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1923 Session

The next session will be held with Pleasant Grove church, near Charleston, Franklin county, beginning Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1923.



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MINUTES

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Session of Arkansas State Association of Freewill Baptists, met with Cross Plains church, September 29, 30 and October 1, 1922.

The congregation was called to order by singing. Prayer by Eld. J. M. Patrick. Song. Scripture lesson, Romans, 10th chapter. Song. Prayer by J. R. Hartley.

Preaching by Elds. S. A. Morgan and J. D. Doyle. Text, 1 Cor. 13: 13, "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

Dismissed by J. D. Doyle.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Singing by the delegation. Scriptural lesson, 8th chapter Romans. Song. Prayer by J. D. Doyle. Song.

The Moderator appointed the following Credentials Committee: George W. Burris, George Been, and J. S. Lovett.

Welcome address by G. W. Bell. Response by J. D. Coffman.

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

Old Mt Zion Association—George Been.

Little Missouri Association—By Letter.

Arkansas Association—J. S. Lovett, A. N. Best and I. J. Wilson.

Social Band Association—Geo. Million and E. W. Tucker.

Zion Hope No. 1 Association—Geo. Thompson, I. G. Ingram, O. T. Page, O. C. Tate and Bessie Tate.

Zion Hope No. 2 Association—W. S. Copeland.

Antioch Association—F. M. Nichols, E. O. Wright, George Eakin, Sherman Isbell, and L. O. Wilkins.

Polk Bayou Association—J. R. Ballew, J. T. Doyle, J. R. Dellon, E. E. Ingram, H. A. Colbert, Arthur Bradley.

The right hand of fellowship was taken, after which the Rules of Order were read by the Clerk.

Election of Officers. Motion carried to re-elect all the old officers for the ensuing year.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Divine Service: Geo. W. Burris, E. E. Ingram, H. A. Nichols, J. R. Ballew and Truman Allred.

Motion carried to recognize Tyronza Association and ask them to send letter to the Clerk.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

The Committee appointed in 1921 to draw up a Treatise and Church Policy, retained.

Motion to accept the report of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Petitionary letters received from two newly organized Associations, viz: New Hope and Mountain Grove. The right hand of fellowship was given to delegates of these Associations.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock, p. m. Dismissed by J. M. Patrick.

SATURDAY, 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE.

Singing by the choir. Scriptural lesson, 37th Psalm. Song. Prayer by J. M. Patrick.

Preaching by Elders J. M. Patrick and T. H. Dixon. Text, Heb. 11:16, "But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly; wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a city."

Dismissed by J. R. Hartley.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

House called to order by Moderator.

Scriptural lesson, 1 Psalm. Song. Prayer by W. M. Badgett.

The following Committees were appointed:

Resolutions—L. C. Doyle, S. A. Morgan, J. S. Lovett, Geo. Been, F. M. Hudson.

Sabbath Schools—W. F. McGee, E. G. Kilburn, E. W. Tucker, J. A. Stevens and H. W. Coffman.

Obituaries—J. K. Duncan, W. S. Copeland, G. K. Elliott, W. S. Isbel and P. M. Voss.

Temperance—Geo. W. Million, E. O. Wright, W. B. Maddox, I. J. Wilson and J. T. Kinder.

Finance—J. T. Doyle, J. R. Ballew, J. W. Coffman, Geo. Eakin and W. S. Ferrell.

Non-Represented Associations—A. N. Best, Geo. W. Burris, T. H. Dixon, J. L. Harris, L. A. Goodman.

Union of Associations—Geo. Been, L. C. Doyle, C. Johnson, J. D. Coffman and R. M. Johnson.

Motion carried that the Clerk write the Moderator and Clerk of Big Springs Association asking them to represent by letter.

Motion carried to receive all letters at one time.

Motion carried to elect a Treasurer for the Missionary Fund. Geo. W. Burris was elected.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Executive Committee. (See report of Committees.)

ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

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Motion carried to denounce Matt Hefley as an imposter, for claiming to be the State Evangelist of the Freewill Baptists of Arkansas.
Motion carried to adjourn until 8 a. m. Monday morning.
Dismissed by J. D. Doyle.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Singing by the choir. Prayer by George W. Burris. Song. Scriptural lesson, 17th chapter Luke.
Preaching by Elds. J. S. Lovett and A. N. Best.
Dismissed by J. D. Doyle.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

The delegation met at 9 o'clock and engaged in song and prayer service, after which L. C. Doyle read the 23rd Psalm. Song. Prayer by J. M. Patrick.

Preaching by Elds. L. C. Doyle and J. D. Doyle. Text, Psalms 133:1, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Dismissed by L. C. Doyle.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Singing by congregation. Scriptural lesson, Phil. 3rd chapter. Song. Prayer by J. K. Duncan.

Preaching by Elds. J. R. Hartley and F. M. Hudson. Text, Phs. 3:13-14, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

Song service. Scriptural lesson, 2nd chapter of Ephesians. Song. Prayer by George Been. Song.

Preaching by Elds. M. A. Thompson and George Been. Text, St. John, 6:44, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will rise up in the last day."

Dismissed by George Been.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

House called to order by Assistant Moderator, J. M. Patrick, by reading 12th chapter of Romans. Prayer by Bro. Isbell.

Motion carried to correct minutes of Saturday.

Motion carried to seat O. F. Tate, P. M. Voss, J. W. Coffman and Bessie Tate, as delegates, and T. H. Dixon, J. D. Coffman, M. A. Thompson, E. L. Hill and J. L. Harris, as ministers, from Zion Hope Association No. 1.

Motion carried to receive report of Temperance Committee, and that E. O. Wright have same published in the Arkansas Gazette, Arkansas Democrat, and "The Freewill Baptist."

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Non-Represented Associations.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICES.

Song service. Scriptural lesson, 6th chapter Eph.

Preaching by Elds. I. J. Wilson and C. Johnson. Text, Acts 9:6, "And he trembling and astonished said, Lord what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him: Arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do."

Dismissed by J. W. Patrick.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

House called to order by J. M. Patrick, Assistant Moderator. Prayer by A. N. Best.

Motion carried to receive Reports of Finance, Sabbath School, and Obituary Committees.

Motion carried to supply Mt. Zion Association with Minutes, same to be sent to W. R. Burnett, Hill Top, Arkansas.

Motion carried that we have a memorial sermon preached at each session of this Association at 11 o'clock, Saturday, and J. M. Patrick was elected to preach same at the next session, with M. A. Thompson as alternate.

Motion carried that H. W. Coffman be placed on the Executive Committee to succeed P. M. Voss.

Resolution No. 1, adopted.

Resolution No. 2, adopted.

Resolution No. 3, adopted.

Resolution No. 4 adopted.

Resolution No. 5, adopted.

Resolution No. 6, adopted.

Resolution No. 7, lost, but requested to be placed in the Minutes.

Motion carried to amend Section three of Order of Business, to read as follows: "Letters from the Subordinate Associations called for, read, received and messengers invited to seats." Also Section 6 to read: "Call for Petitionary Associations."

Setting the next Association was the next order of business.

Pleasant Grove church, near Charleston, Franklin county, R. F. D. 1, was selected.

Eld. J. D. Coffman was elected to preach the next Introductory Sermon, with M. A. Thompson as alternate.

Motion carried to retain Geo. Been as Chairman, and W. F. McGee Secretary, of the Executive Committee.

Motion carried to pay Clerk and Corresponding Clerk \$10.00 each for their services.

Motion carried to adjourn until Thursday, before the first Sunday in October, 1923.

ELD. J. D. DOYLE, Moderator,

J. N. JOHNSON, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

1. Be it Resolved, That we change the time of this Association to begin at 11 a. m., Thursday, before the first Sunday in October, 1923.

2. Be it Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to supply the stand.

3. Be it Resolved, That the term of the Moderator be one year.

4. Be it Resolved, That we do away with the Credentials Committee and let the letters and delegates come before the body.

5. In view of the contemplated increase in the volume of finance, be it resolved, That the Treasurer be bonded in such amount as in the judgment of the Association, will insure against possible loss.

6. Be it Resolved, That we elect a member of this body who shall be termed, for the present, and so long as the Association shall see fit to term him, Financial Agent of the State Association. It shall be his duty to supervise and arrange on the part of the Association, the collection of the 5 cents per member fund, as per resolution No. 3; also the \$1.00 per church fund, mentioned in Resolution No. 1 of Minutes of 1921. He shall have the authority to select one or more members from each local Association, satisfactory to the Moderator of said Association, to assist in performing his duty in this respect. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

7. Lost: We find in Section 1 of our Constitution that each ordained minister of our faith is a standing delegate of this body. Be it Resolved, That we drop the Credentials Committee and let the standing delegates receive the letters into the body, of which they have the power.

L. C. DOYLE, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We view with pleasure the record of our church on the Temperance question in the past. We rejoice in the fact that the legal sale of liquor has banished from our land, and the demon is now an outlaw.

We favor the Eighteenth Amendment to our U. S. Constitution, and the Volstead Act. We pledge to the officers of our country our hearty support in their efforts to enforce said laws.

He who engages in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors is not a good citizen and is not entitled to hold membership in a Freewill Baptist church.

The fight is not finished, because eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

E. O. WRIGHT, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on Obituaries, beg leave to submit the following:

We find that God, in His wisdom, has seen fit to call from our midst the following numbers:

From Antioch Association, 5; Zion Hope No. 2 Association, 3; Polk Bayou Association, 2; Saline Association, 9; Little Missouri River Association, 3; Zion Hope No. 1 Association, 4; Arkansas Association, 2; Old Mt. Zion Association, 2. Total, 30.

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

J. K. DUNCAN, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

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

Whereas, Sabbath Schools, according to our public records, have been the means of bringing about better civilization in our nation. The records show that 98 per cent of all church members have come up through Sabbath Schools; and that 98 per cent of all crimes committed are committed by those who do not attend Sabbath School.

We further find that only about 60 per cent of our people attend Sabbath School. We further find that the Jews spend about 360 hours, and the Catholics 256 hours each year training their children, while we, as Protestants, only spend about 29 hours each year. We urge that our people organize and maintain a Sabbath School in every church.

W. F. McGEE, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON UNION OF ASSOCIATIONS.

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

We find all Associations in the state in harmony with each other, except New Hope and Grove Associations.

C. JOHNSON, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON NON-REPRESENTED ASSOCIATIONS.

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

We find Tyronza, New Mt. Zion, and Big Springs not represented. Tyronza and Big Springs in good working condition, and New Mt. Zion on the decline. We recommend that this Association give them encouragement.

GEO. W. BURRIS, Chm.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING CLERK.

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| For printing | \$3.50 |
| For postage | 4.20 |
| For ribbon | 1.50 |
| Total..... | \$9.20 |

GEO. W. BURRIS, Cor. Clerk.

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER.

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| To amount of hand Oct. 4, 1921..... | \$107.15 |
| By printing 2,000 Minutes | 108.50 |
| Postage | 4.08 |
| By donation to Clerks, each \$10.00..... | 20.00 |
| One cut | 5.73 |
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| | \$138.31 |
| | 107.15 |
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| Balance due Clerk | \$ 31.16 |
| Amt. received at last session through Finance | |
| Committee and other sources | \$112.95 |
| Less | 31.16 |
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| Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1923..... | \$ 81.79 |

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. Eakins, War Eagle.

Zion Hope No. 2 Association—Henry Shuman, Mansfield; J. K. Davis, Hackett; O. D. Dugan, Midland; J. T. Henry; J. H. Goodman; J. T. Ramsey; J. K. P. Davis; W. S. Copeland, Hackett; T. Lampro; Ben Pixley, Rudy; E. F. Hunter, Rudy, Rt. 1; J. M. Shoop, Ft. Smith; H. F. Tanksley, Ft. Smith; W. A. Villis, 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, Gravelley; W. M. Swofford, Barber; Ben Black, Echo; M. R. Reed, Huntington; D. M. Sherrill, Parks; B. J. Slate, Mansfield; W. M. Guinn, Chismville; W. M. Taylor, Olio; Mary Pitsco, Mansfield.

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. Willsmuth, 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, Lepanto; W. A. Smith, Lepanto; L. J. Smith, Lepanto; W. C. Armon, Oceola.

Zion Hope No. 1 Association—A. F. Taylor, Russellville; E. L. Hill, Appleton; T. H. Dixon, Appleton; H. V. Savage, Retta; Arthur Reid, Cleveland; N. A. Reed, Cleveland; Bobbie Taylor, Retta; J. D. Coffman, Appleton; W. A. Crouch, Appleton; J. L. Harris, Appleton; M. A. Thompson, Jerusalem; W. H. Patterson, Okay; Smith, Russellville.

Saline Association—J. M. Patrick, Herbine; J. R. Hartley, Rison; O. A. Ashcraft, Herbine; W. P. White, Warren; W. P. Golden, Kingsland; J. J. McDaniels, Kingsland; 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; J. J. Tramble, New Edinburg; J. C. Moring, Tomlin.

Antioch Association—R. M. Johnson, Moreland; J. A. Venable, Hattievile; 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, Scottsville; J. H. Harshaw, Atkins.

New Hope Association—J. S. Moore, Quitman; J. A. Stephens, E. L. Hunter, Elpaso; S. A. Morgan, Vilonia; Alvin Mote, Romance; B. W. Isac, Rose Bud.

Little Missouri River Association—E. J. O'Neal, Daisy; J. W. Powell, Vallient, Okla.; G. M. Cooper, Little Rock; J. A. Barton, Loverty, Okla.; B. D. Coffman, New Hope; John Oliver, Mineral Springs; T. J. Powell, Vallient, Okla.; J. H. Coffman, Langley; E. W. Hill, New Hope; R. Porter, Daisy; J. H. Bushby, Ida, La; H. V. Matthew, 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, Frisbee; Geo. W. Million, Pocahontas; H. F. Newberry, Walnut Ridge; Geo. U. Weeks, Manson; N. Y. Gary, Torch, Mo.; J. R. Rosson, Poynor, Mo.; Eld. Birch, Poynor, Mo.; D. C. Jones, Biggres; E. W. Tucker, Della Plains; J. W. Tharp, Mansion; J. O. Hefner, Peach Orchard; L. M. Buckner, Oklahoma; Patterson, Poynor, Ark.

Mountain Grove Association—F. P. Webb, Enders; Johnnie Tucker, Quitman; W. B. Moore, Quitman; W. B. Maddox, Mt. Vernon (now at Datto, Clay county); John Reedy, Mt. Vernon; O. D. Presley, Quitman; Adolph Maggle, Mt. Vernon (who is only a licensed minister.)

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, the 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 principles 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 Ghost 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 shall put on immortality and this corruptible shall put on incorruption. 1 Cor. 6:11; Rom. 7:17-25; Phil. 3:21; 1 Cor. 15:54.

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 Scriptures, 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 Subordinate Associations called for, read, received and messengers invited to seats.
4. Right hand of fellowship.
5. Election of permanent officers.
6. Call for petitionary Associations.
7. Reading Rules of Order by Chair or Clerk.
8. 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.
9. Report of committees appointed at last Association and other unfinished business.
10. Report of new committees.
11. New business.
12. 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 these little ones that believes in me it were better for him that a mill-stone 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 to 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 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 the 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 act 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 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 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 all 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 | Address | Clerk | Post Office | Received..... | Dismissed.... | Excluded.... | Died..... | No. Ord. Min. | No. Churches. | Membership.. |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Old Mt. Zion | Geo. Been | Spring Valley ... | Truman Allred .. | Larue | 37 | .. | 1 | 2 | 13 | 13 | 664 |
| Polk Bayou | J. D. Doyle | Walnut Ridge ... | John Huskey | Alicia | 200 | 2 | .. | 2 | 15 | 11 | 740 |
| Little Missouri River. | C. D. Fox | Kirby | Hester Bell | New Hope.. | 20 | .. | 1 | 3 | 22 | 8 | 300 |
| Zion Hope No. 2..... | W. S. Copeland... | Hackett | W. A. Viles | Muldrow, Okl. | 50 | .. | .. | 3 | 15 | 11 | 400 |
| Social Band | D. C. Jones | Biggers | J. E. Riggs | Pocahontas | ... | .. | .. | .. | 17 | 21 | 800 |
| Arkansas | J. S. Lovett | Chismville | O. C. Hunt | Waldron .. | 91 | 2 | .. | 2 | 15 | 15 | 805 |
| Zion Hope No. 1 | T. H. Dixon | Appleton | Johnnie Castle ... | Marshall .. | 58 | .. | .. | 4 | 12 | 11 | 517 |
| Mountain Grove | J. M. Tucker..... | Guy | A. B. O'Quinn.... | Mt. Vernon | ... | .. | .. | 13 | 7 | 3 | 108 |
| Saline | J. R. Hartley..... | Rison | J. H. Meek | Rye | 85 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 13 | 14 | 850 |
| New Hope | S. A. Morgan | Enola | J. F. Dallas | Vilonia | ... | .. | .. | .. | 6 | 11 | 524 |
| Antioch | R. M. Johnson... | Moreland | E. O. Wright | Atkins | 99 | .. | .. | 4 | 19 | 18 | 783 |
| Big Springs | J. H. Griffith..... | Cotter | Currin Davis | Sturkie | 20 | 4 | .. | .. | 9 | 6 | 287 |
| TOTAL | | | | | 660 | 12 | 15 | 42 | 163 | 132 | 6778 |

District Association Minutes.

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER ASSOCIATION.

The Forty-Sixth Annual Session of the Little Missouri River Association of Freewill Baptists convened with Pleasant Grove No. 1 Church, Pike county, Arkansas, Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1922.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Moderator E. J. O'Neal called the house to order. Song and prayer. Rules of order read and delegates seated as follows:

Pleasant Grove No. 1—J. H. Sharp, W. J. Smith and W. P. Davis.

Mountain View—Ed Chandler and Robert Hunter.

Mt. Joy—S. H. Ransom, J. H. Tedder and L. S. Rogers.

Rock Springs—A. C. Markham and W. R. Porter.

Fairview—L. P. Postum, Jess Oliver and Mrs. J. R. Almond.

Mt. Zion—P. N. Cogburn and E. A. Pate.

Pleasant Grove No. 2—H. W. Mitchell, G. W. Lawless and H. B. Lawless (by letter.)

New Organized Churches.

Piney Grove—J. T. Kan and W. R. Choate.

Sweet Prospect—C. D. Fox.

Fairview Church, of Louisiana (Co-operatively)—Eld. A. A. Powell.

Mountain View No. 2—W. C. Halcomb and J. L. Halcomb.

Bissell Chapel (by motion and second)—Tom Henry, T. J. Bissell.

Also the following were seated in the Association—A. W. Quate, Mrs. A. A. Choate, Mrs. H. L. Kinard and W. W. Lancaster.

The Association was organized by electing the following officers: Eld. C. D. Fox, Moderator; Hester Bell, Clerk.

Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

House called to order by Moderator. Song and prayer.

Committees appointed as follows:

Obituaries—D. C. Coffman, W. C. Bell, W. J. Smith and J. H. Coffman.

Divine Service—

Finance—W. P. Davis, Tom Henry, and J. H. Sharp.

Ordained Ministers—E. J. O'Neal, J. H. Coffman and A. A. Powell.

Sunday Schools—W. J. Smith, E. W. Hill and A. W. Quate.

Temperance—L. S. Rogers, T. J. Coffman and M. S. Almond.

Resolutions—A. A. Powell, J. H. Coffman and E. J. O'Neal.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Called to order by Moderator. Rules of Order read. Song.
Prayer by W. R. Porter. 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:

A. A. Powell preached Thursday evening, at 8 p. m.

W. R. Porter and W. C. Halcomb to preach Friday, at 11 a. m.

W. C. Halcomb and E. J. O'Neal to preach Friday evening, 8 p. m.

C. D. Fox and E. J. O'Neal to preach introductory sermon Saturday, 11 a. m.

A. A. Powell and E. W. Hill to preach Saturday evening, 8 p. m.

C. D. Fox and J. H. Coffman to preach Sunday at 11 a. m.

Committee on Names of Ministers and Deacons.

We, your Committee, find as follows:

E. J. O'Neal, Daisy; J. W. Powell, Valliant, Okla.; T. J. Powell, Valliant, Okla.; G. M. Cooper, Little Rock; D. C. Coffman, New Hope; J. A. Barton, Laverty, Okla.; R. Porter, Daisy; J. H. Busby, Ida, La.; G. W. Wood, Ida, La. (co-operatively); B. D. Coffman, New Hope; John Oliver, Mineral Springs; Albert A. Powell (Evangelist), DeQueen; J. H. Coffman, Langley; A. M. Thompson, Ferris, Tex.; E. W. Hill, New Hope; H. V. Matthews, Henry; James Plyler, Henry; J. A. Fox, Darwin, Okla.; J. T. O'Neal, Daisy; J. A. Karr, DeQueen; C. D. Fox, Kirby; Andrew Bowen, Tulsa, Okla.

Licentiates.

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

Deacons.

W. C. Bell, New Hope; T. J. Bissell, New Hope; H. C. Marsh, Langley; J. H. Lawless, Langley; J. M. Axton, Gillham; A. B. Perry, Gillham; J. H. Tedder, Daisy; J. C. Burgess, Burg; John Bayless, King; R. J. Sharp, New Hope; W. W. Cooper, Wicks; J. H. Chandler,

New Hope; W. R. Choate, DeQueen; J. T. Kinard, DeQueen; J. F. Halcomb, Kirby; M. S. Almond, King.

Ordaining Council.

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

We, your Committee on Standing of Ministers, find that D. C. Karr, of DeQueen, Arkansas, a regular member of Fairview Church, Sevier county, and an ordained minister of same, has been legally charged with immoral conduct by the Mena authorities. Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that this Association revoke his credentials.

ALBERT A. POWELL,
E. J. O'NEEL,
J. H. COFFMAN.

Committee on Resolutions.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, recommend that Evangelist A. A. Powell visit all the destitute churches in the boundary of this Association, and if possible get them to account for their conduct, inasmuch as they have failed to represent in this Association.

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF LAST YEAR, to read as follows: "This Association recommends that all ministers make a yearly report of their work to each Association."

E. J. O'NEEL, Chairman.

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."

M. S. ALMOND, Chairman.

Committee on Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:
For printing of Minutes, \$15.95. For expenses and Clerk, \$5.85.

W. P. DAVIS, Chairman.

Committee on Obituaries.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, find that three of our members have died during the past year: Sister R. Porter, Sister Oza Pate and Eld. K. D. Watkins. Bro. Watkins was a faithful minister, born Nov. 23, 1863; married Nov. 23, 1884. Professed a hope in Christ 25 years ago; preached 20 years. Preached on his dying bed, from "God is Love." Said after he had talked, "Give me water and maybe I can go to sleep. I see that beautiful light." Thus he passed away.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

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.

W. J. SMITH, Chairman.

The various reports were received and the committees discharged.

Prayer by E. J. O'Neel. Introductory sermon by C. D. Fox and E. J. O'Neel. Text, Hebrews 1st chapter, verses 1-2.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening prayer by M. S. Almond. Moved and carried that we revoke D. C. Karr's credentials.

Moderator called for new business. Called for Minister's reports, which were read and received as follows:

Report of A. A. Powell, Evangelist—Sermons, 98; baptized, 16; organized two churches; ordained five ministers; ordained two deacons; funerals, 1; received compensation as follows: Newhope, \$6.90; Mt. Joy, \$3.75; Miller School House, \$2.50; Pleasant Grove No. 1, \$2.05; Bissell Chapel, 55c; Fairview, \$2.05; Piney Grove, \$45.84; Ida, Louisiana, \$30.79; Roth School House, \$17.80; Valliant, Okla., \$2.00; Total, \$114.23.

Report of J. A. Karr—Sermons, 23; professions, 9; traveled 250 miles; compensation, \$28.77; married 1 couple.

Report of J. H. Coffman—Traveled 600 miles; baptized 12; sermons, 60; funerals 3; married 2 couples; compensation, \$40.00.

Report of W. R. Porter—Traveled 365 miles; sermons, 56; funeral, 1; labored 16 days in meeting.

Report of T. J. Powell—Discourses, 7; married 1 couple; funerals 1.

Report of E. J. O'Neel—Sermons, 54; conversions, 12; new members, 8; funerals, 19; married 9 couples; compensation, \$41.00.

Report of E. W. Hill—Pastored 2 churches; traveled 433 miles; baptized 4; married 4 couples; funerals, 2; labored in meeting 24 days; compensation, \$3.50.

Moved and seconded that Piney Grove church, which is 2 miles south of DeQueen, Sevier county, have the next union meeting, which will begin Friday night before the third Sunday in July, 1923.

Moved and seconded that the next Association convene with Mt. Joy church, near Daisy, Pike county, beginning Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1923.

Moved and seconded that we tender our thanks to the Pleasant Grove No. 1 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.

C. D. FOX, Moderator,
HESTER BELL, Clerk,
D. C. COFFMAN, Ass't Clerk.

STATISTICAL REPORT—Little Missouri River Conference.

| <i>Church</i> | <i>Pastor</i> | <i>Clerk</i> | <i>Received</i> | <i>Died</i> | <i>Tot. Memb.</i> | <i>Minute fund</i> |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Pleasant Grove No. 1.. | J. H. Coffman... | F. D. Sharp | .. | .. | 83 | \$ 3.20 |
| Pleasant Grove No. 2.. | E. J. O'Neel | H. B. Lawless..... | 6 | 1 | 31 | 2.75 |
| Mountain View | J. H. Coffman .. | R. Porter | .. | .. | 30 | 1.50 |
| Piney Grove | A. A. Powell ... | Mrs. A. A. Choate .. | .. | .. | 14 | 2.00 |
| Rock Springs No. 1... | E. W. Hill | Maggie White..... | .. | 1 | 21 | 1.50 |
| Mt. Joy | C. D. Fox | L. S. Rogers | .. | .. | 38 | 2.00 |
| Mt. Zion | J. H. Coffman .. | P. N. Cogburn..... | 4 | 1 | 15 | 1.00 |
| Fairview | A. A. Powell ... | Ollie Almond | 10 | .. | 36 | 1.00 |
| Mountain View No. 2.. | C. D. Fox | | .. | .. | .. | 1.50 |
| Bissell Chapel | Supply | | .. | .. | .. | .50 |
| Total..... | | | 20 | 3 | 268 | \$15.95 |

SALNIE ASSOCIATION.

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Saline Association of the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ met Thursday, August 31, 1922. The house was called to order by Elder W. P. White, and went into election of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, which resulted in the election of Elder J. R. Hartley as Moderator, and J. H. Meek, Clerk and Treasurer.

The names of the Messengers attending were enrolled as follows:
Spring Hill—W. T. Woodruff, Deacon; D. H. Gates.

Pleasant Grove—J. S. Foy, Tom Wolf, E. A. Foy.

Macedonia—B. H. McClellan, Elder; Maggie McClellan, Elder J. J. Trammell, D. D. Trammell, Deacon; Sallie Trammell.

Free Hill—Elder J. M. Patrick, Elder O. A. Ashcraft.

Willoughby—G. W. Ferrand, Elder L. W. Wheeler, Elder D. F. Dotson.

Pleasant Valley—Elder W. P. White, D. H. Housen, Deacon.

Cancel Chapel—Elder J. C. Moring, J. S. Pate.

Harmony—J. H. Meek, J. R. Orr, Elders; J. N. Pate, Deacon, R. F. Curry; S. I. Andrews, J. A. Brown, R. F. Taylor. Bob Brown.

Pilgrim's Rest—Elder J. R. Hartley.

Motion and seconded to dismiss until 1:30 p. m. Motion carried.

Elder J. M. Patrick preached the introductory sermon at 11 a. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 p. m. the house was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by J. J. Trammell.

All visiting brethren were invited to take seats with us.

Called for Petitionary Letters; none. Corresponding Letters; none.

Appointment of Committees.

Divine Service—D. H. Gates, B. H. McClellan, R. F. Curry.

Temperance—J. M. Patrick, J. C. Moring, W. P. White, O. A. Ashcraft, J. J. Trammell.

Sabbath School—J. S. Pate, Bob Brown, J. S. Foy.

Obituaries—W. T. Woodruff, Tom Wolf, G. W. Ferrand.

Finance—S. I. Andrews, E. A. Foy, Maggie McClellan.

Credentials—J. S. Pate, J. A. Brown, G. W. Ferrand.

Motion and seconded to adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock a. m. Motion carried.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Pursuant to adjournment, the house was called to order and prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Reports of Ministers were called for and the following were received:

Reports.

I beg leave to report I have pastored 2 churches, baptized 4; I have preached 11 funerals; help received, \$52.26; subscribed, \$13.00. Pray for us.—Elder J. M. Patrick.

Brethren, I beg leave to report my work for the past year. Pastored one church, and did some mission work. Help received, \$80.00. Pray for me and my wife.—Eld. O. A. Ashcraft.

Dear Brethren: I have preached every opportunity. Number of sermons preached not known. Pray for me and mine.—Eld. D. F. Dotson.

Dear Brethren: I have preached nearly every Sunday. Preached one funeral. Help received, none. Pray for me.—Elder J. C. Moring.

Brethren: I have only preached a few sermons this year. Had no pastoral work. Pray for us that we may do for our Master.—Eld. L. W. Wheeler.

Brethren: I have only preached five sermons this year, but hope to do more for the cause of our Lord in the future than I have done in the past. Brethren, pray for me.—Eld. J. J. Trammell.

Dear Brethren: I have preached every Sunday, baptized 45. Help received, \$192.25; number of sermons preached, not known. Please pray for me.—Eld. W. P. White.

Dear Brethren: I beg leave to report that I am doing some mission preaching.—Eld. Lee Parkman.

Brethren: I have pastored two churches this year, Pine Hill and Pilgrim's Rest. Baptized, none. Received, at Pine Hill, \$29.85; Pilgrim's rest, \$4.50. Held a meeting at Willoughby and received \$9.00. Held a few days meeting at Pleasant Valley; received \$1.41. Brother Patrick and I held a meeting at Spring Hill, received \$5.75. Brethren, pray for me that I may preach the Gospel with more boldness.—Eld. J. R. Hartley.

Motion to dismiss until 1:30 p. m., Eld. J. R. Hartley to preach the memorial sermon at 11 a. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator called the house to order at 1:30 p. m. Prayer by J. C. Moring.

Called for the Reports of Committees and the following were received:

Committee on Temperance.

We, the Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit our report as follows:

We are opposed to intoxicants in any form, for it is a curse to mankind, and an enemy to the church. We recommend that our brethren use their influence against strong drink in all of its forms.

J. M. PATRICK, Chairman.

Committee on Sabbath Schools.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to submit our report, which is as follows:

We find that only five churches have Sabbath Schools, and we pray that every church in our Association will have and maintain a Sabbath School in their church. And we find that some of our churches do not use our own literature, and we, your Committee, urge every church to use our own literature.

D. H. GATES, Chairman.

Committee on Finance.

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

We find that there has been paid in for Minutes, \$14.80; State Delegate, \$15.00; State Treasury, \$7.00; Clerk hire, \$8.00; for Association Record, \$3.00; Public donation, \$4.49. Total, \$47.80.

S. I. ANDREWS, Chairman.

Committee on Credentials.

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

We find that we have 13 ordained ministers, all in good standing, so far as we know. Names and addresses as follows:

Elder J. M. Estell, Hamburg, Ashley county.

Eld. J. M. Patrick, Herbine, Cleveland county.

Elder W. P. White, Warren, R. F. D. 1, Bradley county.

Elder J. J. McDaniel, Kingsland, Cleveland county.

Elder O. A. Ashcraft, Herbine, Cleveland county.

Elder J. R. Hartley, Rison, Cleveland county.

Elder L. W. Wheeler, Warren, Bradley county.

Elder H. W. Wood, Pine Bluff, R. 77, Box 87, Jefferson county.

Elder Lee Parkman, New Edinburg, Cleveland county.

Elder W. H. Golden, Kingsland, Cleveland county.

Elder D. F. Dotson, Cabot, Rt. 2, Pulaski county.

Elder J. C. Moring, England, Rt. 3, Box 70, Lenoir county.

Eld. J. J. Trammell, New Edinburg, Cleveland county.

We find one licensed minister, E. J. Garner, Glendale, Lincoln county.

And we learn that Bro. J. M. Myers is not in line of Doctrine and practice of Freewill Baptists, and we recommend that his church investigate it as soon as possible.

We learn that Bro. J. J. Wilson is not in line of doctrine and practice of Freewill Baptists, and recommend his church investigate it as soon as possible.

J. S. PATE, Chairman.

CLERK AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

I submit the following report as Clerk and Treasurer for the past Association year, from September 3, 1921, to August 1, 1922:

Receipts.

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| Received from balance in Treasury 1921..... | \$10.46 |
| State Delegates | 12.67 |
| State Treasurer | 6.00 |
| Minutes | 29.19 |
| Total..... | \$58.27 |

Disbursements.

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| State Delegate | \$24.02 |
| State Treasurer | 6.00 |
| Minutes | 24.00 |
| J. H. Meek, Clerk | 4.25 |
| Total | \$58.27 |

J. H. MEEK, Clerk and Treasurer.

Committee on Obituaries.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit our report:

We find that God in His wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst, nine of our brethren and sisters, as follows: Bro. W. B. Swann and Sister S. L. Green, Willoughby church; Elder J. F. Brown, Pilgrim's Rest; Sister M. A. Nichols, Harmony; Sister Alcira Shelby, Free Hill; Sister Taylor, Macedonia; Bro. Hiram Hollis and Sister Sarah Hollis, Mt. Pleasant; Sister Cevinia Thompson, Pine Hill. All, as far as we know, were strong in the faith of the Lord. We mourn their loss, and we bow to the Lord's will, trusting that our loss is their gain.

G. W. FERRAND, Chairman.

Motion and seconded to adjourn until 9 o'clock, a. m. Motion carried.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Pursuant to adjournment the house was called to order by Moderator and prayer was offered by J. R. Hartley.

Called for questions. None.

Resolutions.

Called for Resolutions, and the following were received:

No. 1. Resolved, That we have our minutes printed with the State Minutes, and order 300. Resolution adopted. J. M. Patrick.

No. 2. Resolved, That we send delegates to represent us in the State Association. Resolution adopted, and resulted in the election of Elder J. M. Patrick, D. F. Dotson, J. R. Hartley, and O. H. Ashcraft. D. H. Housen.

No. 3. Resolved, That Elder D. F. Dotson preach the memorial sermon on Friday, the second day of our next Association, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Resolution adopted. W. P. White.

No. 4. Resolved, That the Saline Association meet with Macedonia church in 1923. Adopted. D. F. Dotson.

No. 5. Resolved, That we offer our thanks to this church and good people for their hospitality and kindness during our stay with them. Resolution adopted. W. P. White.

No. 6. Resolved, That we adjourn to meet with Macedonia church near Orlando, Cleveland county, Arkansas, on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1923, at 10 o'clock, a. m., and the delegates will meet on Wednesday night at the church, and that Elder J. M. Patrick preach the introductory sermon, and Elder J. R. Hartley be his alternate. Resolution adopted. J. H. Meek.

ELD. J. R. HARTLEY, Moderator,

J. H. MEEK, Clerk and Treasurer.

REPORT OF CHURCHES—Saline Association.

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POLK BAYOU ASSOCIATION.

The Polk Bayou Association of Free Will Baptists met with Coffman Church, in Lawrence county, Arkansas, on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1922. House was called to order and opened with song.

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. C. H. Palmer. The right hand of fellowship was extended to all Christians present. Adjourned until Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional Services conducted by J. A. Huskey.

Election of officers was taken up, and Bros. J. D. Doyle, W. M. Padgett and C. H. Palmer were placed in nomination for Moderator. Bro. J. D. Doyle was elected. Bro. W. M. Padgett was elected Assistant Moderator.

The following Committees were appointed:

Committee on Credentials—Theodore Doyle, J. R. Dillon and W. D. Langster.

Committee to Supply Pulpit—J. H. Golden, A. J. Hibarger and J. O. Graham.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—J. R. Ballew, J. H. Meeks, W. W. Huskey and Sister Joe Calbert.

A letter from New Home Church, at Gid, Ark., was read, asking admittance into the body. Request was granted and the church was listed as New Home No. 2.

A request was made that Pine Hill Church be admitted. Request granted.

Letters from the different churches was called for, and read as follows:

Oak Grove—Number additions to church during the year, 6; number of members, 42. Paid to State Association, \$2.00. Church Day, second Sunday. G. W. Million, Pastor; J. P. Richey, Clerk.

New Home No. 1—Membership, 45. L. C. Doyle, Pastor; DeWitt Rowlett, Clerk.

Ballew's Chapel—Added to Church during year, 49; Deaths, 2; Members in good standing, 100. Paid pastor, \$60.95. Deacons—J. R. Ballew and J. L. Butts. M. G. King, Pastor; O. J. Woodman, Clerk.

Pine Hill Church—(By Bro. Palmer). Church in good condition. Number of members, 27. Bro. Palmer, Pastor; Ervin Baxter, Clerk.

Pool's Chapel—Church in good condition. Number of members, 35. J. B. Walker, Pastor; A. N. Pool, Clerk.

Lane Chapel—Church in good condition. Number of members, 65. Paid pastor, \$105.00. J. D. Doyle, Pastor; Mrs. J. H. Hale, Clerk.

Coffman Church—Church in harmony. M. G. King, Pastor.

Mt. Harmony—Members added during year, 4; number of members, 50. C. H. Palmer, Pastor; C. C. Huskey, Clerk.

Love Divine—New members received during year, 6; Total membership, 99. Paid pastor, \$53.25. J. D. Doyle, Pastor; W. H. Thomas, Clerk.

New Home No. 2—Church in good condition. Membership 20. C. H. Palmer, Pastor; H. H. Adkinson, Clerk.

Partial report from Committee to Supply Pulpit: Bro. W. A. Smith to preach Friday, at 11 a. m.; Bro. J. D. Doyle Friday night.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Divine services conducted.

Committee appointed on final resolutions, as follows: Bro. Theodore Doyle, Bro. Joe Calbert and Bro. Dolph Lancaster.

Delegates were elected to the State Association as follows: W. M. Padgett, J. R. Ballew, J. D. Doyle, Theodore Doyle, John Bates, E. Ingram and J. Dillon.

Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was received and the committee discharged.

Selection of place for next Associational meeting being in order, Mt. Harmony and Lane's Chapel were placed in nomination. Mt. Harmony was chosen.

Report of the Committee on Temperance received and read.

A request by letter from Love Divine church to order Glover Rice to the ministry. The ordaining council proceeded to ordain Bro. Rice.

Report of Ministers read and received. Character of ministers passed on as good.

Report of Committee on Final Resolutions read and received.

Bro. E. Ingram and Bro. George Goodwin were ordained as Deacons of Coffman church.

Final report of Committee to Supply Pulpit was made, as follows: Bro. Padgett, Saturday at 11 o'clock; Bro. King, Saturday night; Bro. J. D. Doyle, Sunday at 11 a. m.

Association adjourned to meet with Mt. Harmony Church, on Thursday night before the Second Sunday in September, 1923.

J. D. DOYLE, Moderator.

J. A. HUSKEY, Clerk.

LETTER FORM

To the State Association of Freewill Baptists
of Arkansas:

We, the _____
Association of Freewill Baptists, in annual session with
_____ Church
on _____, 192____, have selected _____

to represent us in your honorable body which convenes
with Pleasant Grove Church on Thursday, October 4, 1923.
Bidding you God's speed in all your labor for the advance-
ment of the cause of Christ and His Kingdom.

Our Association is composed of _____ Churches:
_____ Ordained Ministers; Total Membership _____.
Received last year: By experience and Baptism _____;
By Recommendation _____; By Letter _____;
Dismissed by letter _____; Excluded _____; Died _____
Excluded _____; Died _____.

_____ Moderator.

Address _____

_____ Clerk.

Address _____