

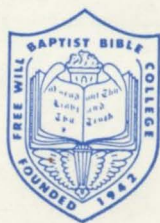
PROCEEDINGS
—OF THE—
Sixteenth Annual Session
—OF THE—
Canadian Association
—OF—
Free Will Baptists

Held with Shady Grove Church, Wetumka,
Oklahoma, August 11, 12, 13,

1921

REV. J. T. CHAMPION, Moderator.
REV. T. R. KAMPPLAIN, Clerk,
Wetumka, Okla.

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PROCEEDINGS

The 16th Annual Session of the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists met as per adjournment with the Shady Grove church, 1½ miles east of Wetumka, Okla., Thursday night, before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1921.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. T. J. Townsend, he being chosen at the previous meeting.

Text: Matt. 9:15, 16.

Adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING

Met per adjournment. After singing the Moderator read the 23rd Psalm. Prayer by Rev. W. K. Smith.

Proceeded with the election of officers for ensuing year which resulted in the election of Rev. J. T. Champion, Moderator, Rev. O. P. Westbrook, Asst. Moderator, T. R. Kamp-plain, Clerk and Treasurer, Joe Mason, Assistant.

Letters were presented from seven churches, as follows:

Shady Grove, for minutes	\$3.00
Mountain View, for minutes	3.00
Liberty No. 2, for minutes	1.00
Mount Pleasant, for minutes75
Byrd Springs, for minutes	1.50
Payden, for minutes	2.50
Lawnwood, for minutes	2.00

Letters were read and hand of fellowship given and delegates seated. Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us in council.

Called for petitionary letters. Two were presented.

Fair View church, Dustin, Okla., minutes, \$1.50.

Light House church, Seminole, Okla., minutes, \$1.50.

Letters read, hand of fellowship given and delegates seated.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Divine Service—G. A. Eason, J. D. Campbell, G. H. Jones.

On Resolutions—J. H. Vanzant, N. J. Munsey, G. A. Eason, J. S. Breshears, G. G. Thomas, G. W. Moody, with all ministers present.

Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

Preaching by Rev. W. K. Smith at 11 o'clock, Rev. W. H. Carter to follow.

FRIDAY EVENING

Met per adjournment. After singing and prayer by Rev. W. L. Hutchins, the Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Obituary—Bros. N. J. Munsey, Luther Coffee, E. W. Lunsford.

On Temperance—Rev. A. A. Miller, Rev. W. K. Smith, Rev. W. L. Hutchins.

On Sunday Schools—Rev. G. W. Harlen, Bro. F. B. Brooks, J. W. Rodgers.

On Finance—Sister Rosa Carter, Luetta Trammell, Fannie Townsend.

Called for report of committees. The committee on Temperance submitted a report; report read and received and committee discharged.

Motion and second to suspend rules and receive Oak Grove church on statement of its pastor, Rev. W. H. Carter. Motion carried.

Motion and second to re-write the motion and second in our 1920 minutes in regard to A. J. Wilmoth's case and send him a copy. Carried.

Motion that this association prefer charges against Eld. A. J. Wilmoth for falsifying and call for his credentials, and that he be excluded from our association. This taken from 1920 minutes.

Motion and second to call on Rev. W. T. Walden to surrender his credentials back to the F. W. B., as he has joined the M. B. church. Carried.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on arrangements: Rev. T. J. Townsend, Bro. B. M. Mayfield, Bro. F. B. Brooks.

Committee on Divine Services reports Bro. W. P. Scott to preach tonight and Bro. A. A. Miller follow.

Motion and seconded to adjourn to meet at 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

Prayer by Bro. G. W. Harlan.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Met per adjournment, singing and prayer by Bro. A. A. Miller.

Called for reports of committees, and the following reported:

The Committee on Finance made a partial report; report read, motion and second to receive report and retain committee further. Motion and second that we adopt the articles of faith as laid down in the minutes of the First Oklahoma Association; carried.

The committee on Building Sheds and Improving Grounds made a report. After some discussion the matter was tabled to be taken up later.

Motion and second to adjourn till 2 o'clock P. M. Carried.

Bro. Davis to preach at 11 o'clock. Bro Hutchins to follow. Prayer by Bro. T. J. Townsend.

SATURDAY EVENING

Met per adjournment at 2 o'clock. After singing and prayer proceeded with the business of the association.

Motion and second to take up report of building committee. Carried. See report.

Motion and second to receive report of treasurer of building committee; carried. See report.

Elected T. R. Kampplain treasurer of building committee.

Motion and second to receive report of committee on Sunday schools, and discharge committee. Carried. See report.

Motion and second to receive report of committee on Obituary; carried. See report.

Motion and second to receive report of Finance Committee; carried. See report.

Motion and second to receive report of committee on Resolutions; carried. See report.

Motion and second to receive report of committee on Temperance; carried. See report.

Moved that Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in August of each year be the time for the annual meeting of the association. Carried.

Moved that we receive Rev. W. K. Smith back into the association; carried.

As our minutes were incomplete last year, our clerk was instructed to place in them all that was necessary.

Motion and second to receive final report of Finance Committee and discharge committee. Carried. See report.

Motion and second to receive report of committee on Sunday schools and discharge committee; carried. See report.

Motion and second that the treasurer of the association be authorized to pay any expense of the association. Carried.

Motion and second that we elect T. R. Kampllain permanent clerk of the association and pay him for his services; carried.

Moved that we have 300 minutes printed; carried.

Moved that we send our minutes to the F. W. B. Pub. Co., Ayden, N. C.; carried.

Rev. W. K. Smith was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at the next association, Rev. O. P. Westbrook, alternate.

Motion and second that we tender our heartfelt thanks to Shady Grove church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay with them. May God's richest blessings rest upon them, is the prayer of the association.

Moved to receive the minutes as read; carried.

T. R. Kampllain to preach Saturday night, followed by Rev. J. T. Champion. Rev. T. J. Townsend to preach Sunday at 11 o'clock, followed by Rev. O. P. Westbrook. Rev. T. J. Townsend to preach the funeral of Allen Smith.

Motion and second to adjourn to meet on Thursday night before the second Sunday night in Aug., 1922.

REV. J. T. CHAMPION, Moderator,

T. R. KAMPLPLAIN, Clerk and Treasurer.

Note By Clerk

A word to the brethren and sisters in regard to making Shady Grove the permanent home of our association: You know what a good meeting we had and how we pledged ourselves to contribute to the preparing of the grounds. The time has come for us to send in our funds and begin our work. Let me remind you again, if we are to have things like they ought to be we must respond with our means. You that gave your name and amount you would give, please send it in now. Brethren, let's not be so slothful, but get right to work and be prepared for our next meeting. Shady Grove church can be prepared and made a place we will all be proud of. So let all do what they can and make your arrangements to come next year to one of the best sessions of the association, and one of the grandest meetings of all.

May God wonderfully bless each of you.

Your obedient servant,

T. R. KAMPLAIN.

Obituary.

The Committee on Obituary submit the following report: We find that since our last association God has removed from our midst, three of our beloved brethren. Bro. Allen Smith from Shady Grove church. Bro. Smith was 47 years old. Professed a hope in Christ and joined the Free Will Baptist church about 15 years ago, had lived a faithful member of the church ever since.

Bro. W. H. Burch of Mt. View church. Bro. Burch was 80 years old and was a member of Mt. View church at the time of his death.

Bro. J. P. Smith, who had been a member of the Free Will Baptist church for 55 years and a minister for 50 years.

We will miss these brethren from our churches and our association. But God knows best and doeth all things well, and we bow to his will. May God help us to live in such a way that we may meet them in a better world. The families of these brethren have our heartfelt sympathy. May God bless them in their bereavement and help them through this world to a better one, where no sad partings come.

N. J. MUNSEY, Chairman.

Temperance

We, the committee on Temperance, submit the following: We believe that a great majority of the crimes committed are caused from the use and unlawful sale of intoxicating drinks, which is detrimental to the cause of christianity;

morality and decency; blighting the fairest flowers of our country. It clouds the mind, corrupts the morals of both old and young, wrecks many otherwise happy lives and homes, and laughs at the ruin it has wrought. None are exempt from its direful influence.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we recommend a rigid enforcement of our prohibition laws, and that we assist in the enforcement of the same.

That our ministers preach one or more discourse to each church they pastor during the year on Temperance.

W. K. SMITH, Chairman.

Sunday Schools.

Your committee on Sunday schools submit the following: That each minister and deacon organize a Sunday school in each church if possible; that the Bible be used by all who can read it and that we use our own literature as we have a publishing company.

We believe the Sunday school to be the nursery of the church and that each church should report its Sunday school at the association.

G. W. HARLAN, Chairman.

Finance

We, your committee on Finance submit the following report:

Churches sent in for minutes	\$17.80
Donated	9.00
In the treasury	7.32
Total	\$34.12

Committee:

ROSA CARTER,
LUETTA TRAMMELL,
FANNIE TOWNSEND.

Report of Associational Treasurer for last year.

Total amount in Treasurer	\$25.00
Cost of minutes	\$16.58
Mailing expense	1.10 \$17.68
Balance on hand	\$ 7.32

JOE MASON, Treas.

Building and Improvements

We, your committee on building sheds and improving submit the following:

That funds be solicited by the committee and the same

to be paid in cash or in the fall, and that lots or camping places be leased or rented to parties wishing to occupy them, and the proceeds be turned in to the treasurer of this committee. Same to be used to build and improve the church grounds.

G. A. EASON, Chairman.

Resolutions

The Committee on Resolutions submits the following: That the 14th article of our constitution read: "All candidates for the ministry preach under license until the church to which he belongs calls for his ordination."

Resolution No. 2.—Resolved that the committee on Resolutions consist of each minister present and one delegate from each church.

No. 3.—That each pastor preach as many as two doctrinal sermons during the year to each church.

T. J. TOWNSEND, Chairman.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call for Letters.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Reading Rules of Order.
6. Invitation to Delegates and Brethren to seats.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Call for Report of Committees.
9. Call for Report of Treasurer.

RULES OF CHURCH CONFERENCE.

1. Call church in conference.
2. Inviting visitors to seats in council.
3. Reading minutes of preceding conference.
4. Call for peace of church.
5. Unfinished business.
6. Unfinished business.
6. Inquire if any are sick or in distress.
7. New business.
8. Invitation for members.
9. Adjournment.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church.	Pastor.	Meeting Day.	Members
Shady Grove—T. J. Townsend		4th Sunday	40
Lawnwood—O. P. Westbrook		3rd Sunday	59
Byrd Springs—R. L. Roberts		1st Sunday	20
Paden—W. K. Smith		2nd Sunday	39
Mountain View—W. P. Scott		1st Sunday	47
Liberty, No. 2—No Pastor		2nd Sunday	15
Mount Pleasant—A. A. Miller		2nd Sunday	21
Fairview—A. A. Miller		1st Sunday	21
Lighthouse—A. B. Eperson		1st Sunday	48
Oak Grove—W. H. Carter		2nd Sunday	17

Addresses of Church Clerks

Shady Grove—B. M. Mayfield	Wetumka, Okla.
Lawnwood—Nola Westbrook	Wetumka, Okla.
Byrd Springs—J. J. Reddick	Weeleetka, Okla.
Paden—H. L. Carson	Paden, Okla.
Mountain View—Edna Moody	Calvin, Okla.
Liberty, No. 2—B. M. Dickerson	Yeager Okla.
Mount Pleasant—S. E. Vanzant	Welty, Okla.
Fairview—Maud Miller	Dustin, Okla.
Lighthouse—I. S. Sprague	Seminole, Okla.
Oak Grove—Fred Holden	Beggs, Okla.

Postoffice Addresses of Ministers Present

W. R. Smith	Welty, Oklahoma
T. J. Townsend	Wetumka, Oklahoma
R. L. Roberts	Wetumka, Oklahoma
T. R. Kampplain	Wetumka, Oklahoma
J. T. Champion	Welty, Oklahoma
W. H. Carter	Tuskegee, Oklahoma
W. L. Hutchins	Yeager, Oklahoma
W. P. Scott	Naldenville, Oklahoma
O. P. Westbrook	Okemah, Oklahoma
A. A. Miller	Dustin, Oklahoma
G. W. Ruke	Calvin, Oklahoma

Ministers Absent

N. G. Hatchet	Wetumka, Oklahoma
G. W. Bailey	
A. B. Eperson	
I. K. Green	Weeleetka, Oklahoma
J. M. Hollingshead	Colvin, Oklahoma

FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and "to provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotion, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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

FREEWILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **The Bible.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **God.** There is one living and truer God revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. **Christ.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The Mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. **The Holy Spirit.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide and sanctifier of men.

5. **The Government of God.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **The Sinfulness of Man.** Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **The Work of Christ.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of Salvation by faith.

8. **The Terms of Salvation.** The conditions of Salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of ones self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **Election.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. **Freedom of the Will.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist men and perish.

11. **Salvation Free.** God desires the salvation of all,

the God invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take the water of life freely.

12. **Perseverance.** All believers in Christ; who through grace, perseverance in holiness to the end of life have promise of eternal salvation.

13. **Gospel Ordinances.** Baptism, or the immersion of the believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. **The Christian Sabbath.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. **Resurrection, Judgment, Final Retribution.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done ill to the resurrection of judgment; their the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Rules of Order for Association.

1. The Association when met shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

3. Any person speaking shall not be interrupted by anyone except the Moderator, until he is through speaking; nor shall the Moderator unless he breaks order.

4. Any person speaking shall adhere to the subject in question, and shall not cast any personal reflection on him who may have spoken.

5. No person shall speak more than three times on any one subject without leave of the Association.

6. No member shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.

The members shall all be addressed by the appellation of brother or sister.

8. No member shall absent himself from the Association while in session without leave.

9. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled, and called over as the Association deems necessary.

10. No member shall speak more than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the Association.

11. Any person who shall knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator according to the direction of the Association.

THE LAW OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

By Rev. William Mankin.

The Lord's Supper was instituted for God's people. They all have equal rights to the supper and the right is a birthright. "For by one spirit we are all baptized into one body." I. Cor. 12:13. This is not water baptism, but spiritual baptism. Again Christ says, "I am the door by me if any man enter in he shall be saved." John 10:29. "He that entereth not by the door into the sheep fold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." There is but one door, and He says He is that door, and he that cometh in at the door should have full fellowship and equal rights with all other Christians. Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat that bread and drink of that cup; for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not the church, but to himself. It is a personal matter in judging and eating. The church that does judge and exclude any of God's people is not acting in keeping with the instructions given by the church at 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 believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea." Matt. 18:6, I. Cor. 10:30, 13:32. It is contended that they of the same faith and order should be entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. I admit that Christ is the true faith and his church true order, and that faith is the means by which men belong to the true order. If this is what is meant by the same faith we shall not object: we are agreed. But if sect is referred to, we object. As to order, if nothing but gospel order is meant, very well; but we do not believe that one child of God should dictate just what another should believe, or what church he should belong to in order that he may be in the right church, for the visible church is but an organic body of Christians, and placing your name on the church book of the best church on earth does not make you a Christian. The eunuch that believed and was baptized but what church did he join? Here is faith and here is order. Now we ask if the eunuch were to wish to commune with some of the churches, would he be allowed the right? No he is not the same faith and order, yet he is admitted in heaven, but could not be admitted to a sectarian table. At the Lord's table, all his people have a perfect right, be he who he may, and when the supper is set, and all of God's people are not invited it is not the Lord's but a sectarian supper. "So we, being many are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another"

(Rom. 12:5,) 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 way he has a legal 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." Cor. 10:17. By partaking we exhibit a oneness of that body. Who is meant by "we"? It certainly means all Christians of all ages. "When you come together, tarry one for 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 judges with power to discern the pure from the impure. But the standpoint from which to judge is water baptism, and a legal administration, of the same. So if baptism 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 of the privileges of any church. To admit immersion to be the only mode of baptism, and a true believer receiving it, is not this all right? Some would answer, "If by a legal administrator, this is all that is wanting." Is it not purely a personal matter? So it is the duty of the preacher to baptize and of the applicant to be baptized. When this is done, each has performed a personal duty. If I had never been baptized and had to wait until I found one whom I knew to be a legal administrator, I would never be baptized at all, as I cannot know the heart of man. Two acting in concert, one acting in good faith, and the other not. Every Christian is strictly responsible for his own acts, and not for another. Simon the sorcerer, "believed and was baptized," and that by a legal administrator, and yet it was discovered that he was not a Christian. So we see baptism by a legal administrator does not confer any claims to Christian right, as this proves to be a personal matter for we clearly see that the apostle, inspired as he was, did not discover the evil of Simon's heart neither can we know the heart of man. When we do our duty it is ours; when an applicant, it is his. So we find that repentance, faith, baptism and Christian duties, are all personally accountable to God and not to man. Various are the opinions of men, and the way we account for them is in capacity of men and if we use the capacity of God has given we do not think that we should be eternally condemned for what we cannot help. The church of Christ is divided into many members, but is one spiritual body, and Christ is Head. They should have the same care for each other that the fleshly body has for its

members. Should Christians iommune together at the members. Should Christians commune together at the Lord's table? "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder." Christians do all feel alike if they do not think alike. They can preach together, sing together and love together, and should they not commune together? Then a union and free communion is forced upon us. Christ said he would drink no more of the fruit of the vine until he should drink it anew in his kingdom. So assembled at God's table, in heaven, so we should be on earth.

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Canadian Association of Freewill Baptists, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union and communion among us and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better church government.

Art. 1. Membership.—This Association is composed of ordained ministers and deacons, with delegates chosen by the different churches in our union not exceeding three delegates from each church, who, upon presenting letters, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. Letters from each church represented will express their number in fellowship, and number of ordained and licentiate ministers, and their postoffice addresses, the number of members received upon confession of faith, by letter or recommendation, by restoration or denominational choice, the number dismissed by letter, excluded or died, since last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen when assembled with the minister and deacons to denominate the Canadian Association of Freewill Baptists, being composed of several churches.

Sec. 2. The Association having no power to lord it over to God's heritage.

Sec. 3. Reserving the right of withdrawal from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 4. Officers.—The Association to have a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who are to be chosen by the members present.

Art. 5. New Churches.—Newly constituted churches may be admitted into this Association, who petition by letter and delegates; and if upon examination found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the Association and given the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 6. Questions.—No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless it has first been discussed in its own church, when not of a general nature, and interest to the churches.

Art. 7. Motions.—Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person making it.

Art. 8. Minutes.—The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches minutes of the Association in proportion to the members in each church at the direction of the church.

Art. 9. Clerk.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file on the minutes of the Association for official record of the Association.

Art. 10. Signatures.—The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the close of the Association.

Art. 11. Amendments.—Amendments for the constitution may be made when necessary, by a two-third vote of the members present.

Art. 12. Ordinances.—The pastor of the church shall preach once to each church, they pastor on the ordinances of the church each year, and one discourse on temperance.

Art. 13. That every church shall call their pastor, state what amount they can raise, and it shall be the duty of the deacons to solicit and raise the amount of funds necessary for all expenses of the church, act as treasurer, keeping account of business, and report all transactions to the church, the deacons shall select one of their number to act as treasurer, provided the church has no treasurer.

Art. 14. All candidates for the ministry shall preach under license till the church to which he belongs call for his ordination. Said license to be issued by the church of which he is a member and shall be approved at each annual session of the Association.

Art. 15. Treasury.—Resolved, That each church have a treasury and come together and subscribe the amount they are willing to pay into the treasury during the year for the support of the ministry, widows, orphans and incidental expenses, and that said amount be paid quarterly, and that said funds shall not be paid out except by order of the church.

LETTER OF DISMISSION.

This certifies that is a member in good standing of the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ at, and as such we recommend him (or her) to the fellowship of God's people, and is dismissed from us when united with another church.

Done in church conference 192.....

....., Pastor.

....., Clerk.

..... P. O., County, Okla.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION.

..... County, Oklahoma.

We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ, at Church, to the Center Association, composed of Freewill Baptists, assembled with of

We send as delegates from our church Bros.

....., whom we pray you to receive to aid in your deliberations. (Add full statistical reports.)

Done in church conference 19.....

....., Moderator.

....., Clerk.

