

MINUTES
OF THE
...Fifty-Fifth Annual Session...
OF THE
Cumberland...
...Association
OF
FREEWILL-CHRISTIAN BAPTISTS
Held with Hopewell Church, Montgomery County,
Tennessee, October 20, 21, 22,
1898.

REV. G. W. CARNEY, Moderator.
J. W. CARTER, Clerk, 1700 Polk Street, Nashville, Tenn.

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GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional fifty members or fraction thereof ; and such delegates producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

2. In the letter from each church shall be expressed the number received by experience, letter, recommendation, restoration. Also number dismissed by letter, excluded and died since last Association, and the total number enrolled.

3. This Association shall possess no power to infringe on the inherent rights of churches.

4. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper code of rules, which they are authorized to establish for themselves.

5. They may elect a moderator, secretary and treasurer from among themselves, and they shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

6. New churches may be received into the union, who shall petition by letter or delegate, if they have been regularly organized upon a profession of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and are walking according to gospel order.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall be in order, and shall come under the consideration of the Association, except when withdrawn by consent.

8. This Association shall furnish each church with minutes of their proceedings, in the proportion to the amount of money sent by each church ; and in order to enable the Association to print their minutes, it is expected that each church will send up such sums of money as they think proper, and when received it shall be placed in the hands of a trustee appointed for that purpose, and may be disbursed by order of said Association.

9. For the purpose of ordaining ministers of the gospel, and deacons, who shall come with recommendation from their churches, and to try all ordained members for unchristian conduct, who have been tried by their churches and found guilty, there shall be an annual presbytery, which shall convene at the

close of the Association, at the same time and place. Said presbytery shall consist of all ordained members present, and they shall elect a moderator and clerk from among themselves for the time being, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected. It shall be the duty of said presbytery to examine all applicants for ordination, sent up with recommendations from their churches composing this association; if found competent, shall ordain and set them apart for the work by prayer and laying on of hands. Said presbytery shall have full power to try all ordained members for unchristian conduct, and on proper testimony their decision shall be valid.

10. It shall be the duty of each minister who shall organize a church to ordain deacons for the same. It shall be his duty, also, to ordain deacons where a vacancy occurs in his charge.

11. No member shall be ordained until he can fill the requirements of Paul's first letter to Timothy, 3rd chapter, and this shall be tested by the presbytery. Said presbytery shall have full power to propound scriptural questions as they shall see proper, and all candidates shall be required to answer them satisfactorily.

12. This Association may exclude from its body any church that walks disorderly or teaches heresy.

13. All questions coming before this Association shall be determined by a majority, except excluding churches, which shall receive the concurrence of two-thirds.

14. Representatives from five churches shall constitute a quorum to transact business, and no business shall be transacted without a quorum.

15. The minutes of this Association shall be read before them and revised and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and attested by the clerk.

16. This Association may adjourn at any time and place it may think proper, so as to confine it among the churches composing the same.

17. Amendments may be made in this form of government at any time, by a majority of the members present composing this Association voting in behalf of the amendment.

18. When this Association shall have convened, it is the privilege of all ordained members belonging to the Cumberland Association of Freewill Baptists to sit in council with us and propose resolutions, coming before this body as though they were delegated by the church.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one true and living God, The Father the Son and Holy Ghost.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the old Testament are the words of divine inspiration given to Abraham's children, and that the New Testament contains the only proper rules for the faith of the Christian churches.

ART. 3. We believe in the depravity of man, and man's inability to recover himself from his fallen condition without a Divine Mediator.

ART. 4. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the Scriptures, suffered and died upon the cross, and thereby made a full atonement for every human being; and by His obedient life, satisfactory death, and triumphant resurrection and glorious ascension, ever advocating at his Father's throne, hath brought in an everlasting salvation for every sinner that will repent, believe, and obey his word.

ART. 5. We believe that the faithful Christian will never fall from Grace, notwithstanding we believe in the free moral agency of man after justification, and that there is a possible danger of falling into sin and being finally lost.

ART. 6. We believe, according to the Scriptures—Paul's letter to the Hebrews, 6th chapter, 1st to 7th verses—that after a man has been made partaker of the Holy Ghost, if he shall fall from grace, it is impossible ever to renew him again unto repentance, or restore him again unto the favor of God.

ART. 7. We believe Baptism and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the saints' feet, are all ordinances ordained and instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects and the proper mode of baptism is immersion, and that it is the duty of all believers to attend to these ordinances.

ART. 8. We believe in the general judgment and the joys of the righteous, and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ART. 9. We believe, according to the Scriptures—1st Corinthians, 10th chapter, 16th verse—that each individual, having

been induced into the Kingdom of Christ by an operative influence of the Holy Ghost, and having faith to exercise the free dictations of his own conscience, is in communion with saints.

ART. 10. We believe in the justification of infants by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, in passive state, and thereby adopting them heirs of His kingdom.

RULES OF DECORUM.

This Association shall be opened by singing and prayer. Only one person shall speak at a time. All addresses made by the members shall be to the moderator, and the person addressing shall rise to his feet.

The brother shall not be interrupted during his speech by anyone except the moderator, except he violates order. The person thus speaking shall strictly confine himself to the subject in debate, nor cast any personal reflection toward any member of this body who has spoken previously.

No person shall be allowed to speak more than three times on any one subject, without leave of a majority of the Association.

No person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking. Members shall use the word "brother" or "brethren" in all debates.

No member shall absent himself without leave from the Association.

The names of the members of this body shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over as often as necessary, providing a call be made by a member of the Association.

No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any time, without leave of the moderator.

Any member who shall willfully and knowingly violate any of these rules shall be reported by the moderator, and be subject to the censure of the Association.

Adopted in council this Saturday before the first Lord's day in October, 1867, as a standing decorum, though subject to revision by a majority of members voting for revision.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

1. Reading letters from various churches.
2. Calling for petitionary letters.
3. Calling for corresponding letters from sister churches.
4. Appointment of committees.
5. Adjournment.

SECOND DAY.

1. Calling the roll.
2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
3. Hearing reports of standing committees.
4. Hearing reports of special committees.

Form of Church Letter to the Association.

We, the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ at — church, — county, Tenn., to the Cumberland Association of Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ, when convened with — church, — county, Tenn. We have chosen our messengers, to-wit: —, —, —. Our statistics are as follows: Received by experience, —; by letter, —; by recommendation, —; by restoration, —. Dismissed by letter, —; excluded, —; died, —. Total number in fellowship, —. Our day of meeting is—. Our present pastor is——. This done by order of the church on the — day of —.

— —, Moderator.

— —, Clerk.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS.

J. H. Hudgens, Clerk.....	Sycamore, Tenn.
G. R. Head.....	Turnersville, "
G. W. Binkley, 1508 Polk St.....	Nashville, "
Thomas Hazlewood.....	Jordonia, "
W. D. Haliburton.....	Daniel, "
C. H. Pickle.....	Cross Plains, "
W. M. Rogers.....	Office C, Nashville, "
J. Blake.....	Cumberland City, "
J. E. Curtis.....	Bordeaux, "
E. F. Miles, Jr.....	Ashland City, "
W. A. Brown.....	Station C, Nashville, "
G. V. Frey.....	Halfpone, "
J. W. Ayers.....	Pleasant Valley, "
G. W. Hunt.....	Turnersville, "
J. W. Carter, 1700 Polk St.....	Nashville, "
G. W. Carney.....	Marrowbone, "
W. F. Presley.....	Station C, Nashville, "
G. A. Davis.....	Bumpus Mills, "
J. W. Gardener.....	Morney, "
A. D. Duncan, McNary street, 924.....	Nashville, "
James Nicholson.....	Nashville, "
Sylvester Crow.....	Duel, "
S. A. Myatt.....	Dickson, "
J. A. Chadwick.....	Dickson, "
W. B. Waggoner.....	Erin, "
J. W. Winters.....	Stewart Station, "

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.		POST-OFFICES. (All in Tennessee)		DELEGATES.											
						Day of Meeting	For Minutes	Total Members	Dead	Excluded	Dismissed	Restored	By Recommendation	Received by Experience	
Rock Spring.....	Sobel, Dickson Co.....	M. S. Harris, E. W. Patterson, J. P. J. B. P. C. and H. D. Hagedwood.....	5	1	1	3	191	\$1 50	4	3	1	1	1	1	4
Head's.....	Turnersville, Robertson Co.....	T. B. Harris, R. M. Luter, G. P. Gover, R. C. Farmer, J. L. Lawrence.....	5	1	1	3	239	2 00	3	3	1	1	1	1	1
Bethlehem.....	Ashland City, Cheatham Co.....	W. T. Sanders, L. E. Walker, W. J. Beard, A. E. Bayette, G. W. Manie.....	23	1	1	5	181	2 50	5	5	1	1	1	1	1
Good Spring.....	Pinnacle, Cheatham Co.....	T. H. Mayo, T. H. Hammers, T. R. Procter, T. H. England.....	4	1	1	2	76	1 05	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
Oakland.....	Morney, Davidson Co.....	Wm. Holt, Joe Carter, Chas. Henderson.....	5	4	6	2	60	1 50	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
Charity.....	Marrowbone, Cheatham Co.....	R. S. Demunbrine, P. M. Simpkins, W. M. Simpkins.....	5	1	2	1	102	1 35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Oak Lawn.....	Pleasant View, Cheatham Co.....	W. H. Nichols, R. C. Watts.....	13	1	5	4	109	1 00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mt. Zion.....	Hoffasville, Cheatham Co.....	J. T. Newman, T. H. Read, G. T. Harris, W. K. Stornat, T. W. Kranty.....	13	1	3	5	285	3 10	4	4	1	1	1	1	4
Coffey's Chapel.....	Nashville, Davidson Co.....	J. H. Bradford, D. T. Armstrong, Ella Armstrong, E. S. Prewitt.....	13	1	3	6	73	1 20	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Hickory Grove.....	Dickson Station, Dickson Co.....	G. W. Grizzle, A. Bishop, J. K. and J. E. Clifton, G. B. Murrell.....	3	1	3	1	73	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Mt. Storm.....	Humus Mills, Stewart Co.....	W. M. Caspere.....	5	1	1	1	85	1 50	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Bethel.....	Halfpore, Cheatham Co.....	R. M. Flambrough, G. W. Flambrough, W. J. Dabitt, C. H. Stewart.....	5	1	1	1	53	75	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Mt. Pleasant.....	Morney, Cheatham Co.....	H. V. Abernathy, B. P. Bracy, C. C. Goble.....	10	1	12	1	73	1 00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Shady Grove.....	Betsytown, Dickson Co.....	W. D. Owen, J. T. Davidson, M. F. Peacher.....	13	1	1	1	40	2 00	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Hopewell.....	Fredonia, Montgomery Co.....	J. T. Welker, T. M. Taylor, W. H. Jackson.....	5	1	1	1	80	1 00	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Pleasant Hill.....	Lover Stewart Co.....	E. F. Roney, C. T. Dowell.....	16	2	8	1	67	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Greenwood.....	Cross Plains, Robertson Co.....	S. S. Mayo, W. W. Sherry, H. C. Adcock, A. Carney.....	2	5	1	1	23	1 00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
New Hope.....	Pleasant View, Cheatham Co.....	D. C. Neal, Wm. Walker.....	1	1	1	1	67	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
Beautiful Home.....	Ardee.....	T. V. Smith, Dick Smith.....	1	1	1	1	30	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
Smith's Grove.....	Heath, Dickson Co.....	C. F. Wells, Robt. Carroll, Jas. Gafford.....	1	1	1	1	38	1 00	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Maple Valley.....	Batson's Store, Dickson Co.....	Fronte Albright, Willie Lewis.....	6	1	1	1	16	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Stony Point.....	Stewart Station, Dickson Co.....	J. T. McCreary, James Fields, D. C. Wallace.....	3	2	1	1	13	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Mt. Liberty.....	Vanleer.....	Wm. Story.....	1	1	1	1	16	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Antioch.....	Stewart Station, Houston Co.....	Rev. J. W. Winters.....	1	1	1	1	13	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wanum Grove.....	McEwin, Humphreys Co.....	Rev. W. B. Wagoner.....	5	1	1	1	5	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Herican Chapel.....	Port Royal.....	No Intelligence.....	1	1	1	1	5	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Olivet.....	Chattanooga.....	No Intelligence.....	1	1	1	1	5	60	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ibenezet.....	Chattanooga.....	No Intelligence.....	1	1	1	1	5	60	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

MINUTES



... **O**F THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSSION OF
THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION OF FREE-
WILL-CHRISTIAN BAPTISTS held with Hope-
well Church, Montgomery County, Tenn., October 20, 1898.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. W. M. Rodgers. Text—James 1-27.

Permanent officers—Rev. G. W. Carney, Moderator ; Rev. W. A. Brown, Assistant ; J. W. Carter, Clerk ; J. E. Curtis, Assistant.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m. for refreshments.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional exercises led by Rev. G. V. Frey.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats in council with us. Letters received from the various churches as will be found in the table of statistics, and the names of the delegates enrolled. Petitionary letters called for—received the following : Walnut Grove and Herican referred to a committee for investigation ; S. W. Patterson, G. M. Hunt, G. W. Binkley, committee.

The following committees were appointed, to-wit :

Pulpit Supplies—C. H. Pickle, J. T. Davidson, M. L. Peacher.

Obituary—J. E. Hudgens, J. A. Chadwick, L. B. Shannon.

Literature—G. V. Frey, J. W. Carter, G. W. Binkley.

Missionary—W. M. Rogers, C. H. Pickle, W. F. Presley.

Temperance—W. H. Jackson, W. B. Waggoner, W. W. Sterry.

Finance—B. Murrell, Edmond Clifton, Frank Roney.

Sunday-School—J. E. Curtis, C. T. Dowell, E. F. Miles.

Committee relative to a change of constitution—J. H. Mayo, J. E. Hudgens, E. F. Miles.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises led by the Moderator ; prayer by Rev. J. W. Carter. Report of committees called for.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

The Committee on Devotional Services reported as follows :

Revs. W. F. Presley, and W. A. Brown, Thursday night.

Revs. J. E. Hudgens and G. W. Binkley, Friday morning.

Revs. G. W. Carney and E. F. Miles, Friday night.

Revs. G. V. Frey and W. B. Waggoner, Saturday morning.

Revs. J. W. Carter and J. E. Curtis, Saturday night.

Rev. W. M. Rogers, Sunday morning and Sunday night.

COMMITTEE.

Course of study required of applicants for ordination to the full work of the ministry in the Cumberland Association of Free-will Christian Baptists :

1. The applicant must read the Old and New Testament systematically.

2. He must be proficient in the English language.

3. He shall be required to read some standard work on Theology which this Association shall designate.

J. E. HUDGENS,

G. W. CARNEY,

Committee.

Report adopted by striking out the third article.

We, your Committee on Petitionary Letters and Request, submit the following report : We recommend that the petitionary letters be received—Walnut Grove Church and Herican Church. Report adopted and delegates invited to seats.

OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries submit the following report : We praise God for his goodness, for death has not broken our ministerial ranks since our last Association. Many of our lay members have been called from labor to reward. We deplore our loss and extend to their bereaved families our deepest and most heartfelt sympathies and commend them to God and to the word of His grace for comfort and guidance.

J. E. HUDGENS,

J. A. CHADWICK.

LITERATURE.

That the bible is the best of all classics and in itself an inexhaustible source of knowledge. That we recommend for our ministers, officials and laity a systematic study of the bible.

2. That we reindorse the Freewill Baptist, published at

Ayden, N. C., as our official organ. That we recommend the Owensboro Messenger, The Morning Star, published at Boston, Mass., and that we use Freewill Baptist Literature in our Sunday-schools.

COMMITTEE.

TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, We believe the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors is the greatest evil the devil ever used for the destruction of the souls of God's people.

Resolved, That our ministers and every christian of this Association shall preach, pray and use all our influence for its extermination from our land and country.

COMMITTEE.

MISSIONARY WORK.

WHEREAS, Our great Commander and Captain of our Salvation, has ordered us to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Therefore

Resolved, That we recognize the plain duty of this command to give the gospel to all men everywhere, at home and across the seas in foreign lands.

Resolved, That we recognize the duty of giving of our means for the support of missionaries in our home land and in foreign lands.

Resolved, That our faithful pastors, who are properly missionaries, should receive a proper support for their services while laboring for our home churches.

Resolved, That especially we recognize the importance of a home missionary for the Cumberland Association, who shall hold special meetings and assist in bringing about better methods and plans, and in organizing and caring for the churches.

Resolved, That we endorse the last resolution under "Missionary Work" found in last year's minutes.

The following is the resolution referred to above :

"That the Moderator of this Association appoint a home mission board, consisting of three, and that said board organize by electing from their number a chairman, secretary and treasurer, and that said board lay out and supervise the work of said missionary, and that he make quarterly report to said board, and an annual report of his work to this Association ; and that for his support the pastors of the various churches shall take quarterly collections, beginning in December (March, June and Sep-

tember), and that each member be requested to give at least five cents per quarter to said fund. The collections shall be sent at once to the treasurer of said board. That the missionary take collections wherever he may work, and report same to said board."

We recommend that said missionary not be confined to the Cumberland Association.

Rev. W. M. Rogers was elected as our home missionary by acclamation. He is also a traveling evangelist and we recommend him to any people desiring to co-operate with him for the salvation of souls.

COMMITTEE.

MISSION BOARD.

J. E. Curtis, Chairman, Bordeaux, Tenn.

C. E. Stewart, Secretary, Halfpore, Tenn.

J. B. Patton, Treasurer, Ashland, Tenn.

REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

We recommend that a part of the first sentence in Article 9 of Constitution be eliminated to-wit :

"Who have been tried by their churches and found guilty" and adding at the beginning of the second sentence the following : Said Presbytery shall be called in extraordinary session by the Moderator as often as necessity may require.

COMMITTEE.

The report was rejected and constitution to remain as it is.

FINANCE.

Committee reported \$27.60 for printing minutes.

MINISTERS' REPORTS.

W. M. Rodgers, for year ending October 19, 1898. Number of miles traveled 6,580 ; sermons preached 389 ; conversions 82 ; amount received \$611.21.

J. E. Hudgens—Churches in charge two ; members received into churches 31 ; baptized 30 ; marriage ceremonies 3 ; funerals 13 ; received \$125.00.

G. W. Binkley—Sermons preached 52 ; received into the church 24 ; baptized 13 ; visits 158 ; prayer meetings 46 ; funerals attended 21 ; marriage ceremonies 12 ; received \$175.95.

G. V. Frey—Sermons preached 137 ; baptized 20 ; conversions witnessed 25 ; received into the church 35 ; miles traveled 1082 ; funerals 7 ; received \$172.90.

W. F. Presley—Sermons preached 49; exhortations 19; funerals 2; marriage ceremonies 3; miles 214; received \$16.40.

J. W. Gardner—Churches in charge 2; sermons preached 74; conversions 15; baptized 4; miles traveled 449; funerals 4; marriages 3; received \$25.96.

L. B. Shannon—sermons preached 103; conversions 10; baptized 3; received into the church 6; married 1; received \$57.48.

G. W. Carney—Sermons 132; received into the church 33; baptized 24; funerals 13; marriage ceremonies 7; miles traveled 2,000; received \$101.85.

E. F. Miles—Sermons preached 14; exhortations 6; received into the church 1; baptized 5; marriages 2; received \$2.95.

J. W. Carter—Sermons 62; funerals 2; married 1; miles traveled 650; received \$18.00.

W. B. Waggoner—Sermons preached 75; conversions 6; baptized 6; received into the church 12; married 3; funerals 1; Sunday-schools organized 1; miles traveled on foot 1,000; received \$32.50.

A. D. Duncan—Home Missionary—Miles traveled 2,500; conversions 4; funerals 2; married 3; received from Coffey's Chapel \$26.25; received from J. B. Patton by the hands of D. T. Armstrong \$9.75; received from J. B. Patton \$35.94; public collections \$11.88; total \$83.82.

Verbal report was made by Bro. Curtis of a very encouraging nature.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises led by W. B. Waggoner.

A committee consisting of J. E. Hudgens, G. V. Frey and J. W. Carter appointed at the ministers' and deacons' meeting at Head's church to investigate the condition of the White House Church, to report at the next Association.

RESOLUTIONS

By J. W. Carter—1. That the churches in the country be grouped together, consisting of 2, 3 or not more than 4. Each group shall compose a circuit. If in town and the church strong enough to support a preacher to be called a station.

2. That in the midst of the groups, as near the center as possible, a parsonage be built for the preacher, each church contributing its part of the labor or money. This shall be done

as soon as the brethren composing the group think they are able to do it.

Resolved further, That the ministers and deacons of the Cumberland Association shall consult together at each ministers' and deacons' meeting for the purpose of grouping the churches until satisfactory arrangements can be made and final report and work completed by the next Association.

The above resolutions were adopted.

Other resolutions were made in connection with the above but were rejected.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional services led by W. F. Presley.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL REPORT.

WHEREAS, Sunday-schools are indispensable factors pertaining to the successful training of our people both old and young, and that the children are the future hope of our church, and that Sunday-schools are a part of the church. Therefore be it

Resolved 1st, That our pastors and church officials use every effort to establish and maintain Sunday-schools in our churches.

2. That as loyal men and women we shall see to it that their children attend our own schools where they may be taught according to our own belief.

3. That the pastor and church officers constitute a committee for the selection of superintendent of their respective churches.

Resolution by G. V. Frey—3. That the Association at its present sitting elect an ordinary council, consisting of three deacons and two ministers who shall proceed to organize by electing a chairman and secretary, and that all recommendations for ordination be presented to this council at the convening of the Association, whose duty it shall be to examine candidates for the ordination and report to the Presbytery the result of their examination.

Resolution adopted and the following committee appointed :

Deacons—C. T. Dowell, J. H. Mayo, B. Murrell.

Ministers—G. V. Frey and W. M. Rodgers.

4. That we continue to correspond with our sister Associations.

5. That Rev. J. E. Hudgens write and bear letter and fra-

ternal greetings to the Western Division of Stone Association Freewill-Christian Baptists.

6. That Rev. G. V. Frey write and bear letter and fraternal greetings to Eastern Division of the Stone Association Freewill-Christian Baptists.

7. That Rev. W. M. Rodgers as our fraternal messenger to represent us at the Annual Association of General Baptists to convene at Corrydon, Ky., November 16, 1898, way to be paid by the Association.

8. That J. E. Hudgens be corresponding secretary for this year.

9. That G. W. Carney preach the introductory sermon at next Annual Association. J. W. Carter, Alternate.

10. That J. B. Patton be the associational treasurer for this year.

11. Letter from Bro. Duncan tabled indefinitely.

12. That J. W. Carter superintend the printing of minutes, and be allowed seven dollars for the same.

13. Resolution from Bro. Curtis regarding the organization of churches. Tabled.

14. Resolved, That we tender a vote of thanks to the brethren and friends in the vicinity of Hopewell Church for their unbounded hospitality to this body during its present sitting.

15. That we adjourn to meet with Head's Church, Robertson County, Tenn., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1899, at 10 a. m.

REV. G. W. CARNEY, Moderator.

REV. W. A. BROWN, Assistant.

J. W. CARTER, Clerk.

J. E. CURTIS, Assistant.

MINUTES OF PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery convened October 22, 1898, and organized by electing Rev. G. W. Carney, Moderator and E. F. Miles, Jr., Clerk.

After devotional services, proceeded to transact the following business:

Letters of recommendation for ordination. One was received and a committee appointed to examine the applicant.—G. V. Frey, J. E. Hudgens and S. W. Patterson, Committee.

Unfinished business was called for. The case of Rev. J. L.

Welch. A letter written by him was read. He protested against the action of the Presbytery and desired to be dismissed from the body, which was granted.

The Presbytery recommended the following names to be dropped from the list of ministers of the Cumberland Association: J. L. Welch, G. M. Adcock, Lawrence Hasale.

Rev. L. B. Shannon was granted a letter recommending him to a sister association which he desired to join.

The credentials of Rev. J. W. Winters were ratified.

REPORT OF EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

on the application of S. B. B. Holt. In our judgment Bro. Holt should prosecute his studies until some future time. We therefore recommend his ordination be deferred.

The report accepted and ordination deferred.

No further business appearing, adjourned to meet with the first Ministers', Deacons' and Stewards' Meeting, which will convene with Hickory Grove Church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1899, at 10 a. m.

The second Ministers', Deacons' and Stewards' Meeting will be held with Newhope Church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in July, 1899, at 10 a. m.

REV. G. W. CARNEY, Moderator.

REV. E. F. MILES, JR., Clerk.