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The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. G. W. Carney.
Text—1st Ep. of John 3: 2.

Permanent officers—Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Moderator; Rev. W. M. Rodgers, Assistant; G. W. Binkley, Clerk; Rev. J. W. Carter, Assistant.

Devotional exercises led by S. W. Patterson.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats in council with us.
Rev. L. W. Spann, of Woodburn, Ky., responded.

Adjourned to 1 p. m. for refreshments.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional exercises led by Rev. W. F. Pressley.

Letters received from the various churches as will be found in table of statistics, and the names of delegates enrolled. Petitionary letters called for—received one from New Hope, which was referred to the committee on petitions and request. Corresponding letters called for.

The following committees were appointed, to wit:

Pulpit Supplies—W. H. Jackson, G. F. Gower and Rev. W. M. Rodgers.

Obituaries—Rev. M. S. Crow, H. J. Groves and B. P. Bracey.

Literature—Rev. G. V. Frey, Rev. W. B. Wagoner and Jessie Harris.

Missionary Work—Rev. W. A. Brown, S. C. Balthrop and S. W. Patterson.

Temperance—E. M. Free, Rev. J. E. Curtis and Rev. G. W. Carney.

Sunday School—C. T. Dowel, Rev. G. M. Hunt and Rev. E. F. Miles.

Finance—Rev. C. H. Pickle, Rev. G. W. Gardner and W. T. Sanders.

Petitions and Requests—Rev. L. W. Spann, T. D. Adkins and Rev. W. F. Pressley.

Doctrine and Church Government. Rev. G. V. Frey, Rev. E. F. Miles and J. R. Gower. Adjourned to 9 a. m. Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. W. B. Wag-
ner. Minutes of previous meeting read, corrected and adopted.
Report of committees.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

The committee on Devotional Services reported as follows:
Bro. E. M. Free, Thursday night, followed by Rev. G. V. Frey.
Rev. J. W. Carter, Friday at 11, followed by Rev. W. M.
Rodgers.

Rev. W. F. Pressley, Friday night, followed by Rev. A. D.
Duncan.

Rev. L. B. Shannon, at Brewer's chapel Friday night.

Rev. L. W. Spann, Saturday at 11, followed by Bro. James
Printer.

Rev. W. A. Brown, Saturday night, followed by Bro. E. S.
Prewitt.

Rev. W. M. Rodgers, at Turnersville, Saturday night.

Rev. A. D. Duncan, at Balthrops school house, Saturday night.

Rev. W. M. Rodgers, Sunday at 11, (at Heads) followed by
Rev. G. V. Frey.

Rev. J. W. Carter, at 11, at Oak Lawn, followed by Bro.
James Printer.

The standing committee relative to the White House matter
made their report which was received and committee discharged.
The moderator appointed the following committee to dispose of
the White House property to wit: C. T. Dowel, W. T. Dowel,
W. H. Head, R. R. Gower and H. J. Head.

OBITUARIES.

We your committee on Obituaries submit the following report:
We praise God for his goodness and mercy toward us. Death
has not broken our ministerial ranks since our last Association.
While many of our lay members have been called from labor to
reward. We extend to their families and friends our heartfelt
sympathy and commend them to a wise and loving Father who
is able to comfort them. Committee.

LITERATURE.

The committees report was adopted after striking out third section of same, the following is the report as adopted :

1. That the bible is *the* book of *books*. That we urge a systematic study of the bible by the ministry, officials and laity of the Freewill-Christian Baptist of this Association.
2. That we recommend Ralstons elements of divinity or some other standard text book on Theology for use by our ministers.
3. That we recommend to our ministers the reading of ecclesiastical history as much as is practical.
4. That for all our people we recommend The Morning Star, The Messenger, The Free Baptist and The Freewill Baptist as christian literature, worthy their support.
5. That we use Freewill Baptist Literature in our Sunday-schools. Committee.

MISSIONARY WORK.

We your committee on Missionary Work submit the following report :

That Whereas, the present system of missionary work has been a failure to some extent, we would therefore recommend that the present system be disannuled, and that we do hereby recommend the following in its stead.

That 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 be it

Resolved, That we elect an Associational Treasurer, and it shall be the duty of each church to pay said treasurer 25 cents per capita (or member) annually, and it shall be the duty of each pastor to collect this amount and send it to said treasurer, and the money collected in this way is to be used for the purpose of building new churches, or looking after broken down ones, as the Association may see best. Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

Whereas, The use of fermented and intoxicating liquors are hurtful to our influence, destructive to life, and damning to the souls of men.

Resolved, That we as ministers and members will use our influence to destroy, this, the most damning and soul destroying evil in our land. Committee.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Whereas, Sunday-schools are indispensable factors pertaining to the successful training, or the future hope of our church, and that Sunday-schools are an auxiliary to the church. Therefore be it

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

2. That as loyal men and women we will see to it that our children attend Sunday-school, and further that we insist that all of our schools use our own literature, and that the schools elect their officers from the church, and that each school be requested to make an annual report of their work to this Association. Committee.

PETITION AND REQUEST.

We, your committee on Petitions and Request submit the following report:

Having examined such documents as has been furnished us, we find but one Petition, that coming from New Hope, and from investigation it appears that there is some dissatisfaction regarding the legality of its former organization, and since has been legally organized or recognized as the case may be.

Therefore, We advise said Petition to be respected and such steps taken as in case of a new church. Committee.

The delegates of New Hope church were invited to seats and the church received into the Association.

DOCTRINE AND CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

We, your committee on Doctrine and Church Government submit the following report:

That upon investigation find that time and means are inadequate to the task that is before us. Therefore we recommend that the Moderator of this Association appoint a committee of three on the question of Doctrine and Church Government, whose duties it shall be to look into this matter carefully and prayerfully and report at the next annual Association.

Committee.

The Moderator appointed the following committee for the above work to wit: Rev. G. V. Frey, Rev. E. F. Miles and Bro. J. R. Gower.

FINANCE.

Committee reported \$29.39 for printing minutes.
Adjourned to meet at 1 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional exercises led by G. W. Binkley.

MINISTERS' REPORTS.

J. W. Gardner—Churches in charge 3; sermons preached about 67; exhortations 21, received into the church 7; baptized 2; prayermeetings held 25; funerals attended 7; marriages solemnized 7; miles traveled about 600; received \$55.87.

C. H. Pickle—Churches in charge 4; sermons preached 150; received into the churches 26; baptized 16; funerals 3; marriages solemnized 4; miles traveled 5,000; churches built 2, one completed the other in condition to worship in, relieved Hopewell from the debt against it; amount received \$200.00.

W. F. Pressley—Churches in charge 1; sermons preached 72; exhortations 13; prayer meetings held 45; conversions witnessed 17; received into the church 12; baptized 6; funerals 1; marriages solemnized 4; received from Cofer's chapel \$55.35; miscellaneous \$12.50, making \$67.85; miles traveled about 300.

A. D. Duncan—Sermons preached 38; miles traveled 200; conversions witnessed 45; marriages solemnized 2; baptized 1; funerals attended 3. Address station No. 2, Nashville, Tenn.

W. M. Rodgers—Home Missionary—Miles traveled 5,834; sermons preached 348; baptized 4; received into the church 16; conversions 83; bibles sold 83; testaments sold 268.

Amount Received from Churches.

Rock Spring	\$ 7.15
Greenwood.....	.20
Bethlehem	4.20
Mount Storm	8.00
Pleasant Hill.....	16.77
Hopewell	7.78
Cofer's Chapel.. ..	12.85
Stony Point.....	14.00
Smith's Grove.....	7.60
Maple Valey.....	1.15
Bethel	2.45
Heads.....	1.00

Total.....\$83.15

In bounds of work.....\$ 85.00

From evangelistic work 425.92

Total amount received during year\$594.07

W. B. Wagoner—Sermons preached 25; baptized 4; received into the church 4; miles traveled 460; amount received \$12.

J. E. Hudgens—Churches in charge 4; received into churches and baptized 48; amount received about \$175.00.

G. W. Binkley—Sermons preached 17; prayer meetings attended 24; prayers in homes 57; Visits 66; funerals attended 19; marriages solemnized 10; contribution \$14.16; miles traveled about 275.

The letters which Bro. Duncan sent to the Association of 1898, at Hopewell, relative to his work as home missionary for the year of 1898. And as to whether the Association considered whether it owed him anything for *his* services or not. The said letter was tabled indefinitely. And was taken from the table and disposed of in the following way. The main question involved was, whether the Association under the resolution and contract that existed at the time Bro. Duncan was employed as home missionary, owed *him* anything for his services. Bro. Duncan understood the contract to be a definite one, while others understood it differently, hence after some debating, the matter was submitted to the Association, which declared by a majority vote that it did not owe *him* anything.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. By J. E. Curtis—Relative to the appointment of a committee to look after the organization of churches. Resolution was tabled.

Adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional services led by W. A. Brown.

Minutes of previous meeting read, corrected and adopted.

2. That Bro. J. B. Patton be Associational Treasurer for ensuing year.

3. Resolution by J. E. Curtis—Relative to the appointment of a committee to have scripture references inserted in connection with Articles of Faith. Resolution referred to committee on Church Government.

4. Resolution by R. M. Luter—That for the betterment of our system for the support of the pastors of the various churches in this association.

Resolved, 1st. That it shall be the duty of any preacher being called to the pastoral care of any church within the bounds of this Association, to call the Stewards of said church to meet at the beginning of the associational year, for the purpose of making some proper and necessary arrangements for the support of the pastor of said church, and at the beginning of each subsequent quarter, after the first, said Stewards shall report to the church the amount collected, and by whom said amount had been paid.

2. That these resolutions be published in the minutes of this Association and in the minutes of each succeeding Association.

5. By J. E. Curtis—That the Moderator appoint one delegate from each church present, whose duty it shall be to make a special canvas of his church, and collect at least one-cent from each member for an associational fund.

Names of Delegates and Churches.

Rock Spring, H. J. Groves; Bethlehem, W. T. Sanders; Good Spring, J. H. Mayo; Oak Lawn, W. H. Nichols; Mount Zion, George Carney; Cofer's Chapel, J. E. Curtis; Mount Pleasant, C. C. Cagle; Shady Grove, J. R. Mayfield; Green Wood, C. T. Dowell; New Hope, J. H. Hunt; Heads, G. T. Ellis; Bethel, T. D. Atkins; Olivet, H. T. Winters; Hickory Grove, J. A. Clifton; Smith's Grove, J. H. Bryant; Maple Valey, N. S. Reeves; Antioch, J. W. Murphy; Pleasant Hill, J. W. Lewis; Mount Storm, E. E. Cherry; Hopewell, J. T. Davidson; Oak Land, J. C. Carter.

6. By J. E. Curtis—That churches comprising this Association report in their church letters, the value of their church property, and that said amount be reported in the table of statistics.

7. By W. A. Brown—That this Association ask the church to have services at the place the Association meets at each year, on Wednesday night (or the night before) the Association meets so as to take care of the delegates.

8. By J. W. Carter—That we continue to correspond with our sister associations.

9. That Rev. J. E. Curtis, C. H. Pickle and Bro. D. T. Armstrong, write and bear letter and fraternal greetings to the Mount Union Association of General Baptist, which meets on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1900.

10. That Rev. W. M. Rodgers, E. F. Miles and G. W. Binkley write and bear letter and fraternal greetings to the western division of the Stone Association, F. W. C. Baptist.

11. That Rev. J. W. Carter, W. F. Pressley and J. W. Gardner, write and bear letter and fraternal greetings to the eastern division of the Stone Association, F. W. C. Baptist.

12. That Rev. G. V. Frey, J. E. Hudgens and Bro. J. R. Gower, write and bear letter and fraternal greetings to the General Association of General Baptist, which meets at Howel, Ind., on the 15th of November, 1899.

13. That Ebenezer church be dropped from the roll.

14. That G. W. Binkley Superintend the printing of the minutes, and that he be allowed seven dollars for his services.

15. That we tender a vote of thanks to the brethren and friends in the vicinity of Heads church, for their unbounded hospitality extended to us during the sitting of this body.

16. Adjourned to meet with Mt. Zion church, Cheatham County, Tenn., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in Oct. 1900, at 10 a. m.

REV. J. E. HUDGENS, Moderator.

REV. W. M. RODGERS, Assistant.

G. W. BINKLEY, Clerk.

REV. J. W. CARTER, Assistant.

Dear brethren I received a corresponding letter from the western division of Stone Association, which come to late to put in the face of the minutes, hence I make a note of it here. The letter was of a very encouraging nature, and desired that we keep up our correspondence.

Minutes of Presbytery.

The Presbytery convened October 21, 1899, and organized by electing G. W. Binkley, Moderator and Rev. J. W. Carter, Clerk.

After devotional services, proceeded to transact the following business.

Report of Standing Committees.

The committee on the examination of candidates for ordination submitted the following report.

We your committee (or ordaining council) do cheerfully recommend for ordination to the full work of the ministry by prayer and laying on of hands, Bro. E. M. Free.

We recommend that the ratification of Bro. James Printers, credentials be deferred for the present.

As to the ordination of Bro. S. B. B. Holt, your committee is divided as follows:

Opposed to ordination,

G. V. Frey, J. H. Mayo, C. T. Dowell.

For ordination, B. Murrell, W. M. Rodgers.

The Presbytery voted on the candidates separately. The report relative to Bro. Free and Bro. Printer, was accepted.

And the report relative to Bro. Holt, the Presbytery accepted the report of the minority and proceeded to ordain Bro. Free and Bro. Holt, by prayer and laying of hands.

Bro. L. B. Shannon, was received back into the Presbytery.

Dear brethren, in regard to the resolution relative to the dropping from the roll, the names of those ministers who had been delinquent for their successive years, (or who had not reported to the Presbytery for that time.) Allow me to say this, that in as much as the Presbytery did not designate the names, and as the clerk can not consistently designate them, hence I refrain, and you will please excuse me.

Adjourned to meet at the close of the next annual Association.

G. W. BINKLEY, Moderator.

REV. J. W. CARTER, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES. (All in Tennessee)	DELEGATES.	Day of Meeting	For Minutes	Total Members	Dead	Excluded	Dismissed	Restored	By Recommendation	By Letter	Received by Experience	Value of Church Property
Rock Spring	Sobel	Elijah Carroll, H. D. Hagwood, H. J. Graves, R. L. Hagwood, R. S. Hagwood	4	\$2.00	183	7	7	4	1	1	1	1	183
Head's	Turkeyville	R. M. Luter, G. F. Gover, H. E. Murphy, W. H. Head, C. R. Farmer, G. F. Ellis, G. W. Nichols	3	2.71	239	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	239
Behlehem	Ashland City	L. E. Walker, A. H. Hudgeson, J. N. Harrington, J. R. Mason, C. C. Stewart, Sam Binkley	3	1.00	194	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	194
Good Spring	Pinnacle	J. R. Proctor, J. H. Mayo, H. M. Davis, C. D. Talley	3	1.50	62	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	62
Oakland	Morrey	Joe Carter, Chas. Henderson, Wm. Holt, A. T. Carney	3	1.50	52	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	52
Charity	Marrowbone	B. R. Simpkins, W. M. Simpkins	3	1.05	115	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	115
Oak Lawn	Pleasant View	S. C. Bulthrop, E. C. Watts, W. B. Hunter, J. R. Bracey	4	1.85	104	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	104
Mt. Zion	Hodenville	J. H. Reed, J. T. Newman, G. A. Carney, A. Reilker, G. T. Harris	4	1.05	104	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	104
Cotter Chapel	Nashville	D. T. Armstrong, E. S. Pruitt, Ella Armstrong, Lina Scott, C. R. M. Howington	4	3.10	296	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	296
Hickory Grove	Dickson	B. Murrell, J. E. Clinton	4	73	73	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	73
Mt. Storm	Rampus Mills	E. E. Cherry	4	1.35	75	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	75
Behel	Halfpore	W. I. Barton, James Simmons, T. D. Adkins	1	1.60	92	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	92
Mt. Pleasant	Morrey	B. P. Bracey, C. C. Cagle, Toke Biggs	2	1.75	47	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	47
Shady Grove	Besttown	D. P. Sensing, J. R. Mayfield	1	1.75	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30
Hopewell	Freedomla.	H. T. Hopkins, J. T. Morgan, J. T. Davidson	3	1.50	64	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	64
Pleasant Hill	Dover	H. T. Jackson, J. W. Lewis, E. M. Free	2	1.50	89	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	89
Greenwood	Cross Plains	C. T. Howell, W. T. Howell, Joe Pickle	2	1.50	75	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	75
Hew Hope	Svaub	John Hunt, G. A. Milliken, J. T. Binkley, Alex Carney	1	1.50	67	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	67
Beautiful Home	Pleasant View	Wm. Walker, Jesse Harris	1	1.50	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22
Smith's Home	Ardee	J. H. Bryant, J. V. Smith	1	1.50	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23
Maple Valley	Heath	Neal Wells, N. S. Reeves, Eli Carroll, Albert Travis	4	1.50	63	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	63
Stony Point	Batson's Store	No Intelligence	2	1.50	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
Mt. Liberty	Stewart Station	D. C. Wallace	2	1.50	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17
Anloch	Vanoeur	J. W. Murphy, Layton Taylor	3	1.50	37	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	37
Wanout Grove	Stewart Station	No Intelligence	3	1.50	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Hertian Chapel	McEwin	A. J. Burgess	3	50	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34
Olivet	Port Royal	J. R. Gover, H. T. Winters	3	50	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34

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 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 resolution, 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 the 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,
—. Value of church property, —. Our day of meeting is —. Our
present pastor is —. This done by order of the church on the — day
of —.

—, Moderator.

—, Clerk.

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