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NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION

The New Hope Association of Free Will Baptist met with Mt. Carmel Church, Faulkner County, Arkansas, September 25th, 1925.

The house was called to order by Moderator, Elder S. A. Morgan. After singing a hymn the 13th Chapter of Romans was read by Moderator, followed with prayer by Bro. J. A. Stevens. Call for Church letters. Church letters received, 2. Motion carried to seat all delegates present and have letters read Saturday morning. Song and hand shaking. Bro. G. W. Smith preached the introductory sermon, followed by Rev. S. A. Morgan, who selected his text from 1st Cor., 4th verse. Prayer by Bro. Smith. Song. Adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 8:00 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by Moderator. Scripture lesson 1st Cor., 3rd chapter. Prayer by Rev. J. S. Moore. Election of officers. Elder J. S. Moore elected Moderator, Elder J. A. Stevens, assistant Moderator, J. L. Holleman, Clerk. Call for petitionary letters. None reported. Motion carried to seat G. W. Smith as advisory member. The rules of order were read by Clerk. Motion carried to seat J. W. Moore from Brannon Church.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: Pulpit Committee, Bro. Allen Tullus, Bro. D. F. Nowel, Bro. R. E. Sellars. Business Committee—Bro. S. A. Morgan, Bro. J. W. Moore, Bro. Warren Chandles. Finance Committee—Sister Bertha Tullus, Mt. Carmel; Bro. Marnard, Oak Grove Church; Sister Stella Nowell, Brannon Church; Sister Lottie Morgan, Union Hill Church; Sister Cordia Pruitt, New Hart; Sister Jessie Chandles, Mt. Bethel; Sister Massie Clay, Bethel Church; Brother Durmont Smith, Bailey's Chapel Church; Sister Callie Stevens, Shurn Church; Bro. Ed. Emmerson, Center Point Church; Sister Lou Craig, Pleasant Grove Church; Sister Lennie Hunter, New Hope Church. Temperance Committee—Bros. Crockett, H. F. Lanzford, Wiley Patrick. Sunday School Committee—Bros. Barney Whorton, Earl Tullus. Obituary Committee—Bros. Frank Dallas, Will Loyd and Sister M. E. Sellars. Committee on Non Represented Churches—Bro. J. M. Weeks, Sister S. L. Holliman and Sister M. W. Whorton. Committee on

Church Union—Bro. G. F. Vann, Sister Pearl Linton, and Sister Lula Weeks.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Finance submit the following report:

Received three dollars to go to Center Point Church. Committee discharged.

WARREN CHANDLES, Chairman

Finance Committee from different churches received \$2.75 for Home Missions. Committee discharged.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE

We, your Committee on Divine Service beg to report as follows: Bro. Smith and Bro. Moore will preach Saturday at eleven o'clock. Bro. Morgan and Bro. Stevens at Saturday night service. Committee discharged.

Conference dismissed by Bro. Moore, to reconvene at one thirty P. M.

Very interesting sermons were preached at eleven o'clock by Rev's. J. W. Smith and J. S. Moore. Scripture lesson, Luke 16th chapter beginning at 16th verse. Text, Galations 6:7.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

House called to order by Moderator. Song by congregation. Scripture lesson, 1st Tim. 6th chapter. Prayer by Bro. Stevens. Call for unfinished business. Reading of letters. Five letters read. Motion carried to receive letters as read.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries find that God has taken from us our beloved Brother William Nunn and our beloved Sister Elliott. We pray that we may meet them where sorrows be no more.

J. F. DALLAS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions submit the following resolutions:

First: That we change the time of meeting of the Association to Thursday night before the first Sunday in September. Resolution adopted. Committee discharged.

S. A. MORGAN, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNION

We, your Committee on Church Union beg to report as follows: We find all churches in reasonably good working condition.

J. F. VANN, Chairman.

REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report: We indorse Sabbath Schools and recommend that the pastors of the several churches urge each Church to organize a Sabbath School and ask each church to make a report to the annual Association.

EARL TULLUS, Chairman

Committee discharged.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance recommend that you adopt the report of the State Association on Temperance.

L. D. CROCKETT, Chairman

Report received and Committee discharged.

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTED CHURCHES

We find five churches represented by letter and delegates and four without representation.

J. F. WEEKS, Chairman

Report received Committee discharged.

Ministers reports read and received.

The following delegates to the State Association were appointed by Moderator: J. L. Hollerman, H. L. Carter, W. T. Linton, Will Loyd, W. B. Storm, Frank Dallas, J. W. Tullus, J. W. Moore, Warren Chaudles, and J. W. Griffin.

Brannon Church, near Quitman, Faulkner County, Arkansas was selected as the next meeting place of the Association, which will convene Thursday night, before the first Sunday in September, 1926. Bro. Stevens was elected to preach the introductory sermon.

Motion carried to adjourn. Song. Dismissed by Bro. Morgan.

Ordained Ministers Present—J. S. Moore, S. A. Morgan, J. A. Stevens, Vilonia, Faulkner County, G. W. Smith, Mayflower.

Ordained Deacons—J. F. Dallas, R. E. Sellars, B. Whorton, G. G. Adams, J. W. Loyd, all of Vilonia, Faulkner County., L. D. Crockett, Rosebud; Warren Chaudles, Rosebud; D. F. Nowel, Quitman.

REV. J. S. MOORE, Moderator.

REV. J. A. STEVENS, Assistant Mod.

J. L. HOLLEMAN, Clerk

POLK BAYOU ASSOCIATION

The Polk Bayou Association of Freewill Baptists met with Lane Chappel on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September.

Services were opened by Bro. Cafka, lesson 8th Chapter Romans, followed by Bro. Palmer.

Services opened Friday morning at 9:30, by Bro. J. D. Doyle, Scripture lesson, 23rd Psalm; after which Bro. Palmer was elected Moderator.

A song was sung and the right hand of fellowship was taken.

Motion made and seconded to seat Sister Grace Goff and Viola Hale as delegates.

Motion made and second to receive letters subject to correction as stated in same. Motion carried.

Motion to call the letters from the churches and have them read and corrected one at a time. Motion carried.

Motion made to receive two churches into the Association, Lions Creek and Bethel.

Letters read as follows: Lane Church, Pastor J. D. Doyle, Walnut Ridge, Ark., Church Clerk, Mrs. W. H. Hale, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

New Home Church—Pastors M. G. King and A. J. Rowlett, Swifton, Ark.; Church Clerk, D. A. Rowlett.

Love Divine Church—Pastor, J. D. Doyle; Church Clerk, Theo. Doyle.

Bethel Church—Pastor, Bland Massey; Church Clerk, Bessel Helms, Lunenburg, Arkansas.

Ballew Chapel Church—Pastor, J. C. Doyle; Clerk, Tommie Woodruff, Grubbs, Arkansas.

New Home No. 2 Church—Pastor, Herman Lewis; Clerk, Henry Adkinson, Gid, Arkansas.

Lyons Creek Church—Pastor, Bland Massey; Clerk, Archel Constant, Guion, Arkansas.

Mount Harmony Church—Pastor, J. D. Doyle; Clerk, Milard Williams, Strawberry, Arkansas.

Oak Grove Church—Pastor, W. G. King; Clerk Roy Culver, Eaton, Arkansas.

Coffman School House—Pastor, Herman Lewis; Clerk, Oscar Graham, Portia, Arkansas.

Pine Hill School House—Pastor, Jeff Weaver; Clerk, Ervin Baxter, Mount Pleasant, Arkansas.

Motion to adjourn for noon day service until 2:30

Noon day service conducted by Bro. Lewis, Scripture lesson 5th Chapter, 2nd Thels., Scripture lesson 5th Chapter and 16th verse, followed by Bro. Massey.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by the Moderator, Bro. Palmer, scripture lesson, 13th chapter 1st Cor.

Three letters were received and excepted. Motion made and seconded that the time be changed of the meeting of the Association from Thursday to Friday night carried.

Motion made and seconded that we adopt Section 10 of the State Articles of Faith with the understanding that more scriptural references will be added.

Motion made to have the Clerk get blanks to write letters carried.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Services conducted by J. Rowlett, scripture lesson 1st Cor. 15th chapter.

Scriptures 23rd chapter St. John 29 and 30th verses.

Services concluded by Bro. J. D. Doyle.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Service opened by Bro. Louis Doyle.

Bro. Craig was recommended for Ordination by the Association Committee and the Committee proceeded to ordain.

Conference adjourned until 2 o'clock.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

The session was opened by the Moderator, scripture lesson 5th chapter of Romans.

Motion to receive the letters and seat the delegates carried.

Motion made and seconded to offer resolutions to State Convention in regard to condemning Evolution.

Motion to hold next Association at New Home No. 2 Church carried.

Motion made and seconded to receive resolutions carried.

Nominations for delegates to State Association: Bro. Ballew, Bro. Calbert and Bro. Louis Doyle.

Total amount made up for State Association Minutes, \$5.25.

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER

We, the ministers, Deacons and messengers composing Social Band Association of Free Will Baptist in session at Lone Oak, Manson, Arkansas, on Monday, August 17, 1925, send greetings to Polk Bayou Association when convened with Lane's Chapel, Walnut Ridge, on Saturday, September 12, 1925. We are endeavoring to keep the Christian Faith and Unity of Christ.

We send our beloved Brothers to sit with you in council, whom we pray you receive. Rev. J. O. Hefner, Bros. Done and Hogan.

We ask that you correspond with us when convened with Stony Point Church, on Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1926.

REV. D. M. HOLDER, Moderator
H. W. BLANKENSHIP, Clerk

Reports of Ministers

I was ordained as a Freewill Baptist minister one year ago. I have had three regular appointments. I have preached about 70 sermons and assisted in 7 meetings. Have witnessed 14 conversions. Have pastored one church. Assisted in organizing one church. Assisted in ordaining two Deacons. Have received 3 in Church. Held one funeral service. Mar-

ried three couples. Traveled about 2,200 miles. Received for years work \$100.38. I hope and pray to do more for the Lord this year. My post office is Gid, Arkansas.—HERMAN LEWIS.

I have no pastoral work. Preached 4 funerals. •Preached 6 sermons. Received no money. Baptized none—A. J. ROW-LETT.

I have preached part time to three places. Helped in 4 meetings. Witnessed 40 conversions. Received from different places, \$30.00. My work has all been local. I hope to do more for Christ next year.—J. A. KAFFKA.

I have preached 113 times, held four revivals, 102 conversions, received 64 into the Church, Baptized 48, pastored 3 churches, held 24 funerals. Received \$330.45 from all sources—J. D. DOYLE.

I have not pastored any church. I think I have preached 50 sermons. Baptized 24. Received about \$75.00.—L. C. DOYLE.

I have pastored one church and preached locally to three others. Preached about 100 sermons. Baptized 18 during the year. Assisted in three Revival meetings. Received about \$125.00.—M. G. KING.

Oak Grove Church to Polk Bayou Association:

Delegates, M. G. King; members, 50; paid pastor, \$40.00; M. G. King, Pastor; Douglas Curtis, Clerk.

Love Divine Church to the Polk Bayou Association:

Delegates, no names given; members, 120; dismissed by letter, 6; no deaths; paid pastor, \$26.00; J. D. Doyle, Pastor; Theo. Doule, Clerk.

Church at Coffman to Polk Bayou Association when convened at Lanes Chapel.

Delegates, M. L. Callahan and Oscar Graham; preachers, L. C. Doyle; members, 30; state of religion good; Sunday School interest good; paid pastor, \$86.98; Herman Lewis, Pastor; Oscar Graham, Clerk.

Lanes Chapel to the Polk Bayou Association:

We send the following to represent us in your deliberations: Henry Smith, Tom Hutson and J. T. Woolridge; number of members, 79; paid pastor, \$150.00; conversions, 21; added to church, 10; Ladies Aid organized; church in good condition; prayer meeting each Wednesday night; dismissed from church, five; Mrs. W. H. Hales, Clerk.

Bethel Church to the Polk Bayou Association.

Organized July 19, 1925. Messengers, John Tinkle and Bert Gibson; members, 19; state of religion, good; state of union, good; delegates, Theo. Doyle, J. S. Colvert, J. D. Buchanan and David Buchannan; Theo. Doyle, Deacon; Bland Massey, Pastor; Bazzle Helms, Clerk.

Mt. Harmony Church to the Polk Bayou Association:

Delegates, J. P. Doyle, David Husky and Luther Croom; state of religion, ordinary; state of Union, ordinary; members, 100; members added, none; no Sunday School; names of ministers in our church, John Huskey, H. O. Eagan, W. M. Padgett, W. S. Richardson, J. E. Williamson and J. D. Doyle; paid pastor, \$152.00; J. D. Doyle, Pastor; Deacons, John Eagan, S. L. Ashby and Robert Ashby; Clerk, M. B. Williams.

New Home Church No. 2 to Polk Bayou Association:

Number of members, 32; state of religion, good; number of deaths, one; members moved to Lunenberg church, 8; delegates, Ervin Lewis and H. H. Adkissen; pastor, H. A. Lewis; Clerk, H. H. Adkissen.

New Home Church to the Polk Bayou Association:

Delegates, Nortonber and C. M. Searcy; number of members, 75. Brother L. C. Doyle and George King held a ten day meeting in addition to church 5. D. A. Rowlette, Clerk.

Ballew's Chapel to the Polk Bayou Association:

Delegates, W. M. Eudy, John Bates, Sister John Bates, W. E. Hedrick, Sister W. E. Hedrick, and Bee. Woodruff. The Church requests of the Association the ordaining of Bro. Woodruff to the full Gospel Ministry. Spiritual condition of the church, good; interest in Sunday School and prayer meeting, fairly good; number of active members, about 100; total members, 251; number of deaths during year, 4; number dismissed during year, 2; number added during year, 53; amount paid preachers and for revival work, \$110.45; pastor for the coming year, Bro. L. C. Doyle; Moderator, J. R. Ballew; Clerk, Johnnie Woodruff.

Committee on Resolutions

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

Inasmuch as the minds of the citizenship of this country is being poisoned on the doctrine of evolution and whereas, we believe this doctrine to be contrary to the teaching of the Bible and very detrimental to the welfare of the churches, schools and to good citizenship, Therefore, Be it Resolved that this Association go on record as condemning this doctrine and enter our protest against its being taught in our public schools. And that we respectfully request the State Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened in annual session October 1, 1925, to adopt a resolution condemning said doctrine in as strong terms as can be drawn.

SALINE ASSOCIATION

The 29th Annual Meeting of the Saline Association of Free Will Baptist met with Willoughby Church, on September 3rd, 1925, at 10:00 o'clock, A. M. The house was called to order by the Moderator, Elder D. F. Dotson, and went into election of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, which resulted in the election of Elder J. C. Moring, Moderator; J. H. Meek, Clerk and Treasurer.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn until 1:30 P. M.

Elder D. F. Dotson preached the introductory sermon, text John 1:1.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The house was called to order by the Moderator. The names of the messengers attending were enrolled as follows:

Pine Hill—W. S. Cook, Jessie Bates, Mollie Railey, Bessie Smith and Homer Morgan.

Spring Hill—

Mt. Pleasant—Elder J. M. Estelle, J. P. Hollis, J. N. Adair, M. C. Pennington.

Macedonia—W. R. Barker, sister J. M. Patrick, Lige Parnell, Cora Parnell, B. H. McClellen and Elder J. W. Dyer.

Pleasant Grove—G. S. Wilson, Willie F. Wilson, J. M. Thunderburg, Florence Thunderburg.

Free Hill—Elders J. M. Patrick, O. A. Ashcraft and H. W. Wood.

Willoughby—John Bradley, Tom Neel, T. A. Doggett, sisters Chairity Wheeler, Ethereal Fearrand, Elder L. W. Wheeler.

Pleasant Valley—B. L. Woodey, G. W. Doggett, Elder D. F. Dotson, and W. S. Bushey.

Chancel Chapel—Elder J. C. Moring, J. S. Pate, G. T. Bunch and J. W. Strawn.

Harmony—J. H. Meek, Elder J. N. Pate, Deacon J. N. Taylor, J. R. Orr, A. G. Edwards, Mollie Orr and Lee Clark.

Pilgrims Rest—Elder J. R. Hartley, A. A. Anderson, S. R. Anderson.

2nd call for petitionary letters; one Jones Chapel by letter.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Divine Service—J. W. Jones, J. S. Pate, G. S. Wilson.

Sabbath Schools—T. J. Bunen, L. W. Wheeler, H. W. Ward.

Temperance—O. A. Ashcraft, T. A. Doggett, J. N. Pate.

Obituary—J. M. Patrick, W. S. Cook, John Bradley, Homer Morgan.

Credentials—W. R. Barker, J. W. Jones and T. J. Bunen.

Finance—J. R. Hartley, Tom Neel and J. W. Strawn.

Invited the visiting brethren and sisters to sit with us.

Report of churches received and adopted.

Motion to adjourn until 9:00 o'clock A. M.

Preaching at 8:00 o'clock P. M. by Elder J. M. Patrick.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Persuant to adjournment the house was called to order by the Moderator. Reading lesson Ps. 34. Prayer by Bro. J. R. Hartley.

Called for report of Committees.

SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools report as follows: We believe that the Sabbath School is the very seed bed of the Gospel; Solomon says: "bring up a child in the way it should go, when it is old it will not depart from it." We find the following churches have Sabbath Schools, Harmony, Willoughby, Chancel Chapel, Pine Hill, Macedonia, Pleasant Valley. We recommend that those churches that have none, organize and maintain a Sabbath School and as far as they deem it best to use Free Will Baptist literature.

T. J. Brenyard, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report that we endorse Amendment No. 18 to our Federal Constitution and the Volsted Act and that we condemn the action of those who are trying to restore light wines and beers.

O. A. ASHCRAFT, Chairman

OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries submit the following report:

We find the Lord has seen fit to call eight of our beloved brethren and sisters from the walks of men, as follows: Brother J. M. Myers of Pine Hill and Bro. W. H. Brown, sister Julia C. Taylor of Harmony, sisters Veria Bippurs and Morey Felingbarger of Willoughby, Brother Frank Smith of Pilgrims Rest, Bro. Horace Glover, Chancel Chapel, sister Bolin, Mt. Pleasant. All of whom died strong in the faith so far as we know.

We mourn over the loss of our beloved brethren and sisters. We bow to the will of God, trusting that our loss is their gain.

J. M. PATRICK
JOHN BRADLEY
W. S. COOK
HOMER MORGAN
Committee

Resolve, that we bow our heads in silent prayer to God.

CREDENTIALS

We, your Committee submit the following report:

We find that we have 15 ordained ministers, all in good standing as far as we know. Addresses as follows: Elder J. M. Estell, Hamburg, Ashley County; Elder J. M. Patrick, Herbine, Cleveland County; Elder W. P. White, Merigold, Mississippi, R. F. D. 1, Sunflower Plantation; Elder L. W. Wheeler, Warren, Bradley County; Elder J. J. McDaniel, Kingsland, R. 1,

Cleveland County; O. A. Ashcraft, Herbine, Cleveland County; Elder J. R. Hartley, Rison, Cleveland County; Elder H. W. Wood, Pine Bluff, Rt. 2, Jefferson County; Elder Lee Parkman, New Edinburg, Cleveland County; Elder W. H. Golden, Kingsland, Cleveland County; Elder D. F. Dotson, Little Rock, Rt. 5, Pulaski County; Elder J. C. Moring, England, Rt. 3, Jefferson County; Elder J. J. Trammell, New Edinburg, Cleveland County; Elder G. W. Smith, Mayflower, Arkansas; J. H. Meek, Clerk and Treasurer, Rye, Star Rt., Cleveland County.

J. W. JONES, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance submit the following report:

For minutes, Clerk hire, State Delegates and School, \$45.00.

J. R. HARTLEY, Chairman

Report of Ministers

Brethren, I have pastored two churches this year, Baptized fourteen and helped ordain one minister. Received \$100.65.—J. M. PATRICK.

Brethren, I submit the following report: I have pastored one Church this year and have preached at two mission points. Received eight members into the church and Baptized four. Helped ordain one minister. Received \$24.25. Pray for me that I may do more for my Master in the next year.—J. C. MORING.

Brethren, I submit the following report: I have pastored one church this year, received eight members, Baptized seven, preached 43 sermons. Received \$79.79. Pray for me that I may be a more useful servant in the Lord's vineyard in the future than have in the past. Held one mission point for 10 months.—L. W. WHEELER.

Brethren, I submit the following report: I have pastored four churches, to-wit: Willoughby, received \$49.72; Pine Hill, received \$24.13; Pleasant Valley, \$35.10; Pilgrims Rest, \$8.00. Traveled about 2500 miles, including trip to the State Convention \$10.00. Number of sermons not known. Preached four funerals. I am called to pastor four churches the coming year. Pray for me that I may preach the Gospel of Christ with more boldness.—J. R. HARTLEY.

Brethren, I submit my report: I have not preached much this year. I helped hold two meetings. Received \$24.50. Pray for me brethren, that I may do more for God the next year.—H. W. WOOD.

Brethren, I submit the following report: I, as your District Evangelist, have put in all the year except a few weeks. Preached at a number of mission points, assisted in several protracted meetings, visited five of our churches, preached very often from house to house. Witnessed several conversions. Received \$60.00. I have made arrangements to do Evangelistic work next year and I am asking endorsement of the Saline

Association of Free Will Baptist for the incoming year. Pray for me and mine that the work may be more successful—C. A. ASHCRAFT.

Bretheren, I have not done much preaching as the health of my family has not been so that I could leave home.—D. F. DOTSON.

Dear Bretheren, I have not been able to preach much on account of my health. I have had high blood pressure for about two years but am some better. Pray for me, bretheren, that I may be healed.—J. J. McDANIEL.

Motion to adjourn until 1:30 P. M.

Preaching at 11:00 A. M. of the Memorial Sermon by J. R. Hartley.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Persuant to adjournment the house was called to order by the Moderator. Reading lesson 1st John, 4th chapter, first 9 verses. Prayer by L. W. Wheeler.

Elder J. C. Moring was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon and J. R. Hartley alternate.

Elder D. F. Dotson was elected to preach the Memorial Sermon the second day of the next Association at 11:00 A. M., 1926, and J. M. Patrick alternate.

The following delegates were elected to represent us in the State Association: J. H. Meek, J. S. Pate, G. S. Wilson, J. W. Jones, and S. R. Anderson.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1. Resolve that we endorse Elder O. A. Ashcraft as District Evangelist for the encoming year. By J. H. Hatley—adopted.

Resolution No. 2. Resolved, that we hold our next annual Association to meet with Harmony Church, near Rye, Cleveland County, Arkansas. By J. H. Meek—adopted.

Resolution No. 3. Resolve, that we extend our heart-felt thanks to the good people of Willoughby community for their kind hospitality toward us during our stay with them and that our stay with them was pleasant. Let all in united prayer to God that He will render double unto them for these services. By J. R. Hatley—adopted.

Resolution No. 4. Resolved, that we adjourn to meet with Harmony Church on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1926, at 10:00 A. M., about 3 miles South-East of Rye, Cleveland County, Elder J. C. Moring to preach the introductory sermon, and J. R. Hartley, alternate. By J. H. Meek—adopted.

J. C. MORING, Moderator

J. H. MEEK, Clerk and Treasurer

J. D. DOYLE, Chairman

STATE ASSOCIATION

The 1926 Session of Free Will Baptist State Association will be held with Glenwood Church in Pike County, Arkansas. Bro. Edwards has promised to see that we will be cared for so let's all go to the greatest meeting of Free Will Baptists that has ever been held in the State of Arkansas.

The State Free Will Baptist Association met with Macedonia Church on the first day of October, 1925. Preaching services were conducted by Bros. Kaffka and Jones of Randolph County. Scripture lesson, Rom. 8th Chapter: Text Rom. 12:13. Adjourned until Friday morning, 8:00 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Song service conducted by Tomlin. Scripture reading by Elder J. D. Doyle, prayer by Eld. J. M. Patrick. Talk by Bro. Doyle. The following committees were appointed by the Moderator: Credentials Committee—W. F. McGee, Robert Ballew and J. H. Meeks. Resolution Committee—L. C. Doyle, S. A. Morgan, T. H. Dixon, J. M. Patrick and J. R. Edwards.

A motion that the brethren of Zion Hope Association frame a letter stating why their association failed to meet and that these brethren be seated at the proper time, carried.

Statements by several of the brethren as to why their Associations did not meet.

Bros. Guinn and Black were seated with the understanding that Bro. Guinn prepare a letter to the State Association. A motion to seat Oklahoma Messengers as advisory members carried.

Partial report of Credentials Committee.

A motion to seat five messengers from each Association, and five Alternates as Advisory Members carried.

Right hand of fellowship extended to all members of the Arkansas State Association. Eld. J. D. Doyle was again elected Moderator and Bro. J. R. Edwards Assistant Moderator. Adren E. Duvall was again elected Clerk. Bro. George W. Burris was again elected Corresponding Clerk and Treasurer.

Reading of Rules of Order by Bro. Doyle.

Financial Committee—J. R. Ballew, W. F. McGee, J. R. Hartley and S. A. Morgan.

Temperance Committee—C. A. Haskins, Jones of Randolph, J. M. Patrick, W. M. Guinn and R. A. Johnson.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—W. A. Couch, George W. Burris, Cordus Johnson, J. A. Stephens and Wesley Lowry.

Memorial Committee—R. M. Johnson, J. A. Venable and J. S. Moore, Mrs. G. W. Burris and Bro. Epperson.

Union of Associations—J. A. Edwards, J. M. Patrick and S. A. Morgan.

Services at eleven o'clock conducted by Elders T. M. Dixon and J. A. Venable. Brother Dixon preached a stirring sermon concluded by Bro. Venable during which time everybody was happy in the Lord. Scripture Lesson, 2nd Pet. 3rd Chapt. Text Isaiah 9:16.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Scripture lesson 14th Chapter of St. John, read by Bro. Doyle. Prayer by sister McAdams. Talk by Bro. Doyle. Talks by several of the brethren and sisters. Report of Committee on Temperance adopted.

Report of Resolution Committee.

Resolutions Nos. 1 and 2 adopted.

Motion to print minutes of New Hope Association carried.

Adjourned until 8:30 P. M.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Excellent song service conducted by Bro. Guinn. Preaching by Eld. Tomlin and Bro. L. C. Doyle. Text 1 Timothy 5:18 "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And the laborer is worthy of his reward."

Bro. L. C. Doyle preached one of the greatest sermons we have ever had the pleasure of hearing.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song—"There is a Fountain Filled With Blood." Prayer by Bro. Morgan. Resolutions 3 and 4 read. Resolution No. 5 adopted.

At this time Bros. E. M. Bartlett, J. A. McClung, a Mr. Dickinson and Clarence Allison of Hartford arrived and rendered some splendid quartettes, for which we were all made glad. The Hartford boys certainly know how to sing the gospel with old time power.

Resolution No. 3, a resolution opposed to the teaching of Evolution in the state institutions of learning was unanimously adopted.

Talk by Bro. Epperson, Field Agent for Tecumseh College.

Talk by Bro. McAdams on Missionary work.

Report of Bro. Guinn on the meeting of Co-operative Association.

Adjourned for preaching services.

Congregational singing conducted by Mr. E. M. Bartlette of Hartford Music Company, Hartford, Arkansas.

Eleven o'clock services conducted by Sister McAdams who preached a wonderful sermon from the text: "If the Foundation is Destroyed What Can the Righteous Do?" Many who were of the opinion that a woman could not preach were convinced that there is at least one who can preach the gospel with power.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing conducted by Prof. E. M. Bartlette. Scripture reading, Rom. 11th Chapter. Prayer by Bro. Guinn. Music by Hartford Quartette.

Glenwood, in Pike County was chosen as the place to hold the Convention in 1926. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools was adopted.

Talk by Moderator on the value of education and the hurtfulness of ignorance. 20 preachers agreed to lay before their

charges the question of supporting the Free Will Baptist College at Tecumseh, Oklahoma. Brother Doyle placed special stress on the necessity of keeping vows after being made.

Resolutions 6 and 7 adopted. No. 8 lost.

Report of Committee appointed to settle with Treasurer adopted.

Song.

A motion that the Moderator appoint delegates to the Oklahoma State Convention carried.

Bros. J. R. Hartley, T. M. Dixon, E. O. Wright and Guinn appointed.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Song service conducted by Bro. Bartlett. Music by Hartford Quartette. Scripture reading by Geo. Bean, Psalms, 63rd Chapter. Prayer by R. M. Johnson, Text: 5th verse of Chapter read. Services were introduced by Bro. Been who preached an excellent sermon followed by Bro. R. M. Johnson who preached one of the best sermons of the Association.

Bro. L. C. Doyle was selected to preach the introductory sermon at the session in 1926.

Bro. W. F. McGee, J. M. Patrick and S. A. Morgan were appointed to represent us in the next meeting of the Co-operative Association.

Donation to Mattie McClellan \$10.15. Mattie McClellan has been very unfortunate through life. He has never taken a step and is absolutely helpless. His mother is an aged widow. Anyone desiring to help this unfortunate man may send their donation to his brother, M. M. McClellan, New Edinburg, Ark.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Song service conducted by Bros. Bartlett and McClung. Preaching services conducted by Bros. J. S. Moore and J. D. Doyle. Before the preaching services a prayer and testimony meeting, conducted by Bro. Patrick, was engaged in for about one hour.

Bro. Moore introduced the services after which that old song, "Amazing Grace" was sung by the audience.

Judge Doyle concluded the services in a masterly way, after which we were adjourned to meet with Glenwood Church, in Pike County on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October 1926.

Temperance Committee—C. A. Haskins, Bro. Jones, Bros. Patrick, Guinn and R. A. Johnson.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We your Temperance Committee submit the following report:

We the Free Will Baptist State Association, in session with favor retrenchment in any form and that the laws be rigidly the prohibition laws now on the statutes and that we do not Macedonia Church, in Cleveland County, Arkansas, endorse enforced and that we are opposed to light wine and beer as they would tend to lead to stronger wines and stronger beer,

therefore we are opposed to the repeal of any of our prohibition unless the law is made stronger than it now is. Respectfully submitted.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL AGENT AND TREASURER

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| Brought Forward | \$191.03 |
| Received of O. C. Hunt, Arkansas Association Fund | \$7.00 |
| Antioch | 4.00 |
| Big Springs | 0.00 |
| New Hope | 1.00 |
| Polk Bayou | 8.00 |
| Zion Hope | 5.00 |
| Little Missouri River | 4.00 |
| Zion Hope No. 2 | 0.00 |
| Old Mt. Zion | 6.00 |
| New Mt. Zion | 0.00 |
| Saline | 26.90 |
| Social Band | 19.00 |
| Mt. Grove | 0.00 |
| Union | 0.00 |
| Tyronza | 0.00 |
| Total | \$271.93 |
| Paid out | \$150.00 |
| Balance on hand | \$121.93 |

GEORGE W. BURRIS, Agent
 J. R. BALLEW, Chairman of Committee to settle with Bro. Burris.
 W. F. McGEE
 J. R. HARTLEY
 S. A. MORGAN

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Sabbath Schools report the following:

That Sunday Schools are in keeping with the teachings of Christ; for it was this custom to go into the synagogues and teach the scriptures on the Sabbath. That we urge the pastors of the different churches to preach at least one sermon each year on this important subject and we further recommend that F. W. B. Literature be used in our Sunday Schools. And that each church have its clerk report the condition and number of students to the Clerk of the District Association so that a report can be made to the clerk of the State Association of the condition and number of students in the F. W. B. Sunday Schools of Arkansas.

W. A. CROUCH
 C. JOHNSON
 J. A. STEPHENS
 WESLEY LEWRY
 G. W. BURRIS

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We your Resolution Committee submit the following report:

Feeling the need of education among our people and for our ministers and whereas we feel that we have a man in the person of Bro. Geo. Million who is thoroughly competent in an educational, intellectual and spiritual way to preside over an institution of learning and whereas there is a college known as the F. W. B. College at Techumseh, Oklahoma, therefore, be it resolved that unless said board has an outstanding contract that they consider Bro. Million as an applicant for said position, not that he has asked for the position but the people known as Free Will Baptists in Arkansas have so desired.

Resolution No. 2.

That all the names and addresses of ministers be given on a separate page in the Minutes.

Resolution No. 3.

Whereas, we believe that the "Theory of Evolution" is contrary to the word of God and also to good citizenship and that it has for its purpose the destruction of our present form of Free Government and that it is worse than infidelity or Atheism because it is being taught from the pulpit by men who are supposed to be followers of Jesus Christ, therefore, they will have more influence than those who come out of their hiding places and declare to the world that they deny our right of teaching the Bible, therefore be it resolved that the State Free Will Baptist Association, convened at Macadonia Church in Cleveland County Ark., go on record as condemning said Theory in all its forms and that we ask the next legislature of the State of Arkansas to enact a law prohibiting the teaching of the Theory of Evolution in all the schools of the State supported by taxation, from the District Schools to the Arkansas University. And that we begin at once to look for legislative material, men or women, who stand out four square for the enactment of a law prohibiting the teaching of evolution to the people of our great State.

Resolution No. 4.

Resolved that we refer to the District Associations for their consideration the following plan for financing the Free Will Baptist Church and whatever institution it may establish and foster.

First: That there shall be three Financial Boards to correspond to the three separate organizations of the Free Will Baptist Church in Arkansas. A local Church Board, composed of the church Clerk, the Deacons and three lady members whose election and tenure of office shall be under the supervision of the church.

Second: A District Financial Board, composed of six members elected by the Association. Their election and tenure of office shall be as follows: At the first election of the Board two members shall be elected for a term of one year; two for a term of two years and two for a term of three years

and each year thereafter there shall be an election of two members of the board and for a term of three years, by so doing we will have a permanent financial board in each Association.

Third: A State Financial Board, elected by the State Association composed of six members whose election and tenure of office shall be the same as the District Board.

Fourth: It shall be the duty of each board to solicit funds for the support of the church and its institutions and disburse them as authorized by the body electing said board. It shall be the duty of each board to elect a presiding officer and a secretary-treasurer. It shall be the duty of said treasurer to keep a correct record of all money received and paid out and at all times work in harmony with the board electing said treasurer.

Fifth: That it shall be the duty of the Moderators of the different divisions, the Church Moderator, the District Association Moderator and the Moderator of the State Association to see that each board is organized according to this resolution. That each pastor on the State Association of Free Will Baptists preach at least two sermons each year on the duty of the members of the church supporting the church and its institutions.

Referred to the District Association for their consideration. Vote for or against and report to Clerk.

Resolution No. 5.

Resolved that we set up the following funds in our state treasury:

(1.) Minute Fund. (2.) Building Fund. (3.) Mission Fund. (4.) Educational Fund. Any person or Church or Association contributing funds to the State Treasury specify the amount for each fund.

Resolution No. 6.

Resolved that we pay our Clerk and Corresponding Clerk \$15.00 each for their services.

COMMITTEE ON THANKS

We your Committee on Thanks wish to submit the following:

Knowing that we are nearing the close of another Association and the time for separation, yet we as ministers and delegates are unable to collect words to express our thanks and appreciation to the good people of Macedonia Church and surrounding community for their kindness and hospitality shown us while in their midst.

We wish to thank the young people for their nice behavior.

We wish to thank the singers for the music rendered.

And yet we would be partial not to thank the ladies of this community for their bountiful dinners and untiring efforts to make this Association a success. And pray God's richest blessing that we may be permitted to meet in future sessions.

R. B. VENABLE

W. F. McGEE

E. O. WRIGHT

Delegates to the State Convention of Free Will Baptist—
Bros. W. L. Linton, J. L. Holliman, Will Leid, J. F. Dallas, R. F. Sellars, L. D. Crockatt, J. W. Moore, M. B. Stene, Warren

Chandler, J. W. Griffin and Sister Jessie Chandler of New Hope. J. R. Edwards and wife, Sister Emma Edwards and Bros. J. R. Sevier and R. H. Jenkins of Little Missouri River.

Social Band Association by Rev. D. C. Jones.

Polk Bayou—L. C. Doyle, J. D. Doyle, Henry Colbert and J. R. Ballew.

Old Mt. Zion—Isaac Lynch and Elder Geo. Been.

There were several other Associations represented but failed to get letters to the clerk so we are unable to publish the names of all delegates.

Antioch Association—Wesley Lewery, C. A. Haskins, W. F. McGee, John Duvall and Ernest Wright.

The names of the Saline Delegation were lost and the fact was not known until the copy was being prepared to send to the press, hence the omission.

Mr. E. M. Bartlett, President of the Hartford Music Company was present Saturday and Sunday and directed the singing. Mr. Bartlett and Mr. McClung did some excellent singing. We were certainly fortunate in securing them to help in this part of the work. Mr. Bartlett and Rev. L. A. Robertson have compiled a church song book and I wish to say that it is the best book of its kind published in the state, and one of the best books we have ever seen.

These books can be had at thirty cents per copy or three dollars and sixty cents per dozen. It is a book that is suitable for all occasions. Enough old songs to be of use to anyone and plenty of new songs to please the most up-to-date.

I earnestly hope that the Free Will Baptists of Arkansas will use this book in their churches and Sunday Schools. Mr. Bartlett is doing a great work and he is an Arkansan, making songs books in Arkansas for Arkansas people. He is also a Christian of the highest type and I think we should patronize him in his great work.

We certainly wish to thank Mr. Bartlett and the other members of the Quartette for their excellent singing.

Music is one thing that the Free Will Baptists are a little short on in Arkansas and Oklahoma. I think it is time we encourage the teaching of music, i. e. vocal music. We should have at least one school taught in each church during each year until our people are as progressive in this line as other people.

We have only one teacher in Arkansas, so far as I know, who is able to give instruction as a normal teacher. Brother Luther G. Pressly of Pangburn, Arkansas can teach such schools and any place that is in need of such a teacher should get in touch with him. But Brother Pressly can not teach everywhere, so if we get into the music business as we should we will need teachers. Then we could do no better than to communicate with Mr. Bartlett of Hartford and have him supply the teacher, for he has about 500 teachers connected with him and can supply what is needed.

A. E. DUVALL

CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, we, the Association of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon the profession of 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 purpose to keep order and rules of our Association according to the following plan 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 different Associations shall 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 th 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, 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 Free Will 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. This 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 the Minutes.

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

10. The Association shall have a fund for her support, which shall be supplied by voluntary contribution of the Association, whose duty it shall be to send it to the hands of the messengers, which money so sent shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasury 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 the 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 constrain, but by choice, being partakers 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 condition 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 beside me there is none else. Rom. 5:6-21; Matt. 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Heb. 11:16.

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; 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. 36:26-27; Titus, 3:5; Gal 5:1-21; Eph. 2:10; Rom. 8:16; John, 1:12-13; 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 applies 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 incorruptible shall put on incorruption. 1 Cor. 4:11; 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 in the justification of infants by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ in a passive state, thereby adopting them heirs of His kingdom. Matt. 19:13-14; 8:10.

10. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful followers 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.

11. We believe that the church is the family of God, the redeemed in the aggregate of Adam's race from righteous Abel to the restriction of all things of every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Heb. 12:23; Eph. 1:22-23; Rom. 12:5; 10:17.

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

13. 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. 3:55-16; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 1:8-11; Acts 8:38; Rom. 6:16.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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. 3:17; 11:9; Matt. 12:36-37; 2 Thes. 1:8-9. Rev. 6:12-17; 20:12; 21:8; 14:11; Luke 16:23; 2 Cor. 5:10.

18. 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.

19. We believe in a divine call to the ministry, that the minister should 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, and that ministers may have better opportunities to store their minds with the spiritual food so necessary to Christian development. To this end we recommend that each church have a finance committee or 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, 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) Arrangements 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 the 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Moderator</i> | <i>Address</i> | <i>Clerk</i> | <i>Address</i> | <i>Ord. Min.</i> | <i>No. Churches</i> | <i>No. Died</i> | <i>No. Received</i> | <i>Total Mem.</i> |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Antioch | J. A. Venable | Casey | E. O. Wright | Atkins | 19 | 18 | 1 | 57 | 859 |
| Social Band | D. M. Holder | Manyard | H. Blankenship | Pocahontas | 25 | 23 | 14 | 126 | 1250 |
| Saline | J. C. Moring | England | J. H. Meek | Rye | 15 | 11 | 4 | 24 | 763 |
| New Hope | J. S. Moore | Quitman | J. L. Holliman | Rosebud | 8 | 11 | 3 | | 400 |
| Little Missouri R. | E. J. O'Neal | Daisy | Robt. Smith | | 8 | 15 | | | 400 |
| Polk Bayou | C. C. Palmer | Mt. Pleasant | L. H. Hardin | Pontia | 14 | 12 | | 100 | 1600 |
| Old Mt. Zion | G. C. Bland | Larue | Isaac Lynch | Clifty | 12 | 10 | | | 700 |
| Zion Hope | J. D. Coffman | Nogo | J. C. Cassell | Marshall | 12 | 11 | | | 357 |
| Union | J. H. P. Jones | Berryville | S. R. Maxwell | Densmore | 24 | 24 | 12 | | 400 |
| Mountain Grove | O. D. Pressly | Quitman | A. B. Oguin | Rosebud | 7 | 4 | | | 105 |
| Arkansas | I. J. Wilson | Gravelly | O. C. Hunt | Waldron | 13 | 10 | 4 | 30 | 543 |
| Big Springs | | | | | 9 | 6 | | | 287 |
| TOTAL | | | | | 177 | 154 | 36 | 337 | 7967 |

To the Clerks: Be sure to get your reports to me next year before the Association meets. The letters can be gone over and the credentials committee will be able to make its report on short notice. We were handicapped this year by not having reports from the different Associations even after we met, so please get me your reports before the meeting. Bro. J. H. Meek had a fine report and it reached me several days before the State Association. So imitate him by sending reports ahead of meeting.

Another thing I wish to mention is this: Let the Clerk of each Association send the name of all the ministers with their addresses also the clerks of the different churches in the different Associations. There are two or three Associations that do this but the rest fail. I could write to all these Associations but I might fail to get the Minutes out on time, in fact, I have waited a month and have written several letters before I could get the desired information to put in this Minute. Some clerks respond, others do not, hence the delay.

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