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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 of 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, 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 prop-
erty....; our day of meeting is....; our pastor is....; Done
by order of the church on the ...day of... 191....

.....Moderator.
.....Clerk.

Sixty-Seventh Annual Meeting

The Annual Association of Freewill Christian Baptists met in its Sixty-Seventh Session, with Pleasant Hill Church, Stewart county, Tenn., November the 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1910.

The retiring Moderator being absent, Rev. W. W. Davis presided as temporary Moderator.

Roll called and quorum present.

The following officers were elected: Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Moderator; Rev. E. S. Pruitt, Assistant Moderator; J. H. Oliver, Clerk; Joe Gower, Assistant Clerk.

Business hours were fixed at 9:30 a. m. to 11:00 a. m.; 1:00 p. m. to 3:30 p. m.

Reading letters from various churches was begun.

The following committees were appointed:

DEVOTIONS—A. D. Duncan, J. W. Lewis and Nath Wallace.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS—G. W. Fambrough, Esq. Luter and Taylor Wallace.

Adjourned to 1:00 p. m.

Rev. D. T. Armstrong preached the Introductory Sermon
Text: Phil. 3rd ch., 14th vs.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

After partaking of a bountiful repast, house called to order by the Moderator.

After devotions the Moderator was authorized to appoint the Ordaining Council. He appointed: G. W. Fambrough, E. F. Miles, J. L. Welch, W. R. Swift and J. J. Gower.

Reading letters from the various churches was resumed.

Greenwood Church was represented by Rev. C. H. Pickle, with \$1.00 for Minutes; Maple Valley by Rev. E. F. Miles, with 50 cents for Minutes; New Hope by Rev. J. R. Elliott; Oak Grove by Rev. E. F. Miles, with 50 cents for Minutes; Paradise Ridge by Rev. C. H. Pickle, with \$1.00 for Minutes, and Olivet was represented by Rev. D. T. Armstrong.

On motion, Bros. Shelton and Claxton were invited to sit in council with us.

Petitionary letters were called for.

Corresponding letters from sister Associations were called for. None received.

The following committees were appointed:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Thomas Watts, W. M. Castile and Miss Lee Hide.

LITERATURE—J. L. Welch, Henry Binkley and J. W. Lewis.

EDUCATION—J. L. Welch, G. W. Boyte and J. D. Sullivan.

OBITUARIES—J. A. Claxton, E. M. Free and J. R. Elliott.

FINANCE—Edmond Watts, H. E. Murphey and G. F. Heyer.

MISSIONS—A. D. Duncan, R. M. Luter and A. T. Carney.

TEMPERANCE—E. F. Miles, W. W. Davis and Willie Walker.

Devotional Committee reported that J. L. Shelton preach Wednesday night; John L. Welch at 11:00 a. m. Thursday; Dr. Boyte Thursday night; Bro. Claxton at 11:00 a. m. Friday; J. W. D. Shannan at New Haven.

Adjourned to meet Thursday, 9:30 a. m.

THURSDAY MORNING.

After devotional service, house called to order by Moderator.

Minutes of Wednesday read and approved.

Report of standing committees called for. None received.
Special committees:

OBITUARIES.

Dear Brethren—Since our last Association it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call one of our ordained ministers, Bro. G. W. Carney, to his reward. Our loss is his gain. The Lord knows best; we humbly bow in submission.

We thank God in our hearts for His love and sympathy for us.

Whereas, death has claimed only a few of our members,

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

Report of Committee was adopted.

Regular order of business was suspended to hear the reading of the letter from Mt. Hermon.

TEMPERANCE.

We your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following for your careful consideration:

That whereas Temperance is one of the vital questions that is agitating the minds of our people, and the time has come when all lovers of the Lord Jesus Christ should show their colors, therefore we, your Committee, do most earnestly recommend that the Cumberland Association stand as a unit for the enforcement of the temperance laws as they now stand on the statute books of our fair State; and further, that we do earnestly beg our members to use every means in their power honestly and legitimately to suppress every vestage of the liquor traffic in any form within the borders of our fair State; and further, in behalf of our children who must soon take our places on the stage of action, we favor the extension of our temperance laws, so that the field of Temperance may not be confined to our own State, but that every vestage of the vile stuff sold as a beverage in the United States be suppressed, and we have instead of State Wide Prohibition United States Wide.

COMMITTEE.

Able discussed by several of the preachers and brethren. Report adopted.

Committee on Petitions and Requests reported: No petitions from any organization.

LITERATURE.

Committee on Literature reported as follows:

The Bible—the book of all books—is the very best text book for a theological student; and we earnestly recommend its systematic study to any aspirant for the Gospel ministry. As a basis for examination we recommend the Butler-Dunn System of Theology.

We also recommend that each candidate for the Gospel ministry pass an examination on this basis before the Ordaining Council. The study of Ecclesiastical History to enrich the mind and enlarge the conception of one's duty to God and man is recommended. Also that the *Free Will Baptist* of Ayden, N. C., be adopted as the official organ of this Association.

COMMITTEE.

Adopted after much discussion.

Adjourned to meet at 1.00 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to be heard:

We recognize that Sunday Schools are indispensable in the church in teaching Gospel truth and as an aid to the church. We recommend that each church where there are Sunday Schools continue them as a power for good. We further recommend that our pastors and deacons do all in their power to make the Sunday Schools what they ought to be, and organize them in all churches as far as possible. We recommend that our Sunday Schools use our own literature. We recommend that each Sunday School report to our next annual meeting. We earnestly insist that each pastor help all he can in the Sunday Schools and do all in his power get the members to attend.

COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

Bro. Raulings was invited to sit in council with us.

On motion, the Clerk was authorized to superintend the printing of the Minutes and be allowed \$10.00 for his service.

Committee on Finance reported \$37.65 for printing Minutes. (I have received since the Association 60 cents from Smith's Grove.—*Clerk.*)

On motion, Rev. E. S. Pruitt preach the Introductory Sermon next year, with Rev. J. L. Welch as alternate.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1, That we continue to correspond with sister Associations, and that the Moderator appoint the delegates. The following were appointed: (a) General Baptist—E. S. Pruitt. (b) Eastern Division of the Stone Association—Rev. J. A. Claxton. (c) Western Division—W. W. Davis. (d) Cape Fear Conference, Ayden, N. C.—Rev. J. L. Shelton.

Resolved, 2, That this Association by a rising vote of thanks express our gratitude to this church with other denominations and friends for their unbounded hospitality during this sitting of the Association.

MISSIONS.

Report of the Committee on Missions:

We your Committee on Mission work would recommend that we keep our home missionary work up, believing as we do that it has already and will in the future strengthen and build up the interests of God's cause; it helps to build up the waste places, adding to good cause in general, our church gains numerically by said Mission work along with other churches.

We would also recommend that we have some better system of support for the benefit of our Missionary while in the field. We would recommend that every preacher having pastoral care of one or more churches in this Association shall at the beginning of the pastoral year appoint a Mission Board of three or five to collect five cents per quarter from each resident member of each church, and to be turned over to an associational secretary and treasurer to be elected by this body, and that like collections shall be made quarterly and turned over as the first, all of which shall be paid over to our Missionary as soon as collected by the secretary and treasurer. We would also recommend that Bro. E. S. Pruitt be elected our Home Missionary for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. DUNCAN

A. T. CARNEY.

R. M. LUTER.

Report adopted.

Rev. E. S. Pruitt was re-elected Home Missionary; Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Treasurer.

The Treasurer reported \$18.45; to sales of Disciplines, 75 cents; total, \$19.20.

Place for next meeting of the Association. Cofer's Chapel and Mt. Zion were nominated. The vote was: 23 for Cofer's Chapel, to 21 for Mt. Zion. Cofers' Chapel has the honor of entertaining next year.

On motion the time of our Annual Meeting was changed to Wednesday before the first Sunday in October.

On motion we adjourned to meet Friday, 9:30 a. m.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Prayer by Bro. Boyte. Roll called and quorum present. Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved.

Our Missionary made the following report with regard to grouping the churches: Nineteen churches unanimously in favor of grouping, with several others verbally represented by other brethren as being in favor of the same. There was no opposition from any church.

EDUCATION.

Committee on Education made the following report:

It is a deplorable fact that our ministers are far deficient

in their educational qualifications compared to other denominations. We earnestly request that the Association admonish all candidates for Gospel ministry that they make every effort to obtain an English education. We suggest that the church assist worthy men in their efforts along these lines, and that individual lay members help such young men, and that they secure the coöperation of other churches in order that the standard of education in our ministerial ranks be raised to its proper place.

COMMITTEE.

Report adopted.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following committee to look after the grouping of the churches: H. P. Smith, J. D. Sullivan, C. T. Dowel, G. W. Boyte and H. E. Murphey.

Adjourned to 1:00 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Prayer by Rev. J. A. Elliott.

On motion the names of C. R. Gupton, D. C. Neal and J. W. D. Shannon be dropped from the list of Licentiates.

On motion we adjourned to meet with Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, Tenn., on Wednesday before the first Sunday in October, 1911, at 10:00 a. m.

D. T. ARMSTRONG, Moderator.

J. H. OLIVER, Clerk.

Annual Presbytery

The Annual Presbytery convened on November 4th at the close of the Association.

Bro. J. L. Welch was elected Moderator, and Rev. A. D. Duncan, Assistant Moderator; J. H. Oliver, Clerk, and Bro. W. M. Castile, Assistant Clerk.

Bro. Upton's case was tabled till the next annual meeting.

On motion the Clerk was ordered to obtain the credentials of J. E. Powers.

Bros. W. M. Brummit and G. E. Steppe were excluded for contempt, and the Clerk was ordered to demand their credentials.

Committee on Ordination reported as follows:

We received recommendation from Cofer's Chapel for the ordination of Bro. J. A. Claxton, he coming with credentials from the Mt. Union Association of Kentucky. One from Mt. Zion recommending Dr. G. W. Boyte to the ordination of the Presbytery. Two from Craigfield, Williamson county, recommending Bros. W. G. Sullivan and J. A. Beard.

After examination of the brethren we recommend Bros. J. A. Claxton, G. W. Boyte and W. W. Sullivan to the Presbytery for ordination; and we would recommend that J. A. Beard continue to study for another year.

E. F. MILES.

J. L. WELCH.

W. R. SWIFT.

J. J. GOWER.

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

On motion Rev. J. A. Claxton's credentials be ratified and Bro. G. W. Boyt and Bro. W. G. Sullivan be ordained to the full work of the ministry.

Bro. J. L. Welch was appointed to give the charge from first Timothy, 3rd chapter, 1st to 7th verses, after which they were duly ordained by prayer and laying on of hands.

Adjourned to meet at the close of next Annual Association.

J. L. WELCH, Moderator.

J. H. OLIVER, Clerk.

Deacons

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

Bethlehem—W. H. Binkley, W. T. Sanders, J. H. Felts and E. A. Boytes.

Cofer's Chapel—J. R. Parkinson, William Harrison, Rufus Manners, J. Sullivan and Edgar Parker.

Oakwood—W. W. Clinard and J. R. Mayo.

Mt. Zion—J. T. Newman, George T. Harris, A. Rediker and H. V. Abernathy.

Heads—J. J. Gower, John Lawrence, R. R. Gower and J. T. Heads.

Antioch—W. R. Swift, J. M. Baker, R. V. Walker and J. W. Murphy.

Reports of Ministers

REPORT OF D. T. ARMSTRONG.

Heads Church—Received into the church, 4; baptized, 4.
Received for services, \$97.35.

Oaklawn Church—Received into the church, 18; baptized, 18. Received for services, \$74.30.

Bethlehem—Received into the church, 9; baptized, 9. Received for services, \$60.60.

Bethel—Received into the church, 30; baptized, 30. Received for services, \$86.00.

Churches in charge, 4; sermons preached, 135; prayers in homes, 53; homes visited, 320; miles travelled unknown; marriages solemnized, 3; funerals conducted, 4; My work is in good condition. D. T. ARMSTRONG.

Having no church in charge, and beginning my work in June, I have devoted my time to evangelistic work and assisting pastors. Number of sermons preached, 70; conversions, 92; miles travelled, 610. Collections, \$115.95. J. A. CLAXTON.

Churches in charge, 5; sermons preached, 280; miles travelled, 1,640; funerals, 1; received into church, 12; baptized, 5. Received for services, \$229. A. D. DUNCAN.

Sermons preached, 45; funerals, 5; conversions, 22; baptized, 5; miles travelled, 3,000. Received for services, \$7.30. W. M. CASTLE.

Churches in charge, 2; sermons preached, 90; conversions, 25; received into church, 7; baptized, 7; marriages, 3; funerals, 3; Received for services, \$79.35. J. R. ELLIOTT.

Sermons preached, 264; miles travelled, 8,645; conversions witnessed, 4. Received for services, \$813.63.

W. M. RODGERS.

Churches in charge, 2; sermons preached, 75; received into church, 13; conversions witnessed, 2; funerals conducted, 7. Received for services, \$17.50. W. G. SULLIVAN.

I have no churches in charge and have not had the opportunity to preach as much as I ought to, though I have been preaching at school houses, and assisting other brethren. I hope to be able to do more work for the Lord this year.

J. H. OLIVER.

Churches in charge, 1; sermons preached, 135; prayer meetings conducted, 39; conversions witnessed, 125; received into church, 34; baptized, 11; funerals, 11; marriages, 10. Received from Cofer's Chapel, \$237.27; from other churches, \$83.35; total, \$320.62. J. L. WELCH.

Reports of Licentiates

Having no churches in charge my time has been given to evangelistic work and assisting pastors. Have been happy and blessed of God in the service. Conversions witnessed, 6; miles travelled, 125; sermons, 33. Received for services, \$3.70.

L. A. BEARD.

Sermons preached, 53; miles travelled, 428; conversions witnessed, 5. G. M. PRUITT.

Report of Home Missionary

Sermons preached, 337; conversions witnessed, 734; taken into the church, 222; baptized, 220; miles travelled, 7,445; marriages solemnized, 2; funerals, 1.

Received from the churches, Missionary money: Rock Springs, \$5.50; Good Springs, 50c; Shady Grove, \$1.10; Hope-

well, \$9.20; Oakwood, \$5.05; Olivet, \$7.25; Mt. Hermon, \$5.25; Stony Point, \$4.50; Bethel, \$11.25; Scott's Chapel, \$3.25; Miller's Chapel, \$4.70; Pleasant Hill, \$5.05; Indian Mound, \$1.65; White Oak Flat, \$3.85; Bumpus Mills, \$3.70; Bethlehem, \$3.45.

Places in which revivals were conducted in Tennessee: Portland, Oakwood, Charlotte, Rock Springs, Clarksville, Fredonia, Bethlehem, Vanleer, Sylvia, Crawford's Cross Roads, Brown's Mill, Craigfield, Bumpus Mills. Revivals in Kentucky: Arlington, Hillsdale, Mt. Union, Salmons, Flatfoot, Shady Grove, Shiloh. Revivals in Indiana: Jasper and Huntingburg.

Received from all sources, \$797.45. E. S. PRUITT,

1322 8th Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.

Churches and Their Delegates

Antioch—W. R. Swift, Ray Lee.

Bethel—Robert Hearnell, R. M. Fambrough, G. W. Fambrough, and Robert Smith, alternate.

Bethlehem—A. H. Hodgens, T. S. Bobbitt, J. T. Eatherly, H. W. Binkley, and W. H. Binkley, alternate.

Brandon's Chapel—W. P. Luton, G. F. Hyer, W. E. Luton.

Cofer's Chapel—Rev. J. A. C'axton, Ed. Parker, Sister Nannie Parker, and Sister Mary Weaver.

Craigfield—Jerry Sullivan.

Cross Roads—S. A. Myatt, George Murrell, alternate.

Good Springs—D. L. Harris and J. B. Davis; John Smith, alt.

Heads—Sister Lee Hyde, John Laurence, Joe Gower, H. E. Murphey, and H. J. Head.

Hickory Grove—W. M. Murrel, and Bro. A. J. Myatt, alternate.

Hopewell—J. H. Coakley and Jack Lovelace.

Hurricane Chapel—A. J. Burgess and J. W. Tunnins.

Indian Mound—Bro. H. P. Smith, Mrs. C. A. Moury and Mrs. C. A. Wolfe.

Miller's Chapel—J. H. Sutton and J. W. Walton.

Mt. Hermon—E. P. Woods and W. G. Dever.

Mt. Pleasant—L. P. Abernathy and C. C. Cagel

- Mt. Zion—Bro. G. W. Boyte, Mrs. Bertha Harris and G. F. Newman, alternate.
Oakland—A. T. Carney and G. Lawrence.
Oaklawn—E. C. Watts, W. H. Walker, Thos. Watts and H. T. Greer.
Oakwood—R. M. Luter and W. W. Clinard; E. E. Jacobs, alt.
Pleasant Hill—J. W. Lewis, N. G. Wallace, T. T. Taylor.
Rock Springs—J. T. Hagwood, V. B. Hagwood, Robert Carroll, W. C. Jones, Mrs. B. H. Hagwood.
Scotts' Chapel—A. T. Gillahan, J. A. Townsend.
Shady Grove—J. A. Major and Henry Holt.
Smith's Grove—H. W. Abney, Robert Phillips.
Stony Point—Sister Mellie Williams and Bro. McCoy.

Note

I received the Church Letter from New Hope Church on Nov. 23, 1910, after copy was already in the hands of printer, but Mr. Titus kindly agreed to include it in Table of Statistics.

CLERK.

CHURCHES

POSTOFFICES ALL IN TENNESSEE

CHURCHES	POSTOFFICES ALL IN TENNESSEE	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Received by Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Trans. by Request	Deceased	No. of Members	Day of Meeting	Church Property	Printing Minutes
Antioch	Vanleer	1		1						50	4	\$ 600	50
Bethel	Cheap Hill, R. D. No. 1	30		1		1			1	187	2	1,000	2 00
Bethlehem	Ashland City, R. D. No. 1	9			1				4	234	1	800	2 50
Brandon's Chapel	Bumpus Mills						14		1	102		1,000	1 00
Charity	Ashland City, R. D. No. 3												
Cofe's Chapel	Nashville, N. Arthur Ave.	30	3		1		3			173	1234	2 500	3 00
Craigfield	Bonaqua, R. D. No. 1	1		10									175
Cross Roads	Dickson			1			7		3	27	1	300	70
Good Spring	Ashland City, R. D. No. 2								2	39	3	1,000	65
Greenwood	Cross Plains												1 00
Harpeth Valley	Deep Springs												
Heads	Cedar Hill, R. D. No. 5	4			1	4	1		3	214	3	1,000	2 05
Hickory Grove	Dickson, R. D. No. 3			2						31	4	200	50
Hopewell	Hickory Point	1		1		2				43	3	600	1 00
Hurricane Chapel	Tennessee City, R. D. No. 1								2	30	1	300	75
Indian Mound	Indian Mound	2		6		1			1	70	4	600	1 00
Maple Valley	Pardue, R. D. No. 1												
Miller's Chapel	Pardue, R. D. No. 1	5		1	6					40	1	300	1 00
Mt. Hermon	Turbine	6							1	22		300	1 50
Mt. Pleasant	Morney			3					2	50	1	500	1 50
Mt. Zion	Joelton, R. D. No. 2	12		2	1	1	2		2	167	2-4	1,000	2 55
New Hope	Joelton, R. D. No. 2	4					1	1	3	106	3	800	1 00
Oak Grove	Charlotte, R. D. No. 2									88	3	600	1 50
Oakland	White's Creek	8			1				1	190	4	1,000	2 00
Oaklawn	Pleasant View		4						1	63	1	800	1 05
Oakwood	Cedar Hill, R. D. No. 5	18					1						
Olivet	Port Royal												
Paradise Ridge	Joelton												1 00
Pleasant Hill	Dover, R. D. No. 1			4				2	3	180	3	800	1 00
Rock Spring	Sobel	12								194	3	1,000	1 65
Scott's Chapel	Cumberland City, R. D. No. 1						6	2		48	1	525	
Shady Grove	Woodford, R. D. No. 1	3		2		1				57	2	400	1 50
Smith's Grove	Indian Mound, R. D. No. 1					3				42	2	200	60
Spring Hill	Ridge Top	3							1	31			
Stony Point	Vanleer, R. D. No. 2		2							44	4	800	1 00
Walnut Grove	Stewart												
Total		149	9	34	11	13	34	4	31	2437		18,425	38.25

Addresses of Ministers

Armstrong, D. T., 1508 N. 12th Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Ayers, J. W., Ashland City, Tenn.
Brake, J., Cumberland City, Tenn., R. D. No. 1.
Boyte, G. W., Joelton, Tenn.
Castile, W. M., Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Chadwick, J. A., Dickson, Tenn.
Claxton, J. A., 1415 Delta ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Crow, M. S. Charlotte, Tenn., R. D. No. 2.
Davis, W. W., Ashland City, Tenn., R. D. No. 2.
Donnegan, T. J., Dickson, Tenn., R. D. No. 5.
Duncan, A. D., Indian Mound, Tenn.
Elliott, J. R., Adams, Tenn.
Free, E. M., Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Gardner, J. W., 1501 12th Avenue N., Nashville, Tenn.
Gower, Joseph, 125 4th 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.
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.
Pruitt, E. S., 1024 Tenth Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
Rogers, W. M., 1715 Hamburg street, Nashville, Tenn.
Sullivan, W. G., Jingo, Tenn., R. D. No. 2.
Wagoner, W. B., Erin, Tenn.
Welch, J. L., 1508 N. 12th Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

LICENTIATES.

Beard, L. A., Bonaqua, Tenn., R. D. No. 1.
Burgess, A. J., Tennessee City, Tenn., R. D. No. 1.
Hagewood, W. T., Hamble, 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 C. 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 excluded churches, which shall receive the concurrence of two-thirds.

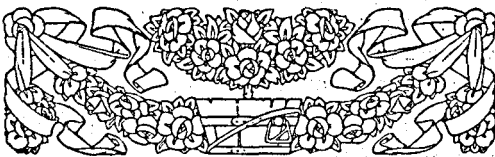
14. Representatives from five churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and no business shall be transacted without a quorum.

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.

