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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.
8. Adjournment.

FRIDAY MORNING.

1. Devotions.
2. Calling roll.
3. Reading minutes.
4. Hearing resolutions.
5. 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, towit.....

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-Fifth Annual Meeting.

Cumberland Association of Freewill Christian Baptist, met in its Sixty-Fifth Session, with Rock Spring Church, Dickson county, Tenn., October 14th, 10:00 a. m.

After religious services, Rev. J. E. Hudgens, acting Moderator pro tem., called house to order, and election of permanent officers followed, with the following result: Rev. W. M. Brumit, Moderator; Rev. G. W. Carney, Assistant Moderator; G. E. Steppee, Clerk; G. W. Fambrough, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer.

Business hours fixed at 9:30 to 11:00 a. m., 1:00 to 3:30 p. m. House adjourned to 1:00 p. m.

Rev. C. H. Pickle preached the Introductory Sermon. Text, Titus 2: 11. The Grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. After which a bountiful repast was served by the ladies, at the church.

Wednesday Afternoon.

House called to order. Religious services conducted. Roll called, quorum present. Minutes read and adopted.

The Moderator appointed following committees:

DEVOTIONS—Bro. H. J. Groves, Rev. C. H. Pickle, Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

PETITION AND REQUEST—Rev. W. W. Davis, Rev. J. H. Oliver, G. E. Gower.

MISSIONS—Rev. E. S. Pruitt, Rev. E. F. Miles, Rev. J. W. Gardner.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Rev. J. H. Oliver, Rev. Wm. Rogers.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Joe Hood, G. E. Gower, J. W. Adams.

LITERATURE—Rev. Dell Upton, Rev. W. A. Brown, W. S. Nichols.

EDUCATION—Rev. Dell Upton, Rev. J. W. Gardner, G. W. Fambrough.

OBITUARY—Rev. A. D. Duncan, Rev. C. H. Pickle, J. T. Newman.

FINANCE—J. M. Smith, Jr., James Baker, Edgar Parker.

Reading church letters. Their statistics may be found in the regular table, on page 14.

Committee on Devotions made the following report:

Wednesday night—Rev. E. S. Pruitt preach at Miller's Chapel; Rev. D. T. Armstrong, at Rock Spring; Rev. Dell Upton, at Southside; Rev. J. H. Welch, at New Hope.

Thursday, 11:00 a. m.—Rev. Dell Upton, at Rock Spring.

Thursday night—Rev. J. E. Hudgens, at Southside; Rev. A. D. Duncan, at Miller's Chapel; Rev. W. W. Davis, at New Hope; Rev. J. W. Gardner, at Rock Spring.

Friday, 11:00 a. m.—Rev. E. S. Pruitt, at Rock Spring.

The Ordaining Council was appointed by the Moderator, consisting of two Elders and three Deacons: Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Rev. G. W. Carney, James Baker, W. H. Binkley, G. W. Fambrough.

Adjourned to 9:30 a. m. Thursday.

Thursday Morning.

House called to order. Roll called. Reading minutes of preceding meeting.

Report of Committee on Education read, and made the order of the day for 2:00 p. m.

Report of Committee on Literature read, and made the order of day in connection with preceding report.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following: We recognize that the Sunday School is an indispensable factor in promoting Gospel truth, and as an aid to the church, we therefore recommend that our Sunday Schools be continued in all the churches, that we spare no effort to make them a power for good; that each school should use Baptist Literature.

JOE HOOD,

G. E. GOWER,

J. W. ADAMS, Committee.

The report was discussed by several enthusiastic Sunday School workers. On motion and its adoption, the number and

condition of Sunday Schools was ascertained. Seventeen churches reported having schools. A number of others have had Sunday Schools during the summer.

Adjournment to 1:00 p. m.

Thursday Afternoon.

After religious services, the roll was called. Minutes read and approved.

MISSIONS.

Committee on Missions make report as follows:

We, your Committee on Missions, recommend that we continue to have a home missionary in the field, and that Bros. J. B. Patton, W. A. Brown and John Gower be appointed a committee to arrange for his work and support.

REV. E. F. MILES,

REV. J. W. GARDNER,

REV. E. S. PRUITT, Committee.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We have the following to submit on the momentous question of the day, which in the past has had its share of debate, yet it remains for us to do our Christian duty, that intemperance may not hereafter be a menace and curse to us and our children, to the church and the world at large.

Since the law making body of our nation are aroused to the needs of the hour, therefore

Resolved, That we as a Freewill Baptist people be found in the foremost ranks of the great procession of Prohibition; that we, by precept and example, show to the world our opposition to the liquor traffic.

Resolved, That we recommend to the next Legislature the extension of the Adams law, that we as a voting people support only such candidates as are in favor of the above.

Resolved, That our pastors give instruction to the people of the great evil of visiting saloons or using intoxicating beverages.

Resolved, That we lend our aid to all Temperance Societies, and the Anti-Saloon League, in their efforts to exterminate the liquor traffic, and that we unite our prayers, influence and vote, until the pure white banner of Prohibition shall wave in majestic splendor over all our glorious America.

REV. D. T. ARMSTRONG,

REV. J. H. OLIVER,

REV. W. M. RODGERS, Committee

EDUCATION.

Report on Education called for.

We, your Committee on Education, have the following to offer:

Whereas, until this late hour, we as a denomination have failed to establish public schools for our people; and

Whereas, we greatly appreciate an educated ministry and lay members of the church; therefore be it

Resolved, That we exhaust every resource to establish a school for our denomination, and that we accept the charter of the Freewill Baptist University of Nashville, Tennessee.

Resolved, That we invite other Associations to join us in making it a grand success.

REV. DELL UPTON,
REV. J. W. GARDNER,
G. W. FAMBROUGH, Committee.

Rev. J. E. Hudgens, G. W. Fambrough and H. J. Groves were appointed Board of Directors for the school.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

Whereas, we recognize the printed page as one of the most potent factors of influence on earth, for whatever purpose used, and

Whereas, the homes of our people are being flooded with literature of a pernicious character, doing much to poison the minds of our youth and debase manhood, and

Whereas, we have no literature we can call our own, and must confess the neglect of our fathers and ourselves, in failing to provide wholesome literature for our people; therefore

Resolved, That we take prompt action in establishing a publishing house of our own, and invite other Associations to unite with us in this enterprise.

Resolved, That we, at the request of parties concerned, recognize the Freewill Baptist Record as our own property, that we take such steps as may be deemed wise to make it a success as a first-class magazine, which, because of its real merits, may find its way into the homes of all our people and bless them with the waters of knowledge and the light of truth.

Resolved, That our people patronize the Freewill Baptist published at Ayden, N. C.

Resolved, That we look with disfavor on all private enterprises carried on under our name, until such enterprises are

controlled by the denomination; that we request the publishers of the Freewill Baptist to place the paper under the control of our denomination.

REV. DELL UPTON,
REV. W. A. BROWN,
W. S. NICHOLS, Committee.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

We praise God for his love and goodness to the children of men.

Whereas, death has not claimed any in our ministerial ranks, and but 33 of our lay members who have gone to their reward,

Resolved, That we tender our sympathy to their surviving relatives and friends; we direct them for comfort and peace to Him who is too good to do wrong, too wise to err.

REV. A. D. DUNCAN,
REV. C. H. PICKLE,
J. T. NEWMAN, Committee.

FINANCE.

Committee on Finance make report:

For printing and distributing of Minutes of the Association, \$33.86.

J. M. SMITH, JR.,
JAMES BAKER,
EDGAR PARKER, Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following Resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Rev. C. H. Pickle be appointed our financial agent in collecting funds for our school and publishing house.

Resolved, That each church furnish the Clerk of Association the Deacons' names and that they be published in the Minutes.

Resolved, That our Clerk superintend the printing and distributing of Associational Minutes.

Resolved, That this Association, by a rising vote, express our thanks to the brethren and good women of Rock Spring vicinity, for their unbounded hospitality and kindness to this delegated body and visiting friends.

Resolved, That Dr. W. E. Felts be appointed treasurer of all monies intended for the church at Paradise Ridge.

Resolved, That we continue to correspond with sister Associations, and that Rev. J. E. Hudgens and John Gower corres-

pond with Illinois General Baptist. (b) That Rev. W. W. Davis correspond with Eastern Division of Stone Association. (c) That Rev. G. E. Steppee correspond with Western Division of Stone Association. (d) That Rev. Dell Upton correspond with Cape Fear Association of North Carolina.

Oak Lawn selected as place of next meeting in Annual Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To balance on last years.....	\$15 91
To sales of Disciplines.....	30
Total.....	\$16 21

Rev. E. S. Pruitt elected Home Missionary for the ensuing year.

After singing the Doxology, the Association adjourned to meet with Oak Lawn Church, four miles northwest of Pleasant View, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1909.

W. M. BRUMIT, Moderator.

G. E. STEPPEE, Clerk.

Churches and Their Delegates.

Antioch—W. H. Hamilton.

Bethel—W. S. Nicholson, R. M. and G. W. Fambrough, J. M. Smith, Jr.

Bethlehem—J. H. Felts, D. C. Neal, H. W. Binkley, J. T. Eath-erly, Bud Simmons.

Brandon's Chapel—G. E. Heyer, W. G. Melton, M. H. Morgan.

Cofer's Chapel—Joe Hood, E. S. Pruitt, R. T. Brown, Walter Earls.

Cross Roads—W. A. Crow, W. H. Croft.

Charity—Walter Davis, R. S. Demumbreun, B. R. Simpkins.

Good Spring—James Binkley, John Smith.

Heads—G. E. Gower, H. E. Murphy, J. L. Laurence, H. F. Green.

Hopewell—G. L. Watkins, G. W. King.
Hurricane Chapel—L. Dotson, Ben Holland.
Indian Mound—E. E. Wolfe, Tilden Vaughn.
Maple Valley—W. H. Janson.
Miller's Chapel—J. W. Walton, Sister L. J. Mayfield.
Mt. Zion—J. T. Newman, Andrew and Bailey Rediker.
Mt. Pleasant—V. H. Abernathy, C. T. Biggs.
New Hope—W. J. Caldwell, J. J. Felts.
Olivet—John Gower.
Pleasant Hill—James M. Taylor, Mrs. Sarah Taylor.
Rock Spring—H. J. Groves, M. M. Carroll, B. Proctor, B. H. Hagewood.
Scott's Chapel—J. W. Adams, A. T. Gillehan.
Oakwood—W. W. Clinard, R. M. Luter, R. H. Starnes.
Oakland—Allen Carney.
Oak Grove—J. M. Owen.
Oak Lawn—Thos. Watts, Pearl Walker, W. B. Hunter, W. H. Nichols.
Shady Grove—W. T. Major, J. W. D. Shannon.
Smith's Grove—J. I. Shelby, H. W. Abney.
Stony Point—Lando Milam, Sallie Underwood.
Spring Hill—James Smyley.

Deacons.

Bethel—G. W. and W. E. Fambrough, W. J. Bobbitt, J. M. Smith, Jr.
Bethlehem—W. H. Binkley, W. T. Sanders, J. H. Felts, E. A. Boytes.
Cofer's Chapel—J. R. Parkinson, Wm. Harrison, Rufus Manners, J. Sullivan, Edgar Parker.
Oakwood—W. W. Clinard, J. R. Mayo.
Rock Spring—H. J. Groves, M. M. Carroll, W. H. Patterson, C. J. Hagewood, B. H. Hagewood.

These are all that were furnished the Clerk.

Ministers' Reports.

Churches in charge, 1; sermons preached, 32; conversions witnessed, 5; received into church, 6; baptized, 5; marriages, 2; miles traveled, 275. Received for services, \$22.75.

J. W. AYERS.

Churches in charge, 1; conversions witnessed, 36; received into church, 32; baptized, 25; marriages, 1; funerals conducted, 2. Received for services, \$100.00; from other churches, \$36.00.

W. M. BRUMIT.

Churches in charge, 3; sermons preached, 167; received into church, 25; baptized, 15; miles traveled, 1,900; funerals conducted, 5; marriages, 7. Received for services, \$68.55.

W. W. DAVIS.

Sermons preached, 85; conversions witnessed, 36; baptized, 3; funerals preached, 7; miles traveled, 1,300; assisted in organizing one church. Received for services, \$96.75.

A. D. DUNCAN.

Churches in charge, 1; sermons preached, 22; received into church, 15; baptized, 14; marriages, 2; funerals conducted, 3; prayer meetings held, 18. For services, \$51.30.

E. M. FREE.

Churches in charge, 1; sermons preached, 53; conversions witnessed, 12; received into church, 6; Sunday Schools organized, 3; prayer meetings conducted, 5; miles traveled, 300. Received for services, \$48.10.

J. R. ELLIOTT.

J. W. Gardner reports to having a happy, pleasant year in street preaching, and in prayer meetings in the homes, and

in assisting other ministers, and in conducting funerals and solemnizing marriages. No churches in charge.

Sermons, preached 31; conversions, 10; marriages, 1; funerals conducted, 7; miles traveled, 570. Received for services, \$8.25.

J. H. OLIVER.

Home Missionary E. S. Pruitt reports as follows: Sermons preached, 287; conversions witnessed, 395; received into church, 109; funerals preached, 1; miles traveled, 3,690. Received for services, \$609.10.

Sermons preached, 263; conversions, 9; miles traveled, 7,900. Received, \$870.60.

W. M. RODGERS.

My work the past year has been evangelistic, and in assisting other brethren. Have not any churches in charge, but have been blessed in the work accomplished.

G. E. STEPPEE.

Sermons preached, 38; funerals preached, 3; miles traveled unknown. Received, \$13.55.

J. W. D. SHANNON.

Sermons preached, 104; solemnized 7 marriages; baptized a number of candidates and received them into the church. Received \$408.16 for services.

DELL UPTON.

Sermons preached, 49; conversions witnessed, 10; miles traveled, 680. Received for services, \$10.75.

J. L. WELCH, JR.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES—ALL IN TENNESSEE.	Church Property	Received by Experience.	Received by Letter.	Received by Recommendation	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Number Members.	Day of Meeting.	Printing Minutes
Antioch.	Vanleer.	\$ 600	4						1	50	2	65
Bethel.	Cheap Hill, R. F. D. No. 2.	1,000	10						5	153	2	2 00
Bethlehem.	Ashland City, R. F. D. No. 1.	800	12						3	230	2	2 10
Brandon's Chapel.	Bumpus Mills	1,200	14						2	120	4	2 10
Charity.	Marwbone.	100	4						2	120	3	75
Coker's Chapel.	Nashville.	25 0	015						2	145	1,2,3,4	3 00
Cross Roads.	Dickson.	300							7	33	3	70
Good Springs.	Ashland City, R. R. No. 2.	1,000	3						45		2	85
Greenwood (Not rep.).	Cross Plains.											50
Harpeth Valley.	Deep Springs.											
Heads.	Cedar Hill, R. F. D. No. 5.	1,000	21	1	2		3	5	2	213	3	2 25
Hickory Grove.	Dickson.											
Hopewell.	Hickory Point.	600			1	1						50
Hurricane Chapel.	McEwen.	200	9						2	46	3	1 50
Maple Valley.	Heath.		3		2		1	2		31	1	75
Miller's Chapel.	Pardue.	300								69	2	70
Mt. Liberty (Not rep.).	Stewart.									30	1	1 30
Mt. Pleasant (Rep. by letter).	Morney.	500	2						2	49	2	
Mt. Zion.	Joelton, R. F. D. No. 2.	1,000	24		3	1			2	141	4	1 50
Indian Mound.	Indian Mound.	800	3		2		1		2	69	2	1 00
New Hope.	Joelton, R. F. D. No. 2.	500	14				1		1	106	1	1 00
Oak Grove.	Charlotte, R. F. D. No. 2.	500					1		3	36	2	75
Oakland (Rep. by letter).	White's Creek, R. F. D. No. 25.	500								55	1-3	1 00
Oak Lawn.	Pleasant View.	800							2	163	4	2 50
Oakwood.	Cedar Hill, R. F. D. No. 5.	750	5			1	2	1		53	1	1 00
Olivet.	Port Royal.											50
Paradise Ridge.	Joelton.											
Pleasant Hill.	Dover, R. F. D. No. 1.	800	7						3	184	3	1 50
Rock Springs.	Sobel.	1,000	3			1			3	231	3	1 50
Scott's Chapel.	Cumberland City, R. F. D. No. 1.	500	11						2	60	1	1 25
Shady Grove.	Hickory Point.											
Smith's Grove.	Indian Mound, R. F. D. No. 1.	300	5		1					47	2	61
Spring Hill.	Turnersville.		5		5				1	46	4	1 10
Stony Point.	Vanleer R. D. No. 2.	800	13						1	32	1	
Walnut Grove (Not rep.).	Stewart.								1	46	4	1 10
Total.			192	11	18	10	23	26	33	2515		\$33 80

Annual Presbytery.

The Annual Presbytery met in session October 16th, 1908, Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Moderator, pro tem.

Rev. W. W. Davis elected Moderator; Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Assistant Moderator; G. E. Steppee, Clerk; G. W. Fambrough, Assistant Clerk.

Ordaining Council make following report:

We recommend the ratification of Bro. Dell Upton's credentials, and that he be received as a minister of the Gospel in our denomination.

REV. J. E. HUDGENS.

REV. G. W. CARNEY.

JAMES BAKER.

W. H. BINKLEY.

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

The Presbytery extended the right hand of fellowship in greeting and welcoming Bro. Upton.

Bro. J. E. Powers, having joined a church outside our denomination, his credentials are demanded, and he be excluded for contempt.

Bro. E. S. Pruitt was recommended by the Ordaining Council to the full work of the ministry. Bro. J. E. Hudgens giving the charge, I. Timothy, 3rd Chapter, first seven verses; Bro. Dell Upton leading in consecrating prayer, by the laying on of hands of Presbytery. Clerk ordered the writing of credentials.

Adjourned to meet at close of next Annual Association.

W. W. DAVIS, Moderator.

G. E. STEPPEE, Clerk.

Ministers and Deacons Meeting.

A Ministers and Deacons meeting is called to meet at Bethlehem, Cheatham county, on the fifth Sunday in November, 1908. All Ministers and Deacons are invited to attend.

Addresses of Ministers.

- Armstrong, D. T., 1508 N. Florence street, Nashville, Tenn.
Ayers, J. W., Ashland City, Tenn.
Brake, J., Cumberland City, Tenn., R. D. No. 1.
Brumit, W. M., Cumberland City, Tenn.
Brown, W. A., Station B, care R. E. Lee, Nashville, Tenn.
Carney, G. W., Ashland City, Tenn., R. D. No. 3.
Chadwick, J. A., Dickson, Tenn.
Crow, M. S., Charlotte, Tenn., R. D. No. 2.
Davis, W. W., Ashland City, Tenn., R. D. No. 2.
Elliott, J. R., Adams, Tenn.
Donnegan, T. J., Dickson, Tenn., R. D. No. 5.
Duncan A. D. Joelton, Tenn.
Free, E. M., Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Gardner, J. W., 1501 12th Avenue N., Nashville, Tenn.
Hazlewood, Thos., Jordonia, Tenn.
Holt, S. B. B., Jordonia, Tenn.
Horner, J. N., Dickson, Tenn.
Haliburton, W. D., Cumberland City, Tenn.
Hemfree, W. E., Cumberland City, Tenn.
Hudgens, J. E., Ashland City, Tenn., R. D. No. 1.
Hunt, G. W., Nashville, Tenn.
Miles, E. F., Pardue, Tenn., R. D. No. 1.
Myatt, S. A., Dickson, Tenn., R. D. No. 4.
Nicholson, James, Jordonia, Tenn.
Oliver, J. H., Indian Mound, Tenn.
Pickle, C. H., White's Creek, Tenn.
Presley, W. F., Station 2, Nashville, Tenn.
Pruitt, E. S., 1027 Scott street, Nashville, Tenn.
Rogers, W. M., 1715 Hamburg street, Nashville, Tenn.
Shannon, J. W. D., Hickory Point, Tenn.
Steppee, G. E., Cumberland City, Tenn., R. D. No. 2.
Wagoner, W. B., Erin, Tenn.

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 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 Cor. 10: 16, 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, their 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. Also, his duty to ordain deacons where a vacancy occurs in his charge.

11. No person 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 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 revision by a majority of members voting for revision.

