money paid out of treasury, \$13.79. (See 2nd resolution.) Total amount in the treasury, \$4.00.

James Carroll, Chairman.

J. H. Johnston, Secretary.

W T Beatty, J H Bullard, M L Jones, R P Kerr, J R Kerr, J S David, W S Roberts, J D Boone, M F Roberts and S A Allen. committee. Report of the executive committee received and committee discharged.

Committee on obituaries made their report as follows: We your committee beg leave to make the following report,

We find that there has been two deaths in our association during the past year. Sister Sarah Rhea entered into rest after a long warfare in the Christian race, about January 7th, 1902. Sister Rhea was some seventy years old, and had nearly all her life lived a true, consistent Christian, and in all things that would advance the cause of Christ. We, the association, extend our sympathy to her surviving son, and would urge him to press on to meet his mother in the sweet bye and bye.

Brother James M. Johnson entered into rest about August 15th, 1902, after a short illness. Small pox marked him as its victim, but in the hour and article of death, he raised his hand and eyes toward heaven and exclaimed, "Triumph, triumph! Blessed are they who die in the Lord." Report received and committee discharged.

M L Jones, chairman,

J S David,

W A Harvey, committee.

Adjourned to meet at 8 a. m.

Saturday Morning Session.

Met at 9:15 a. m. Singing. Prayer by Bro. Jas. Carroll. Roll call and eleven delegates present.

1 Resolved, That the secretary of the association write Bro. M L Jones credentials as an evangelist to travel in the bounds of the Tyronza association.

Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

Saturday Afternoon Session.

Met at 3:35 p. m. Singing. Prayer by Brother P A Thomason. Roll call and twenty-five delegates present.

2. Resolved that we invite Bro. P A Thomason to a seat with us.

3. Resolved, That we extend the associational line from Paragould, Ark., running with the Cotton Belt to Brinkley, Ark., thence with the Choctaw R R to Memphis, Tenn., to the beginning.

4. Resolved, That we hold our next association with Dead Timber church, Mississippi county, Arkansas, four miles east of Deckerville, situated on the Kansas City R R, to convene on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1903, at 10 a. m.

5. Resolved, That Elder M L Jones preach the annual sermon, and Elder J H Johnston be his alternate.

6. Resolved, That the executive committee hold their first session with Bethlehem, Cross county, Ark., Saturday before the first Sunday in November, 1902, at 9 a. m. Next to be held with Union Hill, Cross county, Arkansas, Saturday before the third Sunday in February, 1903, at 9 a. m. Next to be held with Beaver Dam, Crittenden county, Arkansas, Saturday before the second Sunday in May, 1903, at 9 a. m. Next to be held with Dead Timber, Mississippi county, Arkansas, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1903, at 9 a. m.

Report of finance committee as follows: We your committee beg leave to make the following report, We have collected for the printing of our minutes, \$12.25. Report received and committee discharged.

S A Allen, chairman

M F Roberts,

M A Lindley, committee.

The secretary received for his services \$2.35.

Resolved, That the pastors take up a collection to pay Bro. J H Johnston for his services as secretary.

The minutes were read and approved. Adjourned to meet at the time and place above mentioned. Elder J H Bullard, Elder J H Johnston, Secretary. Moderator.

The delegation extended the hand of thanks to the brethren and community for their generous hospitality during their stay with them. Prayer by Bro. R P Kerr.

Benediction by Brother M L Jones, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the comfort of the Holy Ghost be with His people now and forever. Amen."

Preaching according to arrangement of the devotional committee: The stand was occupied Friday night by Elder J H Johnston, text, Matt. 12:43-45, followed by Elder M L Jones. Saturday at 11 o'clock by Elder W T Beatty, text, Isa. 40:31, followed by Elder J S David. Saturday night by Elder M L Jones, text, John 19:23, followed by Elder J H Johnston. Sunday at 11 o'clock by Elder P A Thomason, text, Hebrews

9:21, followed by Elder J H Johnston. Sunday at 8 p. m. by Elder M L Jones, text, 1 Tim. 4:17-18, followed by Elder J H Johnston.

Western Arkansas Association.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Session of the Western Arkansas Association of Freewill Baptists met pursuant to adjournment with the Mt. Pisgah Church at Boles, Scott county, Arkansas, at 11 a. m. September 19th, 1902.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder R E Sessions, text, 133 Psalms, "Behold, how good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Followed by A J Phillips, closing prayer by A J Phillips.

On motion, the association went into executive session. Opening prayer by W M Mankins. The moderator being present, proceeded to business by reading the rules of order. The clerk not being present, H Baer was called as clerk pro tem. Next was a call for letters of the different churches. Letters responding to the association were as follows:

Antioch—R L Hunter, M Z Burt, J C Robinson.

Friendship No. 2—F M Holland.

Mt. Pisgah—James Cates, John Crump, Robert Cates.

Brooklyn—J Thomas, M Smith, J V Bullock.

Harmony—R E Sessions, T J Hood, A Self.

Pleasant Hill No. 2—A J Phillips.

Freedom—J Kimbrough, E L Smith.

Green Chapel—J N DeArman.

Pleasant Hill No 1—E C Beard, F R Vice, W N Pearson.

Massard—J D Williams, H Baer, J Manus.

Earl Prairie—Z T Green, T B Stone.

Oak Grove—J L Reding, G Limney.

New Bethel—T B Cartwright.

The above letters were read and approved.

Petitionary letters from Green Chapel, Pleasant Hill No 2 and Oak Grove churches were presented and read. On motion Green Chapel, Pleasant Hill No. 2 and Oak Grove churches were adopted into the Western Arkansas Association.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On Memorial—T F Smith, Q F Penick, J D Williams.

Sunday School—J N DeArman, G W Combs, A J Phillips.

Temperance—E C Beard, R L Hunter, J Manus.

Arrangements--J F Cates, J J Kimbrough, F R Vice.

Resolutions--W M Mankins, G W Coombs, J N DeArman and T J Mantooth.

On motion W M Mankin and T J Mantooth were appointed to represent Brooklyn church as delegates.

Motion made and adopted that all discussions be limited to five minutes and a member have the privilege to speak the second time by consent of the moderator.

Association then adjourned to 3:30 p. m. Closing prayer by J N DeArman.

Afternoon Session.

Convened at 3:30. Opening prayer by H Baer.

On motion it was resolved that we endorse Bro. J N DeArman as our evangelist and recommend him to all persons wherein the providence of God he may be called to labor.

Call for reports of committees which were read and approved. Association then adjourned to 8:30 Saturday morning. Closing prayer by T J Mantooth. Preaching service at night conducted by Elder J N DeArman from Luke 11:42, followed by G W Combs.

Morning Session.

The association met at 8:30 Saturday morning for the further transaction of business. Opened by reading the 2nd chapter of St. John by the moderator. Opening prayer by J L Reding.

On motion resolutions were adopted to have the minutes of the Western Arkansas Association printed with the minutes of the State association; also elected three delegates to the State Association as follows, H Baer, A J Phillips and W N Obar. The association then adjourned until 3 p. m. Closing prayer by J W Stewart. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Elder F M Holland from St. John 10:17-39, followed by R E Sessions.

Afternoon Session.

Pursuant to adjournment, the association assembled at 3 p. m. Opening prayer by T F Smith.

On motion resolutions were passed to debar any minister from being accepted as a minister of the Gospel in the Free-will Baptist church that has not been baptised by immersion in accordance to the rites of the Freewill Baptist faith.

On motion Bros. J N Larrimore, T Williams, A M Griffin, W P McVey, E Baldwin, A J Phillips and E N Stinecipher were adopted to the list of ordained ministers.

On motion, H Baer was chosen to write petitionary letter to the State Association, also to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Amount received for minutes \$12.00. Contributed for State Association, \$4.10. On motion, the next annual association will be held with Antioch Church, near Branch in Franklin county, Ark., on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1903. Introductory sermon by J L Reding, alternate, J N DeArman. Association then adjourned. Closing prayer by J N DeArman.

Report of Committees.

On Memorials—Mt. Pisgah church suffered a great loss by the deaths of the following brothers and sisters, viz: Brother J C Hall died in February, 1900, Sister Nancy Pinnick died Jan. 22, 1901, Sister Sinira Barrett died March 28, 1902. Harmony church, Sister Elizabeth House died Feb. 25, 1902. Massard church, Brother Simson Autrey died Oct. 9, 1901, Sister Lilly Kimbrough died April 4, 1902, Sister Lizzie Star died August, 1902, Sister Fanny Cotton, near seventy years old, and Brother John Wilson, near sixty years old, have passed away. Thus death hath visited our membership and called home to God our beloved brothers and sisters. They are awaiting us at the Beautiful City of our God and will receive a crown of life at the second coming of our Lord. We should not mourn as those who have no hope.

T. F. Pinnick,

T. F. Smith,

J. D. Smith,

Committee.

Sunday Schools—We believe it to be the duty of each church to maintain a Sunday School. That the bible and testament be used and that we request each church to report the condition of their Sunday School by letter to the association next year. We heartily endorse a Union Sunday School among our people, also that the pastors of each church use all his influence with his church for the prosperity and progress

both for his church and school.

J. N. DeArman,
G. W. Combs,
A. J. Phillips,
Committee.

Temperance—We the committee on temperance, report in last minutes adopted. It is our earnest conviction that all crimes done are due to intemperance in some form. Thus, we see we can be intemperate in many ways, eating, drinking, work or passions. But the greatest are drinking spirituous liquors which destroy reason and causes much misery, also is the big tongue among our members that it defileth the whole body.

R. L. Hunter,
E. C. Beard,
John Manus,
Committee.

Arrangement—We, your committee of arrangements, report as follows: 1st, We recommend that the word "ordain" be stricken out of the prelude to the constitution and the word "adopt" be put in its stead. 2nd, We recommend the report of last year's committee on pastoral support. 3d, We recommend that our widows and orphans be looked after and their necessities supplied as much as possible. 4th, We recommend that the pastor call special attention of the church to these things.

J. F. Cates,
R. F. Vice,
J. J. Kimbrough,
Committee.

Resolutions—We your committee on resolutions, beg leave to submit the following resolutions, to-wit: 1st, Resolved, That the Western Arkansas Association have their minutes printed with and in connection with the minutes of the State Association. 2nd, And further, that this Association be represented in the State Association. Respectfully submitted,

W. M. Mankins,
G. W. Combs,
J. N. DeArman,
Committee.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted: The delegates of the Western Arkansas Association of Freewill Baptists tender their thanks to the good people around and

about Mt. Pisgah church for their hospitality and untiring efforts to make everything pleasant and comfortable for them during their sojourn among them and will kindly remember them at the great throne of grace after they depart.

The association adjourned by giving the parting hand with peace and good will to all men. R. E. Sessions, Moderator,

H. Baer, Clerk, Barling, Ark.

Waldron, Ark.

J. D. Williams, Treasurer. Creseent, Ark.



Committee's Report.

MORELAND, ARK., Jan. 17th, 1903.

To the Freewill Baptists throughout the State of Arkansas:

We, the committee, appointed by the State Association, to raise funds to purchase a press, etc., beg leave to state that we have held three meeting at which a majority of the committee were present; that we have mailed and sent out about two hundred letters to friends and brethren throughout the state with the following result: We have received \$36.15 as a contribution to buy said press, and also bids for the location of the press as follows: Houston, Perry county, \$49.50, Moreland, Pope county, \$52.50, Dover, Pope county, \$83.75.

From the above it will be seen that the amount raised is insufficient to purchase and equip a printing press, hence, we recommit the matter to our people throughout the state and ask that this matter be agitated by them to the end that they may be aroused to action by the next meeting of our State Association.

J. E. Partain, chairman.

F. M. Hudson, Jr., Acting Secretary.

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