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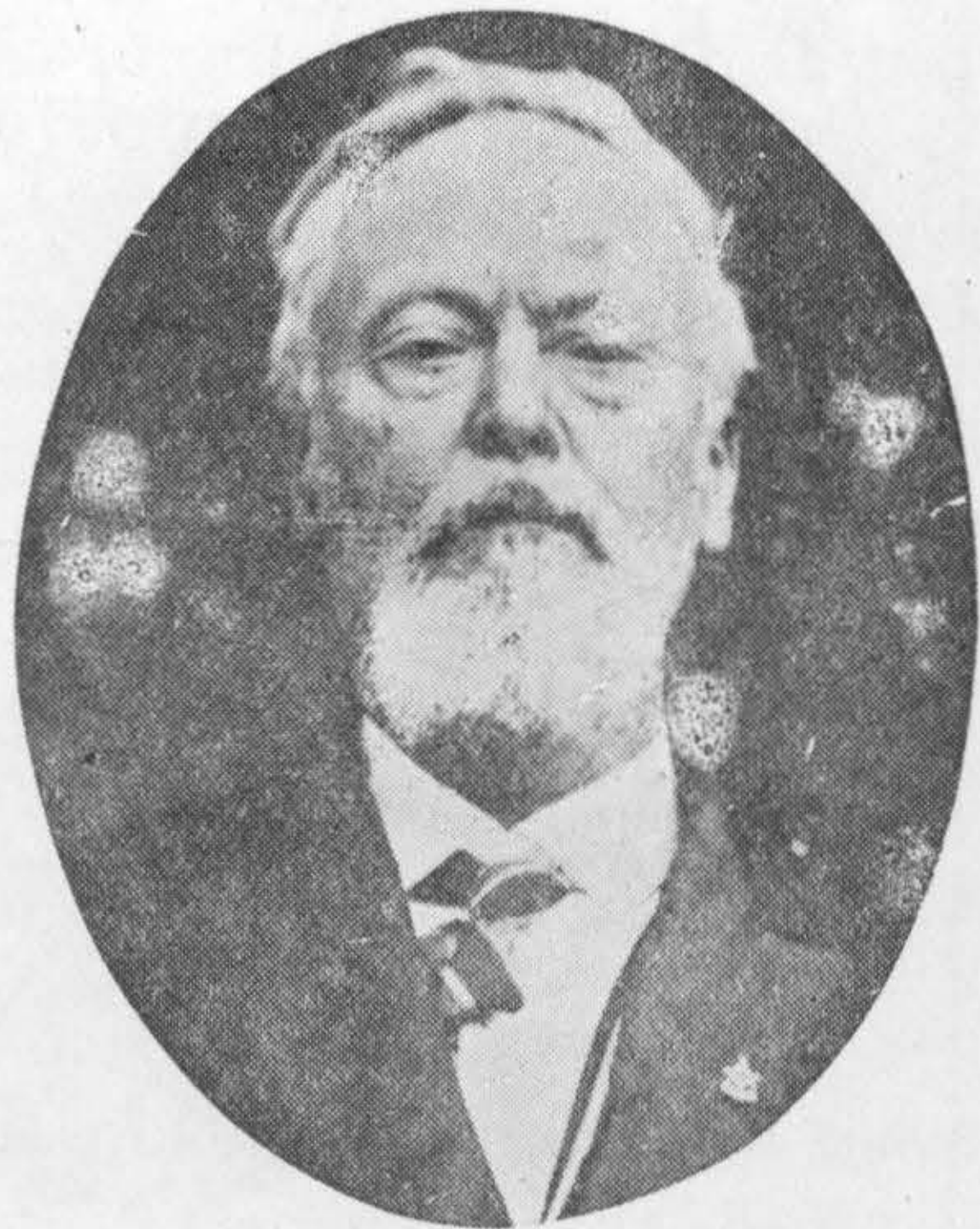
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The next session will be held with Cross Plains Church, at Moreland, Arkansas, 12 miles northeast of Russellville, Arkansas.



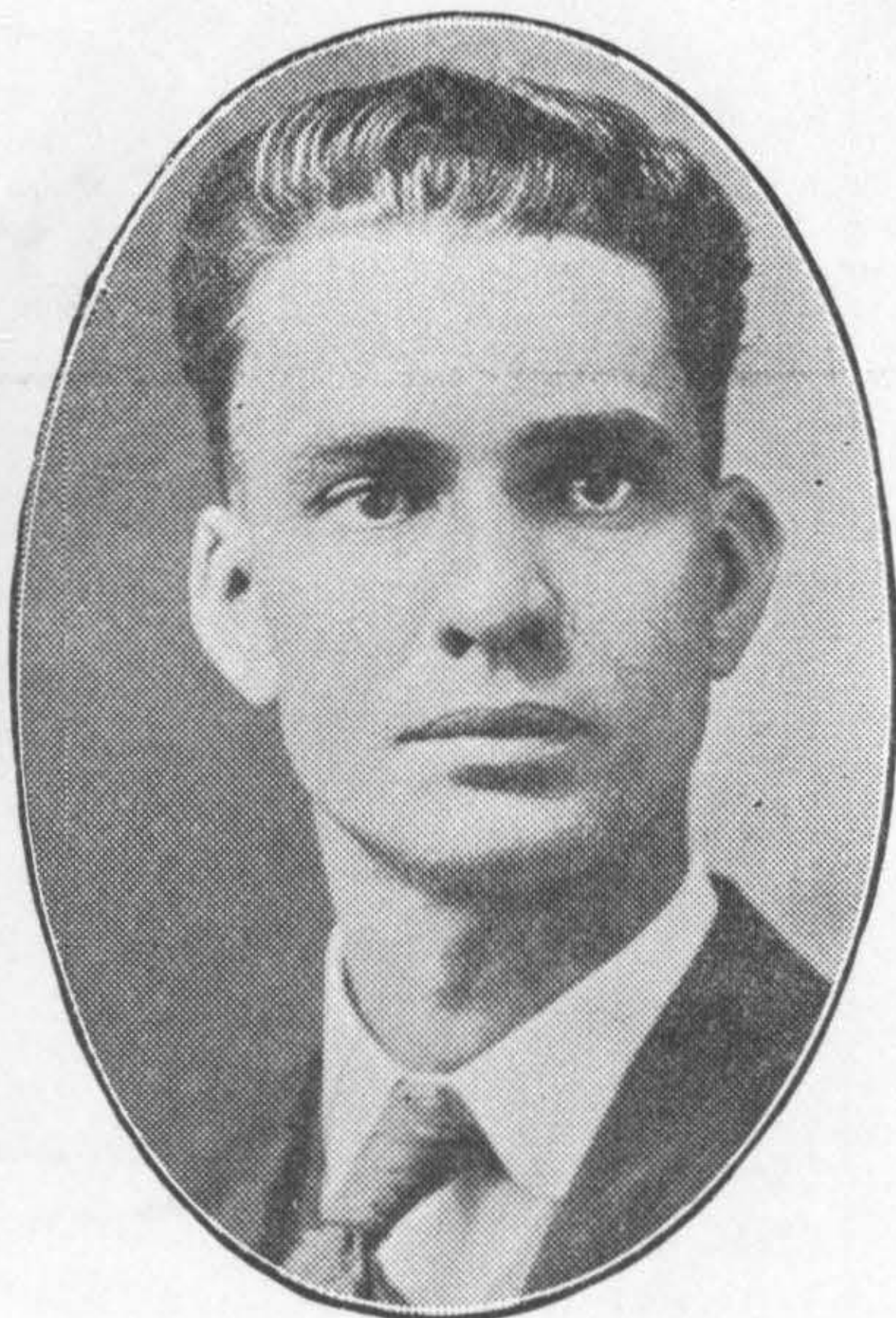
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Thomas Burrel Savage and Averil Edith Barnes of Spring Valley captured the whole delegation by their singing in the Association. These children are cousins, and only three years of age.

*They were raised in the Pilgrims -
Rest Church (Bro. Geo. Been's home)*

Minutes

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Session of the Arkansas State Association of the Freewill Baptists met with Pilgrim's Rest Church Friday night, September 30-Oct. 1, 2, 3, 1921. The congregation was called to order by singing. A short welcome address was delivered by Elders George Been and W. T. Webb, after which the response was delivered by Elder J. D. Doyle.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Geo. W. Million; text, Heb. 6:1, "Therefore, leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith towards God."

Dismissed by Eld. J. D. Doyle.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The delegation was called to order by singing. Scriptural lesson, 34th Psalm. Prayer by Eld. L. C. Doyle.

Letters from the different Associations called for and referred to the following Credentials Committee: W. A. Smith, O. C. Hunt and R. A. Johnson.

A partial report from the Credentials Committee showed that the following messengers were entitled to seats:

Tyronza Association—W. A. Smith.

Arkansas Association—O. C. Hunt.

Polk Bayou Association—J. R. Ballew and Henry Colbert.

Social Band Association—Geo. W. Million, H. R. Fowler, and E. W. Tucker.

Zion Hope No. 2 Association—A. J. Phillips.

Old Mt. Zion Association—W. E. Lynch, Loy Archer, W. C. Mason, J. T. Lynch, R. A. Johnson.

Antioch Association—Geo. W. Burris, J. N. Johnson.

The right hand of fellowship was then taken.

The rules of order were read by the Clerk.

Election of officers.

Nominations being in order for Moderator, Elds. J. D. Doyle and J. N. Patrick were nominated. Eld. J. D. Doyle was elected Moderator, with Eld. J. M. Patrick as Assistant Moderator.

J. N. Johnson was unanimously elected Clerk.

Geo. W. Burris was unanimously elected Corresponding Clerk and W. F. McGee, Assistant.

Motion carried to receive Eld. S. H. Frazier, H. O. Turner and J. H. Muskgrove as corresponding delegates from the Oklahoma State Association, and the right hand of fellowship was extended.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2 p. m. Dismissed by Moderator.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE.

Song service. Scripture lesson, 34th Psalm. Prayer. Song. Preaching by Eld. J. M. Patrick; text, Phillippians 1:21, "For me to live in Christ, and to die, is Gain." Dismissed by Eld. Geo. W. Million.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song service. Scriptural lesson, 1st Psalm. Prayer by A. N. Best. Song.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Divine Service—J. R. Ballew, Henry Colbert and John Wright.

Credentials—W. A. Smith, O. C. Hunt and R. A. Johnson.

Resolutions—Geo. W. Million, L. C. Doyle and A. N. Best.

Sabbath Schools—J. H. Roberts, James P. Jones and Geo. Been.

Obituary—W. A. Smith, O. C. Hunt and A. J. Phillips.

Temperance—Sister Briley, J. H. Roberts and E. W. Tucker.

Finance—J. W. Alred, E. S. England and J. T. Lynch.

Non-Represented Associations—W. T. Webb, W. A. Smith and S. A. Morgan.

Union of Associations—E. W. Tucker, A. N. Best and W. C. Mason.

There being a division in New Hope Association, two letters came in from New Hope Association as No. 1 and No. 2. These letters were referred to the following Committee: Eld. Geo. W. Million of Social Band Association; George W. Burris of Antioch Association; L. C. Doyle and Henry Colbert of Polk Bayou Association, and George Been of Old Mt. Zion Association.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Corresponding Clerk and pay his bill.

Motion carried to receive report of Clerk.

Motion carried to pay each of the Clerks \$10.00 for their service.

The Clerk was ordered to read the letters from the different Associations.

Motion carried for the Clerk to get names and addresses of all ministers and have same printed on separate page.

Eld. J. D. Doyle, who was appointed at the last Association to draw up a form of Warranty Deed for Church Property, submitted a form which was accepted.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Committee to whom the New Hope Association affair was referred. See report of Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Obituary.

Motion carried to send Eld. R. A. Johnson as Corresponding Delegate to the Oklahoma State Association and defray all his expenses, with Geo. W. Burris, Alternate.

Motion carried to adjourn until Monday morning, at 8 o'clock.

Committee on Divine Service reported that S. H. Frazier of Oklahoma, and J. D. Doyle would fill the stand Saturday night; Eld. Geo. W. Millian and A. N. Best Sunday at 11 o'clock, and J. H. P. Jones and O. C. Hunt, Sunday night.

Dismissed by Eld. J. M. Patrick.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

Song service. Prayer by Luther G. Pressley. Preaching by Eld. S. H. Frazier and Eld. J. D. Doyle; text, 1st Tim. 4:11, "These things command and teach." This was considered by all a wonderful discourse. Dismissed by Eld. J. M. Patrick.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

The delegation met at 10 o'clock and engaged in song, prayer and testimonial services for a short time, after which Elds. Geo. W. Million and A. N. Best preached; text, Prov. 22:28 and Ezra, 8:21, "Remove not the ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set." "Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahara, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of Him a right way for us, and for our little ones and for all our substance." This sermon was enjoyed by all present.

Dismissed by Eld. J. H. P. Jones.

Eld. J. S. Moore preached to a large crowd Sunday afternoon, who had brought their dinner and remained all day.

SUNDAY EVENING SESSION.

The congregation met early and engaged in song and prayer service, after which Elds. J. H. P. Jones and O. C. Hunt preached to a large audience; text, Cor. 11:2, "Now I praise ye, brethren, that you remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances as I delivered them to you."

Dismissed by Eld. Geo. Been.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The delegation came together at 8 o'clock by singing. Scriptural lesson, 4th Psalm. Prayer by S. A. Morgan.

Setting of the Association for the next session was the first order of business and Moreland was selected. Moreland is 12 miles northeast of Russellville, Arkansas.

Elds. S. A. Morgan and W. A. Smith were nominated to preach the introductory sermon.

Eld. S. A. Morgan was elected, with Eld. W. A. Smith, alternate.

Letter from Big Springs Association was received, and Eld. Geo. W. Million appointed to investigate same and report to Clerk. After investigation they were found to be orthodox.

Motion carried to strike out the last clause of Article One of the Constitution.

Motion carried to receive report of Temperance Committee.

Motion carried for the Moderator to appoint a standing Temperance Committee. The Committee is as follows: Mrs. D. W. Briley, Berryville; Geo. W. Million, Pocahontas; George Been, Spring Valley; W. T. Webb, Spring Valley, and J. N. Johnson, Blaine.

Motion carried to receive the reports of the Committees on Non-Represented and Union of Associations.

Motion carried to carry the Law of the Supper in the Minutes from time to time.

Report of Resolutions Committee adopted.

Motion carried to appoint a Committee to draft a Treatise and Church Polity. The Committee is as follows: Geo. W. Million, L. C. Doyle and J. N. Johnson.

Motion carried to have 3000 Minutes printed.

Motion carried to make the collection of the one dollar the business of the Executive Committee.

Report of Executive Committee received and Committee retained. See report of Committee.

Report of Finance Committee received.

Motion carried to send a delegate to the National Association, and Eld. Geo. W. Million was selected to go.

Motion carried to adjourn until Friday night before the first Sunday in October, 1922.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE MONDAY.

Song service. Prayer by Eld. J. M. Patrick. Preaching by Eld. L. C. Doyle; text, "Enoch Pleased God."

ELD. J. D. DOYLE, Moderator.
J. N. JOHNSON, Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

No. 1. Be it Resolved, That the Corresponding Clerk of this Association be empowered to ask each Freewill Baptist Church in Arkansas to donate one dollar to this Association, said money to be used for the advancement of this organization.

Resolved further, That the Clerk keep a record of all business of this Association, and that his books be audited by a Committee appointed at each session of the Association.

No. 2. Resolved, That we arrange a definite program for the co-operative action of the various forces of this body in the advancement of the cause of Christ in this state, and that a member be appointed in each Subordinate Association to assist in carrying out this program, and that Geo. W. Burris be appointed to superintend this work.

No. 3. Resolved, That this Association endeavor to establish for the future progress of our cause at least three funds, viz: Educational, Orphanage and Home Mission. That each member of the several churches of the different subordinate Associations be asked to pay into the Treasury of his church the minimum sum of 5 cents for the creation and support of said fund, and the Treasurer forward the same to the Treasurer of this body.

No. 4. Resolved, That we recommend for the support of the Freewill Baptist forces of this state the following institutions: The Freewill Baptist Orphanage located at Middle Sex, N. C.; the Ayden Freewill Baptist College, located at Ayden, N. C.; "The Freewill Baptist," a paper printed at Ayden, N. C.; the Freewill Baptist Sunday School literature, printed at Ayden, N. C.

No. 5. Resolved, That we have edited and published a brief Treatise on Freewill Baptist Doctrine and Church Potity, setting forth in a concise form what the Freewill Baptists of the state of Arkansas understand the Scriptures to teach on these subjects.

No. 6. We, the Freewill Baptists of Arkansas, extend our thanks to Elders L. C. Doyle and R. M. Johnson for their faithful service as Moderator and Assistant Moderator throughout the past year. May God's richest blessings ever rest upon them while they remain here upon earth.

No. 7. We, the ministers and delegates of the 24th Annual Session of the Arkansas State Association of Freewill Baptists, do here with the greatest of pleasure, express our heartfelt thanks to the good people of Pilgrim's Rest church and the surrounding vicinity for their

hospitality shown us while in their midst, and we pray God's richest blessings upon each one who has taken part in this great work, and especially we want to thank the good ladies for their untiring efforts to make our stay with them pleasant.

GEO. W. MILLION, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following:

We believe that a child of God should not be drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit and be a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate, and sound in the faith. "Add to your knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience Godliness, and to Godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you and abound they make you that ye shall be neither unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, for everyone that striveth for the Master is temperate in all things."

MRS. D. W. BIRLEY, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, find that God in His wisdom has called from labor to reward 37 Brothers and Sisters from the following Associations:

Arkansas, 6; Saline, 15; Polk Bayou, 1; Social, 8; Old Mt. Zion, 4; Zion Hope No. 2, 3.

Our loss is Heaven's gain. May we all strive to gain that crown that is laid up for us.

O. C. HUNT, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following:

By a close survey of the United States, we find that 98 per cent of all church members have come up in Sabbath Schools, and 98 per cent of all crimes are committed by those who do not attend Sunday School. We further find that only about 60 per cent of our people are members of any Sabbath School today. We know from our own observation that the church that has no Sabbath School has not the life that it should have. Taking the above facts as stated, we heartily endorse Sabbath Schools as a part of religious worship in which our minds may be started with the teachings of God's word. We also find that many of our churches are without Sabbath Schools. We urge

our people to maintain a Sabbath School in every church in our great state.

J. H. ROBERTS, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON NON-REPRESENTED ASSOCIATIONS.

We, your Committee on Non-Represented Associations, submit the following:

We find all Associations represented but Little Missouri River and Zion Hope, and by investigation we find them in good standing.

S. A. MORGAN, Chairman.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

We, the Committee appointed to investigate the difference between the two factions of New Hope Quarterly meeting find that said body is not properly an Association, merely a quarterly meeting, and since the Constitution states that the State Association shall be composed of five messengers from each subordinate Association, we feel that the State Association erred in receiving said quarterly meeting into their fellowship, and we recommend that these brethren go back home and organize themselves into an Association properly and come back to the next annual Association with a petitionary letter or letters asking admission into this body, said letters being accompanied by messengers duly appointed by their Associations, and we further recommend that the ordained ministers of said quarterly meeting be seated in this Association according to Article 5 of the Constitution. We also further recommend that Brother Luther Pressley, O. B. O'Quinn and W. P. Nowel be given seats in counsel with us. We also recommend that Bro. George Burris be sent into their midst to assist them in such work.

GEO. W. MILLION, Chairman.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee, submit the following:

We find that through our recommendation for Home Mission work, some have responded, and some progress has been made. Therefore, we recommend a more extensive work by each District Association choosing a Home Mission Committee of four to co-operate with their State Committeeman, who shall be Chairman of said Committee. They shall gather Mission funds from their fields and send such help to such places as they deem best and annually report their success.

Furthermore, we find that we have been charged of receiving alien baptism, and by investigation we find it to be without foundation and false.

GEORGE BEEN, Chairman.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING CLERK.

I submit the following. I have paid out the following:

For printing badges and letters	\$3.50
For 10 yards of ribbon	2.75
For Postage	5.20

Total\$11.45

GEO. W. BURRIS, Cor. Clerk.

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Amount on hand October 4, 1920	\$149.49
Printing 2000 Minutes	108.75
Postage	6.13

Balance\$ 34.61

Received from Financial Committee\$ 72.54

Total\$ 107.15

J. N. JOHNSON, Clerk.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Old Mt. Zion Association—J. G. Wilson, Huntsville; S. G. Moses, Huntsville; W. T. Webb, Spring Valley, Rt. 1; W. O. Johnson, Harris; G. C. Bland, Larue; John Garven, Spring Valley, Rt. 1; J. H. Roberts, Spring Valley; J. S. Smith, Marble; R. A. Smith, Marble; Sam Graven, Spring Valley; E. S. England, Rhea; E. M. Houston, Huntsville; Geo. Been, Spring Valley; T. M. Sims, Truth; J. W. Alford, Larue; Everett Bland, Larue.

Licensed Minister—W. H. Elkins, War Eagle.

Zion Hope No. 2 Association—Henry Shuman, Mansfield; J. K. Davis, Hackett; A. J. Phillips, Hackett; O. D. Dugan, Midland; J. T. Henry; J. H. Goodman; J. T. Ramsey; J. K. P. Davis; W. S. Copeland; T. Lanpro; Ben Pixley, Rudy; E. F. Hunter, Rudy, Rt. 1; J. M. Shoop, Ft. Smith; H. F. Tanksley, Ft. Smith; W. A. Vilis, Ft. Smith.

Arkansas Association—J. S. Lovett, Chismville; J. M. Dearman, Branch; O. C. Hunt Waldron; I. J. Wilson, Gravelly; A. N. Best, Chismville; W. W. Little, Olio; J. F. Morrow, Walnut Tree; J. L. Redwine, Gravelly; W. M. Swofford, Barber; Ben Black, Echo; M. R. Reed, Huntington; D. M. Sherrill, Parks; B. J. Slate, Mansfield; W. W. Mangrum, Shark; L. F. Thomas, Huntington; J. M. Wilson, Oklahoma; W. M. Guinn, Chismville; Jno. O. Lane, Charleston; W. S. Webb, Branch.

Polk Bayou Association—A. J. Rowlett, Swifton; H. O. Eagan, Saffell; W. M. Padgett, Newport; J. D. Doyle, Walnut Ridge; L. C. Doyle,

Grubbs; J. H. Huskey, Clover Bud; W. G. King, Portia; J. E. Wills-muth, Newark; C. H. Palmer, Sand Town; D. E. Ring, Monette; Henry Ring, Monette; C. C. Porter, Tuckerman; W. H. Richardson, Strawberry; M. D. L. McClain, Cord.

Tyronza Association—L. A. Savage, Conway; Frank Cook, Lapento; W. A. Smith, Lapento; L. J. Smith, Lapento; W. C. Armon, Oceola.

New Hope No. 1 Association—A. F. Taylor, Russellville; J. M. Prince, Tag; E. L. Hill, Appleton; T. H. Dixon, Appleton; H. V. Savage, Watts; Arthur Reid, Cleveland; N. A. Reed, Appleton; Bobbie Taylor, Watts.

Saline Association—J. M. Patrick, Herbine; J. R. Hatley, Rison; O. A. Ashcraft, Herbine; W. P. White, Warren; W. P. Golden, Kingsland; J. J. McDaniels, Kingsland; J. F. Brown, New Edenburg; M. E. Bridges, Star City; Lee Parkman, New Edinburg; H. W. Wood, Rison; J. M. Estell, Hamburg; L. W. Wheeler, Warren; D. T. Dodson, Warren.

Antioch Association—R. M. Johnson, Moreland; J. A. Venable, Hat-tieville; J. B. Vaughan, Moreland; Jesse Jeffries, Moreland; E. Henderson, Atkins; R. B. Venable, Atkins; J. K. Durkin, Lamar; Dave Thompson, Appleton; Fred Duvall, Atkins; R. A. Johnson, Dardanelle; F. M. Hudson, Moreland; J. T. Burris, Moreland; C. Johnson, Scranton; H. J. Walker, Scranton; Lewis Hopper, Lamar; Esom Baker, Scotts-ville; J. H. Harshaw, Atkins.

New Hope Association—W. P. Cooper, Rosebud; J. S. Moore, Quit-man; Obe Pressley, Quitman; Frank Webb; J. A. Stephens, Zed Now-ell, El Paso; E. L. Hunter, El Paso; S. A. Morgan, Vilonia; W. B. Moore, Quitman; Johnnie Tucker.

Little Missouri River Association—E. J. O'Neal, Daisy; J. W. Pow-ell, Round Top; G. M. Cooper, Round Top; K. D. Watkins, Langley; J. A. Barton, Loverty, Okla.; B. D. Coffman, New Hope; John Oliver, Mineral Springs; T. J. Powell, King; J. H. Coffman, Langley; E. W. Hill, New Hope; R. Porter, Daisy; J. H. Bushby, Ida, La.; H. V. Mat-thew, Henry; J. B. Plyer, Burg; Curtis Coffman, New Hope.

Social Band Association—D. N. King, Warm Springs; D. M. Holder, Maynard; W. T. Shaffitt, Okean; J. F. Gates, Okean; W. T. Sharp, Walnut Ridge; Geo. W. Million, Pocahontas; H. F. Newberry, Luster-ville; D. C. Ring, Portia; Geo. U. Weeks, Oklahoma; N. Y. Gary, Poynor, Mo.; J. R. Rosson, Poynor, Mo.; Eld. Birch, Poynor, Mo.; D. C. Jones, Reno, Ark.; E. W. Tucker, Della Plain; J. W. Tharp, Mansion; Eld. Witcher, Reyno; J. O. Hefner, Peach Orchard.

MINUTES OF POLK BAYOU ASSOCIATION.

The Polk Bayou Association met with Ballew's Chapel Church on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1921. Introductory sermon by Bro. J. D. Doyle.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional services conducted by Bro. W. N. Padgett and prayer by Bro. J. D. Doyle, after which the Association Clerk proceeded to open the meeting. W. N. Padgett was elected Moderator. The following Committees were appointed:

Credentials Committee—W. H. Hales, J. P. Doyle and D. T. Tubbs.

Committee to Supply Pulpit—W. T. Holders, John Butts and J. C. Morris.

Standing Committee for Session—L. C. Doyle, M. G. King and C. H. Palmer.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—Sister Joe Cobert, W. H. Hales and E. E. Ingram.

Committee on Home Missions—Henry Cobert, Geo. Goodwin and John Butts.

Partial Report of Committee on Divine Service—J. A. Huskey to preach Friday at 11 o'clock; W. M. Padgett, Friday night.

Resolutions Committee—J. W. Hinkle, Henry Sides and Willie McLaughlin.

Committee on Final Resolutions—E. E. Ingram, W. H. Hales and Joe Colbert.

Motion and seconded to adjourn until 2:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Divine service conducted by Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. O'Hair.

Letters from different churches called for.

Letter from New Hope read and received. Ordained Ministers, A. J. Rowlett and W. N. Padgett. Meeting day, second Sunday. L. C. Doyle, pastor; Dewitt Rowlett, Clerk.

Coffman read and received. Ordained Minister, L. C. Doyle. Church day, second Sunday. G. W. Million, pastor; E. E. Ingram, Clerk.

Letter from Mt. Harmony read and received. Ordained Ministers, H. O. Eagan, J. D. Doyle, W. H. Richardson, J. A. Huskey. C. H. Palmer, Pastor; C. C. Huckey, Clerk.

Letter from Lane Chapel read and received. No ordained ministers. J. D. Doyle, Pastor; Mrs. W. H. Hales, Clerk.

Letter from Love Divine read and received. Church day, first Sunday. J. D. Doyle, Pastor; W. H. Thomas, Clerk.

Letter from Oak Grove read and received. Ordained Minister, M. G. King. Church Day, fourth Sunday. G. W. Million, Pastor; J. P. Richey, Clerk.

Letter from Ballew's Chapel read and received. Ordained Minister, C. C. Porter. meeting day, First Sunday. L. C. Doyle, Pastor; Henry Doyle, Cor. Clerk.

Letter from Oak Ridge read and received. Ordained Ministers, J. L. McClain, J. E. Willmuth. No Pastor or Clerk.

Motion and seconded to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Report of Ministers.

Report of J. D. Doyle:

Sermons, 70; Conversions, 248; Baptized, 64; Received members, 81; Funerals, 17.

Report of J. H. Huskey:

Sermons, 7; funerals, 1.

Report of W. M. Padgett:

Sermons, 26; money received, \$350; pastored no churches.

Report of L. C. Doyle:

Sermons, 60; conversions, 56; money received, \$150; number of members received, 50; pastored 2 churches.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Divine service conducted by Moderator.

Motion and second to give Ordaining Council the same right to license preachers as they have to ordain.

Motion and second to appoint a committee to draft resolutions to govern Association.

Reading of Church Covenant and Articles of Faith by Moderator.

Nominations in order for place to hold next Association. Coffman and Oak Grove were nominated. Coffman was selected as place for next Association, and Bro. Palmer was appointed to preach introductory sermon.

Delegates elected to State Association as follows—Bro. J. R. Ballew and Bro. W. H. Hales.

Report of Committees called for and read and received, and Committees discharged

Motion and second to adjourn to meet with Coffman Church on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1922.

W. M. PADGETT, Moderator.

J. H. HUSKEY, Clerk.

MINUTES OF LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER ASSOCIATION.

The Forty-Fifth Annual Session of the Little Missouri River Freewill Baptist Association convened with Fairview church, Sevier county, Arkansas, Thursday night, September 1, 1921.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Moderator J. H. Coffman called the house to order. Prayer was offered by Eld. K. D. Watkins. Rules of Order was read and delegates seated as follows:

Mt. Joy—Eld. E. J. O'Neal.

Fairview—Bros. Gus Perry, Tom Jordan and Louis Postom.

Union Grove—Bro. J. M. Axton and Eld. G. M. Cooper.

Pleasant Grove No. 1—Bros. W. C. Bell, T. A. Bell and T. J. Coffman.

Mountain View—Bro. R. Parker.

Bissell Chapel—Bro. Tom Henry.

Rock Springs No. 1—By Letter.

Mt. Zion—Eld. K. D. Watkins.

Pleasant Grove No. 2—Bro. L. A. Rhodes.

The right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to all Christians present.

The Association organized by electing the following officers: Elder E. J. O'Neal, Moderator; Albert A. Powell, Clerk.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

House called to order by Moderator. Song, "Why Don't You Come In." Prayer by Eld. A. M. Thompson.

Committees appointed as follows:

Divine Service—W. C. Bell, L. A. Rhodes, Tom Henry and A. B. Perry.

Obituaries—T. J. Coffman, A. B. Perry, Tom Jordan and L. P. Postom.

Finance—K. D. Watkins, T. J. Coffman and T. A. Bell.

Ordained Ministers—K. D. Watkins, A. M. Thompson and J. H. Coffman.

Sabbath Schools—A. B. Perry, Tom Jordan, A. M. Thompson and W. C. Bell.

Temperance—K. D. Watkins, J. H. Coffman and G. M. Cooper.

Resolutions—Albert A. Powell, J. H. Coffman and K. D. Watkins.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Called to order by Moderator. Praise service by songs and prayer by Moderator. Roll call by Clerk.

A call was made for reports of outstanding Committees.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE.

(Report having already been made.)

We, your Committee on Divine Service, report as follows:

K. D. Watkins and J. H. Coffman to preach Friday evening, 8 p. m.
J. H. Coffman to preach the introductory sermon Saturday 11 a. m.
E. J. O'Neal to preach Saturday evening at 8 p. m. Albert A. Powell to preach Sunday morning at 11 a. m.

COMMITTEE ON NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

We, your Committee, find as follows:

E. J. O'Neal, Daisy; J. W. Powell, Milerton, Okla.; T. J. Powell, Milerton, Okla.; G. M. Cooper, Round Top; D. C. Coffman, New Hope; K. D. Watkins, Langley; J. A. Barton, Laverty, Okla.; R. Porter, Daisy; J. H. Busby, Ida, La.; B. D. Coffman, New Hope; John Oliver, Mineral Springs; Albert A. Powell, DeQueen; J. H. Coffman, Langley; A. M. Thompson, DeQueen; E. W. Hall, New Hope; H. V. Matthews, Henry; Bro. Plyler, Henry; J. A. Fox, Konawa, Okla.; Gordon O'Neal, Daisy.

Licentiates.

E. A. Pate, Langley; W. M. Porter, Albert.

Ordained Deacons.

W. C. Bell, New Hope; T. J. Bissell, New Hope; H. C. Marsh, Langley; J. H. Lawless, Lanley; J. H. Whisenhunt, Langley; J. M. Axton, Round Top; A. B. Perry, King; J. H. Tedder, Daisy; G. W. Reid, Daisy; J. C. Burgess, Burg; J. M. McCary, Burg; John Bayless,

King; R. J. Sharp, New Hope; W. W. Cooper, Wicks; J. H. Chandler, Grandfield.

Ordaining Council.

E. J. O'Neal, J. H. Coffman, D. C. Coffman, A. A. Powell and J. A. Barton.

(Signed)

J. H. COFFMAN, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Report was made and discussed as follows:

No. 2. We recommend that this Association put an Evangelist in the field.

No. 3. We recommend that Elder Albert A. Powell be liberated and empowered with Credentials, granting him unlimited territory in the evangelistic work.

No. 1. We recommend that this Association adopt the State Minutes with the Minutes of our Association Annex.

No. 5. We recommend that the Clerk of this Association write to all the ordained ministers who are members of this Association and ask for a report of their labors, and warn them that this church and this Association demand their services in the ministry, and that if they fail to report their work to this Association their church will ask for, and this Association will demand, their credentials. This does not apply to old or retired ministers who have faithfully labored for their Lord.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

That we condemn all liquor traffic, and that we abstain from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage, knowing that it has been the cause of many deaths, widows, orphan children, unhappy homes and miserable companions, and has caused many suicides and assassinations. We unite with all Christians in an effort to remove from our midst its traffic. And we most humbly pray all Christians to co-operate with us in an effort to practice and teach absolute abstinence from the use of all intoxicating liquors. In fact, we recommend that all men follow the teachings of the "Eternal Writ." "Be temperate in all things."

K. D. WATKINS, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, find on hand \$15.50 for Minute funds.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report:

We find that Bro. P. H. Miller has departed this life since we had our last Association. He being a member of Pleasant Grove No. 2.

A. B. PERRY, Chairman.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Service opened by singing, "I Am Happy In Him." Prayer by G. M. Cooper. Roll called by Clerk.

Moved and seconded that we hold two union meetings in 1922. By order the first will be held with Mountain View Church, beginning Friday night before the 5th Sunday in May, 1922. Eld. E. W. Hill to preach the introductory sermon. The second union meeting to be held with Rock Springs No. 1, beginning Friday night before the second Sunday in August, 1922, Elder K. D. Watkins to preach the introductory sermon.

Moved and seconded that we represent in the State Association by letter.

Moved and seconded that we send the Minute proceedings of this Association to Bro. D. C. Coffman to copy and forward same to the proper authorities for printing.

Moved and seconded that the next Association convene with Pleasant Grove Church No. 1, New Hope, Pike county, beginning Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1922.

Moved and seconded that we tender our thanks to the Fairview church and vicinity for their kind hospitality during our stay with them.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn to meet at the place and time herein named.

E. J. O'NEAL, Moderator.

ALBERT A. POWELL, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

From a long series of experience, we, the Association of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of combination of Associations 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.

1. The State Association shall be composed of five Messengers chosen by each District Association of this union and all regularly ordained ministers.

2. Letters from the different Associations are to express their number in fellowship, the number received by experience, letter or recommendation, dismissed, restored, and that have died since our last Association; and the name of the clerk, moderator, county, postoffice, Sabbath of meeting, and the amount paid for Minute Fund.

3. The members thus chosen and convened, to be denominated the State Association of Freewill Baptists, being composed of the subordinate Associations of the State of Arkansas, and the Association to have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor to have any ecclesiastical power of the Association, reserving the right of withdrawing from any Association becoming disorderly.

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

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

6. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it be withdrawn by the members making it.

7. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the subordinate Associations with the minutes of this Association in proportion to the number of members in each Association, the distribution being at the discretion of the Association.

8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of Minutes.

9. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association closes.

10. The Association shall have a fund for her support, which shall be supplied by voluntary contribution of the Associations, whose duty it shall be to send it by the hands of the 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 received by him until paid out as they may direct.

11. The Association, in case of failure of any Association to attend, may inquire into the cause.

12. It is the duty of the Association to see after the union of the Associations.

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

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. John 1:1; 1 John 5:7; 1 Cor. 8:6; John 10:30.

2. We believe that the Scriptures in the Old and New Testaments are the words of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 4:2; 2 Tim. 3:16.

3. We believe that God created man good and gave him holy commandments, whereby he should live holy, but man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same, whereby all men are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being partaker of the sinful nature attained by the fall. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; then He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Gen. 1:27; Gen. 2:16-17; Gen. 3:6; John 3:16-17; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ, by His death, burial and resurrection purchased our pardon and offers it freely to all men 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. Rom. 5:6-21; Matt. 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Matt. 9:13.

5. We believe that all adult persons must be regenerated and born of the spirit of God if they inherit eternal life. John 1:6-14; Matt. 19:28; Titus 3:5; John 3:1-13; Rom. 8:9.

6. We believe that regeneration is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Spirit whereby the penitent sinner receives a new life, becomes a child of God and is disposed to serve Him. As babies require constant food for bodily development, the new born babe in Christ requires spiritual food that he may develop by a gradual growth into full stature of Christian manhood. John 3:5; Ez. 36:26-7; Titus,

3:5; Heb. 12:14; Gal. 5:1-21; Eph. 2:10; Rom. 8:16; John 1:12; Matt. 13:31; Mark 4:26; 1 Peter 2:2.

7. We believe that the doctrine of Sanctification or Holiness as taught in the Bible is applicable to the soul or inner man, and to it alone, and that the sanctification of the body will not take place until the resurrection of the dead, when this mortal soul shall put on immortality and this corruptible body shall put on incorruption. 1 Cor. 6:11; Rom. 7:17-25; Phil. 3:21; 1 Cor. 15:44.

8. 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. Cor. 10:12-13; Rev. 22:14; Rom. 11:20-21; Heb. 10:26; John 15:2-6.

9. We believe a 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 rules of the Gospel. Matt. 18:15-20.

10. We believe that the church is the family of God, in the aggregate composed of all the redeemed from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things from every nation, kindred and tongue. Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Heb. 12:23; Acts 10:34-35; Eph. 1:22.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church and the government thereof is with the body. Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18-21; Matt. 18:17-18.

12. We believe that baptism by immersion is 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 bade them walk therein. Matt. 3:5-16; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 1:8-11; Acts 8:38; Rom. 6:16.

13. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the Saints' feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be continued until His second coming. Matt. 28:19; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:5.

14. We believe that only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, have a right to baptism and those only who have been called of God, and have come under the Presbytery of Elders have a right to administer the same. Titus 1:1-16; Mark 16:16; Matt. 3:8-9; Acts 10:47; 1 Tim. 4:14-16.

15. The soul is immortal, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the spiritual character here possessed. Phil 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9.

16. We believe that there will be a general universal judgment when all men shall be judged according to the deeds done in the body whether good or bad and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness. Eccl. 1:14 Matt. 12:36-37; 2 Thes. 1:8-9; Rev. 14:11; Rev. 21:8; Luke 16:23; 2 Cor. 5:10.

17. 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 words 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. Acts 9:15; 1 Tim. 4:16; 1 Cor. 1:23; 1 Tim. 1:15-16.

18. We believe in a divine call to the ministry, that the minister shall heed the admonition of Paul to Timothy to study the Scripture, that the church donate of their substance as the Lord prospers them to the support of their pastors, that said ministers may have better opportunities to store their minds with that spiritual food so necessary to Christian development. To this end we recommend that each church have a finance committee of three to consist of two deacons and a Clerk to collect and store such funds. 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Cor. 16:1-2.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order by Moderator, in his absence, the Clerk.
3. Letters from the Associations of this Association called for, read and messengers invited to seats.
4. Right hand of fellowship.
5. Election of permanent officers.
6. Call for letters from newly organized Associations.
8. Reading Rules of Order by Chair or Clerk.
9. Appointment of following Committees: (a) Arrangement for Preaching, (b) Resolutions, (c) Finance, (d) Temperance, (e) Sabbath Schools, (f) Obituary, (g) Condition of Non-Represented Associations, (h) Union of Associations.
10. Report of committees appointed at last Association and other unfinished business.
11. Report of new committees.
12. New business.
13. Adjournment.

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 subject without special leave from the body.
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 session 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 just before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.
10. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the Association.

LAW OF SUPPER.

The Lord's Supper was instituted for God's people. They all have equal rights to the supper and that right is a birthright. For by one spirit we are baptized in one body. (Cor. 12:13. This is not a water baptism but a spiritual baptism.)

Again Christ says—"I am the door, by me if any man enter, he shall be saved." (John 10:3). "He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." (John 10:4). Christ is not water baptism and yet he is that door. There is but one door and Christ says He is that door; and he that cometh in by the door should have full fellowship and equal rights with all Christians. Let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup, for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not to the church, but to himself. It is a personal matter in judging and in eating.

The church that does judge and exclude any of God's people is not acting and keeping the instructions given to the church of Corinth. To thus judge and exclude one of the children of God is to offend the child so judged and excluded. Now listen to Christ. "He that offends one of those little ones that believes in me it were better for him that a millstone were hung about his neck and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea." (Matt. 8:6; Cor. 10:30; 31-32.)

It is contended that they of the same faith and order should be entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. I admit that the true faith is the means by which men become Christians. If this is what is meant by the same faith I shall not object. We are agreed, but if sect is to be inferred I object. As no order, if nothing but Gospel order is meant, very well, but I do not think that one child of God should dictate what church he should belong to, or order that he may be in the right church, for the church is but an organic body of Christians, and simply placing your name on the roll book of the best church on earth does not make you a Christian, neither will a like process in the worst church make a sinner. The Eunuch believed and was baptized. What church did he join? Here is faith and here is order. Now I ask if the Eunuch were to wish to commune with some of the churches would he be allowed the right? No, he is not of the same faith and order; yet he is admitted into Heaven, but nay, he could not be admitted to a sectarian table. At the Lord's table all the people have a perfect right to be whom he may, and when the supper is set and all God's people are not invited it is not the Lord's Supper, but a sectarian supper, so we being many are one body in Christ, and every member one of another. (Rom. 12:15.) And the way we become one body is by being baptized into that body, and of course this is by spiritual baptism. He that gets in by water baptism, the same is a thief and a robber, and when anyone gets into that body in a legal way he has a right to all the benefits and privileges of that body, for we being many are one bread and one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread, (1 Cor. 10:17.) By partaking we exhibit a oneness of that body. Who is meant by we? It certainly meant all Christians of all ages. When you come together tarry for one another, be of one mind, but let the word of God control the mind. If it had ever been intended by the Savior that the supper should be guarded as some attempt to guard it, God would have endowed the judge with wisdom to discern the pure from impure. But the standpoint from which they judge is water baptism and a legal administration of the same, so if baptized by immersion, and a legal administration, this settles the matter and Christian character is left entirely out, by which some make a woeful mistake, for after all this precaution, some have been found unworthy of the least privileges of the church. To admit immersion to be the only mode of baptism, and a true believer receiving it, is this not all right? Some would say yes, if

by a legal administrator. This is all that is wanting. Is it not a purely personal matter? If so he has been as truly baptized as anyone. It is the duty of the preacher to baptize and the applicant to be baptized. When this is done each have performed a personal duty. If I have never been baptized and had to wait until I found one whom I knew to be legal administrator, I would never have been baptized at all, as I can never know the heart of a man. Two acting in concert, one acting in good faith and the other not—the one is blessed and the other is not.

Every Christian is strictly responsible for his own acts and not for another. Simon, the sorcerer, believed and was baptized, and by a legal administrator, and yet it was discovered that he was not a Christian. So we see that baptism by legal administrator does not confer any claims on him to any Christian rights, as this case proves it to be a personal matter, as we clearly see that the apostle did his duty and Simon did not or vice versa. The apostle, inspired as he was, did not discern the evil in Simon's heart, neither can we know the heart of a man. When we do our duty it is ours. When an applicant, it is his. So we find that faith, repentance, the Christian duties, are all personal, and accountable unto God and not unto man. Various are the opinions of men, and the way we account for them is in the capacity of men, and if we use the capacity that God has given us, do not think that we should be eternally condemned for what we cannot help. The Church of Christ is divided into many members, but it is one spiritual body and Christ is the head, and they should have the same care, one for the other, as the natural body has for its members yet they all should subserve the same interest of that body.

Should Christians all commune together at the Lord's table? I answer what the Lord has joined together let no man put asunder.

We have something more than forty-three states in the Union. They are all equal, free and independent states, yet they are united, and have one great central point at which to meet and testify that they are free and independent states, and yet but one nation. All Christians should have one central point at which to meet and let the world know that they are one. Let that be the Lord's table. Christians feel alike if they do not think alike.

They can preach together, pray together, sing together and love together, and should they not commune together? And will not they all meet at last in the same holy and happy land together? Then a union and free communion is forced upon us.

Christ said at the last supper He would drink no more of the fruits of the vine with us until He drank anew in His kingdom. Then all Christians of ages will sit around one communion table in Heaven. As we find ourselves assembled thus around one Lord's table in Heaven, so should it be on earth.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Association	Moderator	Postoffice	Clerk	Postoffice	Received.....	Dismissed....	Excluded.....	Died.....	No. Ord. Min	No. Churches	Membership.
Zion Hope	E. L. Hill	Appleton	P. M. Voss.....	Appleton ..	64	5	..	5	9	13	459
Arkansas	J. S. Lovett.....	Chismville.....	O. C. Hunt	Waldron ..	83	..	1	6	22	15	899
Old Mt. Zion	G. C. Bland.....	Larue.....	Truman Alred	Larue ...	28	4	3	4	16	13	614
Polk Bayou	W. M. Padgett.	Newport.....	J. A. Huskey...	Cloverbud	110	..	..	1	13	10	540
Saline.....	W. P. White....	Warren	J. H. Meek.....	Rye	23	1	27	15	13	13	827
Social Band.....	W. T. Shaffit ...	Okean	J. E. Riggs.....	Della Plains	...	..	8	..	19	21	1100
Tyronza.....	Frank Cook.....	Lapento.....	L. J. Smith	Lapento ...	9	..	..	..	4	5	123
Zion Hope No. 2.....	A. J. Phillips	Hackett.....	O. D. Dugan....	Midland ...	...	..	..	..	15	8	350
Antioch.....	J. K. Duncan....	Lamar.....	E. O. Wright. .	Atkins	47	6	20	7	18	17	684
Little Missouri River.	E. J. O'Neal.....	New Hope.....	Albert A. Powell	DeQueen...	28	..	1	2	20	12	....
Big Springs.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	..	..	9	6	240
TOTAL					392	16	60	40	158	133	5846

LETTER FORM.

To the State Association of Freewill Baptists of Arkansas:

We, the _____ Association of Freewill
Baptists in annual session with _____ Church
on _____ 1921, have selected

to represent us in your honorable body which convenes
with _____ Church, on October
_____ 1922. Bidding you God's speed in all your la-
bor for the advancement of the cause of Christ and His
Kingdom. Our Association is composed of _____
Churches _____ ordained Ministers, totaled member-
ship _____. Received last year by experience and
Baptism _____. Recommendation _____. By
letter _____. Dismissed by letter _____
Excluded _____. Died _____.

_____ Moderator.

Address _____

_____ Clerk.

Address _____
