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Order of Business.

Wednesday.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Calling roll.
3. Election of officers.
4. Reading letters from various churches.
5. Calling for petitionary letters.
6. Calling for corresponding letters from Associations or churches.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Adjournment.

Thursday.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Calling roll.
3. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
4. Hearing reports from standing committees.
5. Hearing reports from special committees.
6. Hearing resolutions.
7. Miscellaneous business.

Form of Church Letter.

We, the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ at.....Church,County, Tenn.:

To the Cumberland Association of Freewill Christian Baptist Church, 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.....; transferred by request.....; total number in fellowship; church property \$.....; our day of meeting is.....; our pastor is..... Done by order of the church on the....day of, 190..

.....Moderator.

.....Clerk.

Sixty-Third Annual Meeting.

The Sixty-Third Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Freewill Christian Baptist met with Indian Mound Church, Stewart county, Tenn., October 24-25, 1906, and the meeting called to order by Moderator J. E. Hudgens.

After devotional exercises, G. W. Fambrough called the roll, and there being a quorum present, the temporary organization being omitted, the permanent officers were elected: J. E. Hudgens, Moderator; G. W. Carney, Assistant Moderator; G. W. Fambrough, Clerk; G. E. Steppee and J. M. Smith. Jr., Assistant Clerks; G. W. Fambrough, Treasurer.

On motion the business hours of this session were fixed from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m., devotional services and refreshments from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m., then business from 1 p. m. to 3 p. m.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and the Devotional Committee was appointed.

Letters from the various churches were called and twenty-one answered, and the reports can be found in table of statistics.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 1 p. m.

The Introductory Sermon preached by Rev. J. E. Hudgens from Romans, 8th chapter and 28th verse, after which refreshments were served by the ladies.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Meeting called to order by Moderator. Roll called and quorum present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Calling for petitionary letters and two received, one from Miller's Chapel, Dickson county, Tenn., and one

from Spring Hill, Robertson county, Tenn., received and read and then referred to Committee on Petitions and Request for their consideration.

Corresponding letters called for and the following received, one by Elder E. W. Stone from the Stone Association of Free Baptist while convened with Cane Creek Church, Putnam county, Tenn., giving statistics as follows: Number of churches, 39; number of ordained ministers, 33; license ministers, 10; members, 3,250; value of church property, \$8,000; spiritual interest good and work advancing. In this letter they urge upon us sending delegate to their Annual Association which meets at Allen's Chapel Church, Overton county, Tenn., on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1907.

One received from the Western Division of the Stone Association of the Freewill Christian Baptist while in session at Shady Grove Church, Putnam county, Tenn., as follows: Dear brethren, when convened with Indian Mound Church. We have chosen Rev. M. Judd to represent us in your Association. Our statistics are as follows: Number of ministers, 33; number of churches, 35; number of members, 2,546; lost by death last year, 20. We request your body to send delegates to our next Association.

The regular order of business was suspended and Elder E. W. Stone, of the Stone Association, was invited to seat, and he was received with appropriate words in behalf of the Association by J. E. Hudgens.

Committees.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE—C. H. Pickle, C. A. Moery, T. M. Reynolds.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS—L. B. Shannon, W. W. Davis, G. W. Carney.

OBITUARIES—D. T. Armstrong, H. J. Groves, G. T. Harris.

LITERATURE—W. M. Rogers, W. M. Brumit, R. R. Gower.

MISSIONS—G. W. Fambrough, L. B. Shannon, H. J. Gower.

TEMPERANCE—R. M. Luter, W. W. Davis, B. H. Hage-wood.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—C. H. Pickle, I. E. Bateman, J. F. Harden.

FINANCE—J. M. Smith, Jr., W. E. Davis, W. E. Fambrough.

Reports from special committees called, and the Devotional Committee reported as follows: Rev. E. W. Stone preach at Indian Mound, and W. M. Brumit at Smith's Grove, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, and Rev. G. W. Carney at Indian Mound, Thursday, at 11 a. m., Rev. W. M. Brumit at Indian Mound, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Association adjourned till Thursday, 9 a. m.

Thursday Morning.

J. E. Hudgins conducted the devotional exercises. Prayer by J. E. Powers. Roll called. Quorum present. Minutes of Tuesday read and approved.

A petition from Pleasant Grove Church asking that their name be changed from Pleasant Grove to Shady Grove. Adopted.

A letter of appeal was received from Oakwood Church vs. Head's Church claiming they had been excluded unjustly. The letter was referred to Committee on Petitions and Requests.

Reports of special committees called and are as follows:

Petitions and Requests.

(1) We your Committee on Petitions and Requests in the case wherein Oakwood Church appeals vs. Head's Church. We recommend that this case be continued till

the next Annual Association, and the case be referred back to Head's Church for reconsideration. Adopted.

(2) We report as follows on Miller's Chapel, Dickson county, Tenn., and Spring Hill, Robertson county, Tenn., That whereas the great need of augmenting the Association, and whereas the great need of increasing the army of our Lord in this part of His vineyard, and having duly investigated the matter concerning these organizations of the said congregations, taking into consideration the distance from an organization of ours. - We believe it will be beneficial to our cause and especially to the cause of our Lord. Therefore we as your committee accept them and cordially commend them to your favorable consideration and unto God and the world for His grace which is able to build them up and give them an inheritance among them which are sanctified.

COMMITTEE.

Motion made that the report be adopted and committee discharged. Motion prevailed and the churches accepted into the Association and the delegates invited to seats and given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

The church letter from Oakwood received and read.

Sunday Schools.

Whereas Sunday Schools are indispensable factors pertaining to the successful training of the children of the country, who are the hope of our church and State, therefore be it

Resolved, That our deacons and members use every effort in their power to establish and maintain Sunday Schools in their respective churches, and as loyal men and women we will see that our children attend Sunday School when practical, and that we insist that our schools use our own literature, and the schools select their Superintendent from the church, and that the Superintendent of each school get the best consecrated teachers in their power, get volunteer teachers if possible, as they make the best teachers, and this is considered the most important part of the work, and that each church try to get a Superintendent who will try every means to get the children and older people to go and take an interest in the work, and that each school be requested to make an annual report to this Association. And whereas the indispensableness of collecting information in regard to the Sunday

School, we urge that Sunday Schools be in every church in our Association.

COMMITTEE.

Literature.

The following was submitted :

First—The Bible is the book of all books, and we urge the systematic study of the same by the ministry, officers and laity.

Second—That we recommend the Dunn-Butler system of Theology as a text book which is second to none, and the reading of Ecclesiastical history as much as practicable.

We recommend the *Freewill Baptist* of Ayden, N. C., the *Morning Star*, published at Boston, Mass., and the *Messenger*, published at Owensville, Ind., as religious literature of high order, and that our members select some one or all of them as in their wisdom they may deem prudent.

We also recommend the Sunday School literature published by the Freewill Baptist Publishing Company, of Ayden, N. C., for use in our Sunday Schools.

COMMITTEE.

Missions.

The committee submitted the following report :

That everything possible be done to foster the Missionary spirit, both home and foreign. Therefore we recommend that pastors having charge of churches be requested to organize Mission Societies in their churches, and that money so collected be sent to the Association and placed in the hands of the Treasurer, and that there be a committee appointed at each annual Association to appropriate such funds so collected, and that pastors having care of churches do all they can to forward the Missionary spirit, both home and foreign.

COMMITTEE.

Preachers, see that each member pays twenty cents per year.—Clerk.

Obituary.

The following report submitted :

We praise God for His goodness and mercy towards us. Be it resolved that death has not visited our ministerial ranks since our last Association, though thirty-one

of our members have been called from labor to reward. Therefore we tender to their surviving relatives and friends our sincere condolence and direct them for comfort and condolence to Him who comes to bind up the broken hearted.

COMMITTEE.

Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report:

The time for discussing the evils of intemperance has almost passed, as they have been so great and burdensome that all are now aware that the cause of Temperance in all things is a question of paramount importance, not only to our denomination, but the world at large, while the people of our nation, both Christian and sinner, are being aroused to the needs of the hour and are joining the reform procession. We as Freewill Baptist should take a front rank and proclaim aloud that we are unqualifiedly opposed to the liquor traffic and all of its attendant evils, and that we will never cease to war against these evils until they are driven from the State of Tennessee.

First—Therefore Resolved, That we recommend to the next Legislature the extension of the Adams Law to every town, city and county in the State.

Second—That we pledge ourselves to vote for no man who is not in favor of the above recommendation.

Third—That we the members of Freewill Baptist indorse the bill passed by the last Legislature, called the "Anti-race track gambling bill," and being declared unconstitutional urge that it again be sustained by our Representatives in a form that accords with the constitution.

Fourth—Resolved, That the pastors of this Association urge upon their members the great injury to our cause by visiting saloons or using liquors as a beverage.

Fifth—That we lend our aid to all temperance societies and the Anti-Saloon League in their efforts to exterminate the liquor traffic.

Respectfully submitted, G. W. FAMBROUGH.

Finance.

The Committee on Finance reported \$27.53 collected for the purpose of printing Minutes of this Association.

Motion adopted to change the form of church letters as will be found in the form.

Assistant Treasurer reported \$13.00 received of C. E. Stewart, Treasurer, who resigned.

G. W. Fambrough was elected Treasurer of the Association for the ensuing year.

Moved that C. H. Pickle be elected Home Missionary preacher for the ensuing year.

Ministerial Reports

called and the following received :

Rev. W. M. Rogers—Sermons preached 279, miles traveled 7,077, confessions 12. Received \$670.07.

G. E. Steppee—Sermons preached 84, marriages 1, funerals 1. Assisted Bro. Brumit eight months in his work. Received \$17.25, for other services \$3.25.

J. W. Ayers—Sermons preached 22, prayer meetings 2, funerals 2, miles traveled 150. Received \$7.50.

W. M. Brumit—Churches in charge 7, sermons preached 200, conversions 19, received into church 26, baptized 21, marriages 3, funerals 2. Received \$90.00.

E. M. Free—Churches in charge 1, received into the church 11, sermons preached 24, prayer meetings 41, funerals 8, marriages 6. Received \$32.80.

J. W. D. Shannon—Sermons preached 48, conversions 17, churches 1, received into the church 4, funerals 2. Received \$71.39.

L. B. Shannon—Churches 1, sermons preached 108, conversions 60, received into the church 49, baptized 15, funerals 21, marriages 7. Received \$300.00.

Resolutions.

First—Resolved, That delegates be elected to represent us in the following sister Associations, and they are requested to invite delegates to visit our Association at its next annual meeting :

(a) W. M. Rogers a delegate to the Free Baptist of Illinois.

(b) W. M. Brumit a delegate to the General Baptist.

(c) D. T. Armstrong and W. W. Davis delegates to the Eastern Division of Stone Association.

(d) L. B. Shannon and C. H. Pickle delegates to Cape Fear Conference of Freewill Baptist of North Carolina.

(e) J. E. Hudgens and J. B. Gower delegates to Ohio Conference.

Second—Resolved, That G. W. Fambrough superintend the printing and distributing of the Minutes and he be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

Third—Resolved, That any preacher having been called to the pastoral care of any church within the bounds of this Association shall call the Stewards of said church to meet at the beginning of the associational year for the purpose of making necessary arrangements for the support of the said pastor of said church. And at the beginning of each subsequent quarter thereafter, said Stewards shall report to the church the amount collected and by whom said amount has been paid.

Fourth—Resolved, That the above resolution be published in the Minutes of each succeeding year.

Fifth—Resolved, That Rev. W. M. Brumit preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Annual Association, with Rev. G. W. Carney, alternate.

Sixth—Resolved, That we tender a vote of thanks to the brethren at Indian Mound for their kindness and hospitality in which they have so amply cared for us during our Association. Unanimous vote.

Resolved, That we thank E. W. Stone, Baxter, Tenn., for his service to us, and pray God's blessing upon him in his work.

The next business was the election of a place for our next Annual Association. Two churches were nominated, Stony Point and Rock Springs. Stony Point was elected.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Stony Point Church, Dickson county, Tenn., four miles southwest of Slayden, and five miles northwest of Vanleer, on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m.

J. E. HUDGENS, Moderator.

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Clerk.

Names of Churches and Their Delegates.

Antioch—

Bethel—J. M. Smith, Jr., W. E. Fambrough, G. W. Fambrough.

Bethlehem—J. T. Eatherly, W. H. Binkley, A. H. Hudgens, Bud Simmons, J. H. Felts.

Brandon's Chapel—G. H. Heyer, E. R. Cherry.

Charity—B. F. Argo, F. M. Simpkins, W. E. Davis.

Cofer's Chapel—Mrs. Sina Scott, D. T. Armstrong, E. S. Pruitt, Mrs. Ella Armstrong, J. F. Harding.

Cross Roads—I. E. Bateman, Will Chadwick.

Good Springs—G. S. Pidcock, F. E. Davis.

Greenwood—

Harpeth Valley—

Heads—R. R. Gower, H. J. Gower, Jim Lawrence, H. J. Head, H. E. Murphy.

Hickory Grove—

Hopewell—J. S. Crotzer, J. T. Davidson.

Hurricane Chapel—A. J. Burgess, L. E. Dodson.

Indian Mound—W. T. Vaughn, T. P. Vaughn, C. A. Wolfe.

Maple Valley—

Miller's Chapel—H. T. Mayfield, J. W. Walton.

Mt. Liberty—

Mt. Pleasant—G. W. Carney, J. L. Cagle.

Mt. Zion—W. T. Williams, J. A. Cagle, G. T. Harris.

New Hope—

Oak Grove—

Oakland—A. T. Carney, A. A. Dickerson.

Oak Lawn—W. H. Walker, Thomas Watts.

Oakwood—R. M. Luter, B. E. Harris.

Olivet—

Paradise Ridge—

Pleasant Hill—J. W. Lewis, Josh Wallace.

Pleasant Valley—

Rock Springs—H. J. Groves, M. M. Carroll, J. B. Hage-

wood, B. H. Hagewood.

Shady Grove—Theodore Pool, J. R. Elliott.

Smith's Grove—J. H. Bryant, H. W. Abney.

Spring Hill—James Smily, A. L. Lane.

Stony Point—C. W. Waynick.

Walnut Grove—

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES. (ALL IN TENNESSEE).
Antioch	Vanleer.
Bethel	Cheap Hill, R. F. D. No. 1.
Bethlehem	Ashland City.
Brandon's Chapel	Bumpus Mills.
Charity	Marrowbone.
Cofar's Chapel	Nashville.
Cross Roads.	Dickson.
Good Springs.	Joelton, R. F. D. No. 26.
Greenwood	Cross Plains.
Harpeth Valley	Deep Springs.
Heads.	Turnersville.
Hickory Grove.	Dickson.
Hopewell.	Hickory Point.
Hurricane Chapel	McEwen.
Maple Valley	Heath.
Miller's Chapel	Pardue.
Mt. Liberty.	Stewart.
Mt. Pleasant.	Morney.
Mt. Zion.	Joelton R. F. D. No. 27.
Indian Mound.	Indian Mound.
New Hope	Joelton, R. F. D. No. 26.
Oak Grove	Duall.
Oakland.	White's Creek, R. F. D. No. 25.
Oak Lawn.	Pleasant View.
Oakwood.	Turnersville.
Pleasant Hill.	Bumpus Mills.
Olivet.	Port Royal.
Paradise Ridge.	Coyce.
Pleasant Valley.	Sobel.
Rock Springs.	Hickory Point.
Shady Grove.	Ardee.
Smith's Grove.	Turnersville.
Spring Hill.	Watson's Store.
Stony Point.	Stewart.
Walnut Grove.	

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, that 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 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 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 partaker of the Holy Ghost, if he shall fall from grace, it is impossible to ever 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 saint's 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 believers to attend 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 a passive state and thereby adopting them heirs of His Kingdom.

Government and Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to one delegate, and one additional delegate for every one hundred members or fraction thereof.

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 right 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 the gospel order.

7. Every motion made and seconded 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 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 shall be placed in the hands of a trustee appointed for that purpose, and may be disbursed by order of the Association.

9. For the purpose of ordaining ministers of the gospel and deacons who shall come with recommendations from their churches, and try all ordained members for unchristian conduct, 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 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 the 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 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 letter to Timothy—chapter III—and this shall be tested by the Presbytery. Said Presbytery shall have full power to propound Scriptural questions as they 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 for the transaction of business, and no business shall be transacted without a quorum.

15. The minutes of this Association shall be read before them 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 to this form of government at any time by a majority of the members present composing the 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.

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 made to the Moderator, and the person addressing shall arise to his feet.

The brother shall not be interrupted during his speech by any one except the Moderator, except he violates order. The person thus speaking shall strictly confine himself to the subject in debate, nor cast any personal reflections 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 a leave of a majority of the Association.

No person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.

No member shall absent himself without leave from the Association. Members shall use the word "brother" or "brethren" in all debates.

The names of the members of this body shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as necessary; provided 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 wilfully 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 the revision by a majority of members voting for revision.

Addresses of Ministers:

Ayers, J. W., Pleasant View, Tenn.
Brake, J., Cumberland City, Tenn.
Brown, W. A., 1604 N. High street, Nashville, Tenn.
Brumit, W. M., Turnersville, Tenn.
Carney, G. W., Marrowbone, Tenn.
Chadwick, J. A., Dickson, Tenn.
Crow, M. S., Dull, Tenn.
Davis, W. W., Ashland City, Tenn., R. 1.
Duncan, A. D., Station 2, Nashville, Tenn.
Free, E. M., Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Gardner, J. W., Mooney, Tenn.
Halliburton, W. D., Daniel, Tenn.
Hazelwood, Thos., Jordon, Tenn.
Hemfree, W. E., Cumberland City, Tenn.
Holt, S. B. B., Jordon, Tenn.
Horner, J. N., Dickson, Tenn.
Hudgens, J. E., Ashland City, Tenn.
Hunt, G. W., Nashville, Tenn.
Miles, E. F., Heath, Tenn.
Myatt, S. A., Dickson, Tenn.
Nicholson, James, Jordon, Tenn.
Pickle, C. H., White Creek, Tenn.
Presley, W. F., Station 2, Nashville, Tenn.
Rogers, W. M., 1715 Hamberg street, Nashville, Tenn.
Shannon, L. B., 1601 Arthur avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
Steppee, G. E., Cumberland City, Tenn.
Wagoner, W. B., Erin, Tenn.
Winters, J. W., Stewart, Tenn.

Minutes of the Annual Presbytery.

The Annual Presbytery convened at the close of Association, October 25th, 1906.

Organized by electing Rev. W. M. Brumit, Moderator; Rev. G. W. Carney, Assistant Moderator; Rev. G. E. Steppee, Clerk; Rev. E. M. Free, Assistant Clerk.

Reports from standing committees were called. None reported.

The Ordaining Council consists of W. M. Rogers, J. E. Hudgens, L. B. Shannon, G. W. Carney and C. H. Pickle.

NEW BUSINESS.

Committee on Petitions and Requests made the following report:

Received for ordination, C. T. Wallace, James Oliver and J. E. Powers, and referred them to the Ordaining Council for consideration.

The Ordaining Council reported as follows:

Minutes of the Ordaining Council at Indian Mound Church, Stewart county, Tenn., on Thursday, October 25th, 1906, W. M. Rogers, Chairman, J. E. Hudgens, Clerk, submit the following report: We find that the license of Bros. C. T. Wallace and James Oliver have not been renewed, as the law governing such cases require, and Bro. J. E. Powers has not been licensed for one year. Therefore we recommend that each of these petitions be continued until the meeting of the next Presbytery.

COMMITTEE.

Adopted.

On motion the Presbytery adjourned to meet at the close of the next Annual Association.

W. M. BRUMIT, Moderator.

G. E. STEPPEE, Clerk.

