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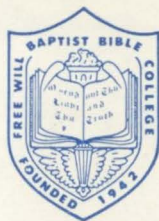
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TENN.

October 1, 2, 3, 1913.



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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

### Wednesday.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Calling roll.
3. Election of officers.
4. Appointment of Committee to Arrange Committees.
5. Reading letters from various Churches.
6. Calling for petitionary letters.
7. Calling for corresponding letters from Associations of Churches.
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. Devotional exercises.
2. Calling roll.
3. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
4. Hearing resolutions.
5. Miscellaneous business.

## Seventieth Annual Session

The Annual Association of the Freewill Christian Baptists met in its 70th session with Shady Grove Church, Montgomery County, Tenn. Oct. 1st. 1913.

The retiring Moderator, Rev. J. L. Welch, being absent, Rev. D. T. Armstrong called the Association to order at 10 o'clock A. M. Wednesday.

Rev. J. E. Hudgens was elected Moderator who took the chair and proceeded to business.

On motion Mrs. H. P. Smith was elected clerk by acclamation.

On motion Rev. A. D. Duncan was elected Assistant Moderator by Acclamation.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following to arrange the different Committees. viz: E. F. Miles, G. W. Fambrough, D. T. Armstrong.

The reading of the Church Letters was begun and continued until 10-50 A. M.

On motion the hours of meeting for this Association be from 9 A. M. to 11 A. M. and from 1-30 P. M. to pleasure of Association.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 1-30 P. M.

After singing and prayer by I. W. Ayers, the Introductory sermon was preached by D. T. Armstrong at 11 A. M.

Text—Josh. 1:6. Subject—Courage

Then we had a general "hand shake" which was enjoyed by all, after which we were dismissed for dinner.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

After Devotional Exercises the Association was called to order by Moderator.

The Committee on arrangement of Committees being ready to report said report was received and adopted by Association. Said report was as follows, viz:

Temperance—J. E. Hudgens, Chm., D. T. Armstrong and Billie Procter.

Home Missions—E. S. Pruitt, J. H. Oliver and W. A. Crow.

State of Church—R. M. Luter, W. G. Sullivan and Mont Morgan.

Petitions and Requests—A. D. Duncan, C. H. Pickle and G. W. Boydt.

Devotional Exercises—W. W. Davis, Hardy Felts and George Stack.

Sunday School—H. V. Abernathy, G. W. Fambrough, and J. H. Sutton.

Literature—J. L. Welch, E. S. Pruitt, and J. M. Deavers.

Education—E. F. Miles, A. B. Travis and G. D. McReynolds.

Obituaries—J. N. Horner, S. A. Myatt, and G. M. Pruitt.

Finance—J. E. Hudgens, J. R. Elliott and W. J. Bobbitt.

Reading of Church Letters resumed and when the Letter was read from Richland Chapel, a motion prevailed for the Moderator to appoint a Committee to investigate affairs at said church and report said conditions to the next Association. The following were appointed: J. L. Welch, W. M. Rodgers, and C. H. Pickle.

The regular order of business was suspended and a motion prevailed to invite visiting Brethren and Sisters to sit in council with us. The Moderator extended to them the hand of welcome in his impressive way.

On motion the Moderator appoint a Committee of five to select a suitable place for the next sitting of the Association and said report to be referred to this body for adoption. The following were appointed: G. T. Harris, J. T. Eatherly, W. J. Bobbett Jr., J. M. Taylor and J. L. Welch.

The regular order of business was suspended and on motion the hand of welcome was extended to Rev. W. S. Clouse of Stone Association, by the Moderator in a very cordial manner.

On motion we adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock A. M. Thursday.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

After singing and prayer by Rev. W. S. Clouse, the minutes of Wednesday were read and approved.

Letters from Sister Associations called for and one received from Stone Association and on motion the letter be received and the delegate was seated in council with us.

Reports of Committees called for and the following received, read, adopted and Committees discharged, viz: Sunday School, Obituaries, Finance, Education, Temperance, Missions, State of Church, Location of next Association, Petitions and Requests, Devotional Exercises and Literature.

The regular order of business was suspended and we were entertained by Rev. W. S. Clouse in regard to affairs of Stone Association, which was enjoyed by all.

On motion we adjourned for preaching.

We were royally entertained by Rev. W. S. Clouse and had a real feast of the presence of Holy Ghost religion; there being much shouting and rejoicing. Were dismissed for dinner at 1 o'clock

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After devotional services the following resolutions were passed:

In regard to printing of minutes and clerk's salary.

Vote of "thanks" to Bro. Clouse.

Vote of "thanks" to community of Shady Grove.

In regard to Chairman of each Committee making a speech in regard to report of Committee.

In regard to appointing a Committee of 5 be appointed to select a suitable place for next sitting of Association.

On motion the following was carried:

"Inasmuch as some of our Ministers have been greatly disturbed in their work by men of other denominations, which is contrary to our rules, I move that no man or set of men shall have a regular appointment to preach in any of our churches only by the consent of the Pastor. J. L. Weisen

On motion we ratified the report of Committee on location of Association, which located it at Oak Grove church, in Dickson county, Tenn., 6 miles South of Cumberland Furnace.

#### FRIDAY MORNING

After singing and prayer the election of Home Missionary was taken up and on motion it was postponed until later.

On motion the Moderator appoint a Committee to draw up resolutions in regard to an Annual Memorial Service. D. T. Arm-

strong and G. M. Pruitt were appointed.

On motion Rev. A. D. Duncan was chosen to preach the Introductory sermon, with W. W. Davis his Alternate.

On motion we hold a Memorial service in honor M. S. Crow.

On motion we adjourned for preaching.

We were royally entertained by Rev. J. L. Welch at the preaching hour, who gave a short Memorial of Bro. M. S. Crow.

Were dismissed for dinner at 1 o'clock.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After singing and prayer the election of Home Missionary was taken up again which resulted in the election of Rev. J. E. Hudgens as our Home Missionary.

On motion the Association liberated Rev. E. S. Pruitt as our State Evangelist with the Association's recommendation to go with him wherever he may go.

On motion we adjourned to meet with Oak Grove Church in Dickson County, Tenn. on Wednesday before the 1st Sunday in Oct. 1914 at 10 A. M.

J. E. Hudgens, Moderator  
(Mrs.) H. P. Smith, Clerk

#### RESOLUTIONS

Resolved that, each Chairman of our several Committees be required upon presentation of their report to give reasons why such reports shall be adopted by this Association.

Resolved that, the pastor of each church appoint some one from each church to write or report the news items from the church appointed and also to take subscriptions to the "Freewill Baptist Messenger," published at Baxter, Tenn.

Resolved that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes and she be allowed \$10.00 for her services.

Resolved that, we extend a vote of thanks to Bro. Clouse, and to Stone Association for having him with us during this Association.

Resolved that, the Moderator of this Association appoint a Committee of five to select a suitable place for the next sitting of the Association, said selection to be ratified by Association.

Whereas, the people of this Community of all denominations have so bountifully cared for and taken care of this Association; Resolved that, we extend to them our hearty "Thanks" for their many kindnesses.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Temperance—Your Committee on Temperance submit the following report—Whereas the evils of the liquor traffic are generally admitted by every one;

Whereas our State is torn with strife, and pregnant with dissensions, consequent on lawlessness incited by violations of our temperance laws, and;

Whereas the action of our present Legislature or rather their inaction and refusal to allow the law enforcement bills to come to a vote, are highly reprehensible and;

Whereas we favor the enforcement of our present prohibition laws

Therefore be it resolved that, we as an Association go on record as favoring the abolition of the traffic as whole, both State and National and especially do we urge the passage of the Anti Jug Law by the United States.

J. E. Hudgens

W. D. Proctor

D. T. Armstrong

Home Missions—We your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit the following report—We recommend that we continue to keep a Home Missionary in the field. We further recommend that we assess all our member 20cents each per year and earnestly request them to pay this amount to the chairman of their Home Mission board and he send it to our Associational Treasurer, G. W. Fambrough, Neptune, Tenn. We further recommend that said Treasurer be instructed to send these funds monthly, or as he shall receive them, to the Home Missionary; provided said Missionary is laboring within the bounds and borders of the Cumberland Association, but if he fails to confine himself to said borders our Treasurer shall let these funds remain in the Treasury to be disposed of at next Annual session, at the pleasure of the body.

The Home Missionary is expected to take up a collection

at his meetings to help in his support.

We further recommend that we endorse Foreign Missions and send whatever we think is our duty to the foreign cause.

J. H. Oliver

W. S. Crow

E. S. Pruitt

State of Church—We your Committee beg leave to submit the following report—That after investigation through knowledge gained from church-letter statistics, that the churches are, in general, in a prosperous condition, spiritually. While some few churches have had but few accessions; a great number have had a number of accessions during the Associational year. We find quite a number of restorations of members, who have strayed away from the narrow way, but have been brought to see the error of their way and returned to the fold. This being considered by us as a good omen and bespeaks spiritual prosperity for the church. We would say the church, in general, is on the up grade.

R. M. Luter

W. G. Sullivan

M. H. Morgan

Petitions and request—We beg leave to submit the following report—That the petitions of Pruitt's Chapel Church and Union Hill Church be admitted into Cumberland Association and their delegates be invited to sit in council with us.

A. D. Duncan

C. H. Pickle

G. W. Boyd

Sunday School—We your Committee on Sunday School beg leave to submit the following report—Believing that the Sunday School is the nursery of the church where the children receive their early training for their future welfare, and where their thoughts, actions, and their very lives are blended into the great fold of our Shepherd, and that statistics show that a very small percent of S. S. Scholars are ever brought before the courts of our country. We recommend that the pastors of the Cumberland Association use their influence in organizing Sunday Schools in all their churches and use any means at their command to keep

it up to the standard all the year. We also recommend the use of the Freewill Baptist Literature for all our of Sunday Schools

H. V. Abernathy

G. W. Fambrough

J. H. Sutton

(F. W. B. Sunday School Literature can be obtained from the F. W. B. Pub. Co., Ayden, N. C.—Clerk.)

Literature—Whereas the Dunn Butler system of Theology is no more printed, we recommend the Christian Church and its Institutions by A. D. Williams, as a fair, forceful and Biblical statement of Baptist doctrine, and urge our Ministers to give as much as possible to its study. We further recommend the use of F. W. B. Literature in our Sunday Schools. We insist that all our people subscribe for the "Freewill Baptist Messenger" and use their influence to increase its circulation. E. S. Pruitt

W. J. Dever

J. L. Welch

Education—We your Committee beg leave to submit the following for your consideration—Realizing the great need of an education in this progressive age of the world, in order that we, as a denomination may keep pace with Sister organizations, and also, that our organization has fallen far behind in this respect as regards our Ministerial rank as well as layman. Believing as we do that the Bible is the greatest and best text book of the age, and the only infalible one, we have. We therefore recommend first of all, a carefull study of it in a systematic way by our layman as it is our only infalible guide from earth to heaven, and further we do most cordially insist that our Ministers habituate themselves to a daily study of the same, and not only so, but use all the helps obtainable that is calculated to give light or insight into the deep things of God. We further recommend the system adopted last year in regard to the school for our Ministers, with enlargement of same constantly from year to year, as experience teaches and means will permit until we shall have within our Association a college fully equiped for the education of our Ministers. We further recommend to all our Licentiates, who feel

the call to the Ministerial work, that they put their minds to work and keep it employed, as an idle mind is the devil's workshop; also keep in mind that an education is not attainable alone out of text books but is a life of experience and observation. We further request that our Licentiates put forth every effort possible to obtain a literary education and that this Association lend a helping hand to all young men and women in this respect.

G. D. McReynolds

E. F. Miles

A. B. Travis

Obituaries—We your Committee beg leave to submit the following report, that where as it has pleased God in his wise Providence to take out of our ranks our dearly beloved Brother, M. S. Crow, and some of our lay members; we therefore cordially extend to their families and friends our heart felt sympathy further commend them to Him who ruleth all things well and after the council of His own will. We realize our loss is their gain

J. N. Horner

S. A. Myatt

G. M. Pruitt

Location of Association—We your Committee on Location of the place for the sitting of next Association have received petitions from six churches, viz: Heads, Indian Mound, New Hope, Stony Point, Antioch and Oak Grove; and after carefully considering the petition from each church, we have come to the conclusion that it would be wise for the Association to go to Oak Grove church at its next Annual sitting.

G. T. Harris

J. T. Eatherly

W. J. Bobbett

J. M. Taylor

J. L. Welch

Memorial—We your committee on Memorial service wish to submit the following report—We recommend that a "Memorial service" be held on the second day at 11 o'clock A. M. of each annual sitting of our Association for our deceased Ministers and lay members of the year just preceeding each Association. We

further recommended that Rev. J. E. Hudgens preach the first Memorial service and that at each sitting of the Association we appoint a man to conduct the next Memorial service.

D. T. Armstrong.

G. M. Pruitt.

Finance—We your Committee submit the following report on Finance: Heads, \$2.00; Hopewell, 49c; Mt. Herman, \$1.50; Dunbar's Chapel, \$1.00; Miller's Chapel, \$1.50; Shady Grove, 70c; Smith's Grove, \$1.00; Scott's Chapel, \$1.00; Indian Mound, \$1.00; Hickory Grove, 60c; Brandon's Chapel, \$2.00; Bethlehem, \$2.20; Bethel, \$2.40; Antioch, \$1.00; Craigfield, \$1.70; Cofer's Chapel, \$3.00; Mt. Pleasant, \$1.55; Hurricane Chapel, 65c; Pleasant Hill, \$1.00; Oaklawn, \$2.55; Mt. Zion, \$2.00; Cross Roads, 50c; Marrowbone Chapel, \$1.00; New Hope, \$1.50; Union Hill, \$1.00; Maple Valley, 50c; Oak Grove, 75c; Spring Hill, 80c; Olivet, \$1.00; Oakland, \$1.50; Rock Spring, \$2.00; Pruitt's Chapel, 50c. Total, \$41.69.

J. E. Hudgens.

J. R. Elliott.

W. J. Bobbett.

Devotional Exercises—This report was handed in but some how or some how else it has been misplaced and we cannot herewith put it in.—CLERK.

### STONE ASSOCIATION LETTER.

We the Freewill Christian Baptist of Stone Association send "greetings" to the brethren and sisters of Cumberland Association, when convened with Shady Grove Church, Montgomery county, Tenn. We send our beloved brothers Rev. W. S. Clouse and J. F. Gentry to represent us. The Stone Association meets with Johnson's Church, Putnam county, Tenn., nine miles south of Monterey and fourteen miles north of Sparta. We beg you to send representatives to meet with us, and brethren, let us become in closer communion with each other. Some great man has well said, "United we stand, divided we fall," and Christ said, "Bear ye one another's burdens." So let us get in closer touch with each other in God's name.

The paper, the "Freewill Baptist Messenger," is being run by the Stone Association and it is your paper as well as ours, and we beg of you to help us out by helping us to swell our subscription list to 2,500 this year.

Our Association met with Allen's Chapel Church, Putnam county, Tenn., and our statistics are as follows: Was represented by 30 churches, 27 ministers. Total membership represented, about 3,000. Value of church property about \$9,000. Printing plant, \$1,000.

Any information desired may be had by addressing L. F. Smith, Pleasant Hill, Tenn., Clerk.  
(Mrs.) H. P. Smith, Assistant Clerk.

## **MINISTERS' REPORTS.**

### **E. S. Pruitt—Home Missionary.**

74 UNIVERSITY STREET, NASHVILLE, TENN.

Sermons preached, 355; conversions, 770; took into church, 355; baptized, 305; money received, \$641.00. Missionary money—Bethel, \$4.80; Bethlehem, \$7.10; Marrowbone Chapel, \$3.60; Cofier's Chapel, \$10.00; Craigfield, \$5.15; Cross Roads, \$3.65; Good Spring, \$1.80; Heads, \$7.30; Miller's Chapel, \$3.20; Mt. Zion, \$2.00; New Hope, \$2.75; Lalkand, \$2.90; Oaklawn, \$2.20; Olivet, \$4.20; Rock Springs, \$4.80; Shady Grove, \$5.40. Miles traveled, 5,500; marriages solemnized, 1. Brought into Association two new churches.

### **D. T. Armstrong, Thomasville, Tenn., R. 1.**

I have 4 churches in charge; Bethlehem Church: Received for services, \$90.10; Bethel Church: Received into church, 2; received for services, \$128.90; Heads church: Received into church, 1; Oaklawn church: Received into church, 4.

### **W. M. Rodgers, 1818½ Delta Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.**

Miles traveled, 4,875; sermons preached, 136; money received, \$548.56.

### **C. H. Pickle, Indian Mound, Tenn.**

I have 5 churches in charge. Rock Spring Church: Received into church, 9; baptized, 6; received for services, \$75.00. Pleasant Hill Church: Received for services, \$50.00. Bumpus Mills Church: Received into church, 11; baptized, 9; received for services, \$75.00. Smith's Grove Church: Received into church, 2; baptized, 1; received for services, \$50.00. Sermons preached, 365; miles traveled, 3,000; funerals conducted, 3. My work is in good condition. I have done a good deal of repair work on my churches, and the people have presented me with a nice buggy worth about \$80.00.

### **J. W. Ayres, Ashland City, Tenn., R. 2.**

Received into church, 2; baptized, 3; received for services, \$4.45; sermons preached, 25; miles traveled, 200; marriages solemnized, 2; funerals conducted, 2.

### **J. N. Horner, Dickson, Tenn., R. 5.**

I have 4 churches in charge. Cross Roads: Church Received into church 6; baptized, 5; received for services, \$25.95; Stony Point Church: Received into church, 4; baptized, 5; received for services, \$35.58; Antioch Church: Received for services, \$23.50; Hickory Grove Church: Received into

church, 9; baptized, 6; received for services, \$28.25; received from other sources, \$16.15; sermons preached, 96; miles traveled, 1,000; marriages solemnized, 3; prayers in homes, 10. My work is in good condition. We thank God for his blessings this year and pray that the Lord will still be with us.

**J. W. Gordon, Ashland City, Tenn., R. 3.**

My work has been in helping others. I am ready for work for another year and I will serve any church or churches if they will call me or let me know. I will serve any of them to the best of my ability.

**G. M. Pruitt, North Nashville, R. 6.**

I have one church in charge. Received into church, 5; baptized, 6; received for services, \$50; sermons preached, 73; miles traveled, 578; marriages solemnized, 2; funerals conducted, 1; homes visited, 300; prayers in homes, 15; conversions witnessed, 20.

**S. L. Patterson, Indian Mound, Tenn.**

I have one church in charge and preach regularly at three school houses. Indian Mound Church: Received into church, 18; received for services, \$269.80. My work is in good condition. I ask the prayers of God's people that I may be successful in my work.

**J. R. Elliott, Hickory Point, Tenn.**

I have two churches in charge. Oak Grove Church: Received into church, 9; received for services, \$43.45; Maple Valley Church: Received for services, \$2.30; received from other sources, \$32.55; sermons preached, 87; marriages solemnized, 2; funerals conducted, 7; prayer meetings conducted, 25; homes visited, 78; prayers in homes, 65. My work is in good condition. Have witnessed 102 conversions and baptized 18.

**E. F. Miles, Pardue, Tenn.**

I have one church in charge. Mt. Herman Church: Received into church, 10; baptized, 28; received for services, \$25; sermons preached, 30; marriages solemnized, 9; funerals conducted, 5. My work is in good condition.

**J. H. Oliver, Indian Mound, Tenn.**

Received from all sources, \$59; sermons preached, 67; miles traveled, 500; marriages solemnized, 1; funerals conducted, 7. As I have no churches in charge my work has been principally in assisting other brethren, mostly on Bro. Pickle's work.

**F. M. Simpkins, Ashland City, Tenn., R. 3.**

Received for services, \$23.07; sermons preached, 45; funerals conducted, 1; prayer meetings conducted, 13; homes visited, 85; prayers in homes, 26. I have no churches in charge, but by the help of the Lord I have responded to numerous calls and the Lord has blessed me wonderfully in the work. I have witnessed 53 conversions and 6 restorations.

**W. W. Davis, Ashland City, Tenn., R. 2.**

I have two churches in charge. Shady Grove Church: Received into church, 13; baptized, 5; received for services, \$40.00; received from other sources, \$20; sermons preached, 65; miles traveled, 300; marriages solemnized, 4; funerals conducted, 10; prayer meetings conducted, 21; homes visited, 200. My work is in very good condition.

**W. T. Hagewood, Hambel, Tenn.**

Received for services, \$65.75; sermons preached, 20; prayer meetings conducted, 5; homes visited, 75; prayers in homes, 45. The Lord has blessed me in my labors. Have witnessed 65 conversions. As I have no churches in charge my work has been evangelical work. We held one meeting and had 21 conversions, 14 of them in one service.

**W. S. Gentry, Cumberland City, Tenn.**

I have one church in charge, Scott's Chapel Church. Received into church, 10; received for services, \$48; funerals conducted, 5; prayer meetings conducted, 35; homes visited, 300; prayers in homes, 100. My work is in very good condition. We have a very good Sunday School and a good prayer meeting.

**I. G. Miller, West Nashville, Tenn., R. 12, Box 81.**

I have conducted 85 prayer meetings; homes visited, 8; assisted in 2 revivals; witnessed 3 conversions; assisted in a baptizing; organized 2 Sunday Schools. I have had charge of our home church two months and had services twice a week and the Lord has wonderfully blessed me in my effort. Pray for me that I may be a soul winner for Jesus.

**A. D. Duncan, Joelton, Tenn., R. 1.**

Churches in charge, 4; sermons preached, 135; conversions witnessed, 67; received into church, 53; miles traveled, 1,800; received for services, \$394.52.

## ANNUAL PRESBYTERY

The Annual Presbytery convened on the 1st day of October, 1913, at the close of the Association. The Presbytery was called to order by W. W. Davis, Moderator, and proceeded to elect officers. D. T. Armstrong was elected Moderator to fill chair vacated by W. W. Davis. Mrs. H. P. Smith was elected Clerk and J. L. Welch, Assistant Moderator, by acclamation.

On motion the report of Committee on character of Ministers and Deacons be received and committee retained. On motion the Committee on Character of Ministers and Deacons investigate the character of all ministers who don't report to the Association.

The following were appointed on Ordaining Council: Revs. J. E. Hudgens, J. L. Welch, W. M. Rodgers, and Deacons R. M. Luter and G. T. Harris.

On motion each minister report to the Presbytery by letter or in person.

On motion we change Section 9 of Government and Constitution so as to give liberty to Presbytery to convene at other times than at close of Association if necessity should call for it.

On motion J. A. Claxton and ——— be excluded from this Presbytery as per report of Committee on Character of Ministers and Deacons.

### Report of Ordaining Council.

Memorandum of the proceedings of the Ordaining Council which met at close of the Annual Association at Shady Grove Church, Montgomery county, Tenn., October 3, 1913.

1st. We report that in the cause of Bros. W. R. Carroll, W. S. Gentry, S. L. Patterson and W. T. Hagewood that on account of the irregularity of the petitions that we postpone their examination until next Annual Presbytery.

2nd. In the cause of Bro. G. B. McReynolds, having examined his credentials and being satisfied of the genuineness of same, we recommend that the Presbytery ratify same and he be received as a member of this Presbytery.

3rd. In regard to the cause of Bro. A. R. Hogan, we recommend that his ordination be postponed for one year, and that he and the other applicants be asked to apply themselves to study for another year.

J. L. Welch.  
G. T. Harris.  
R. M. Luter.  
J. E. Hudgens.

### Report of Committee on Character of Ministers and Deacons.

We your Committee after having carefully weighed charges against J. A. Claxton and ———, which were for being intoxicated, we recommend that this Presbytery exclude said parties from this body.

H. V. Abernathy.

G. T. Harris.

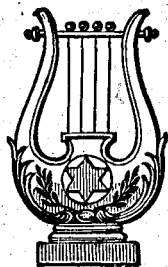
G. W. Fambrough.

On motion, "That we as a Presbytery liberate E. S. Pruitt as State Evangelist and send our recommendations with him wherever he may go."

On motion we adjourned to meet at close of next Annual Association or when we have a special call.

D. T. ARMSTRONG, Moderator.

MRS. H. P. SMITH, Clerk.



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## ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS.

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| Armstrong, D. T. | R. 1, Thomasville, Tenn.                |
| Ayres, J. W.     | R. 2, Ashland City, Tenn.               |
| Brown, W. A.     | McClean Station, R. 7, Nashville, Tenn. |
| Boyte, G. W.     | R. 2, Joelton, Tenn.                    |
| Castile, W. M.   | Bumpus Mills, Tenn.                     |
| Chadwick, J. A.  | Dickson, Tenn.                          |
| Davis, W. W.     | R. 2, Ashland City, Tenn.               |
| Duncan, A. D.    | R. 1, Joelton, Tenn.                    |
| Elliott, J. R.   | Hickory Point, Tenn.                    |
| Free, E. M.      | Bumpus Mills, Tenn.                     |
| Gorden, J. W.    | R. 3, Ashland City, Tenn.               |
| Green, L. B. H.  | R. 2, Joelton, Tenn.                    |
| Hazlewood, Thos. | Jordonia, Tenn.                         |
| Horner, J. N.    | R. 5, Dickson, Tenn.                    |
| Hudgens, J. E.   | R. 1, Ashland City, Tenn.               |
| Miles, E. F.     | Pardue, Tenn.                           |
| Myatt, S. A.     | Dickson, Tenn.                          |
| Oliver, J. H.    | Indian Mound, Tenn.                     |
| Pickle, C. H.    | Indian Mound, Tenn.                     |
| Pruitt, G. M.    | R. 3, Joelton, Tenn.                    |
| Rodgers, W. M.   | 1818½ Delta Ave., Nashville, Tenn.      |
| Sullivan, W. G.  | R. 2, Jingo, Tenn.                      |
| Welch, J. L.     | Arthur Ave., Nashville, Tenn.           |

### Licentiates.

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| Beard, L. A.     | R. 1, Bon Aqua, Tenn.   |
| Burgess, A. J.   | Tennessee City, Tenn.   |
| Gower, Joe       | R. 3, Cedar Hill, Tenn. |
| Genter, W. S.    | Cumberland City, Tenn.  |
| Hogan, A. R.     | R. 1, Woodford, Tenn.   |
| Hagewood, W. T.  | Hamble, Tenn.           |
| Sullivan, W. H.  | R. 1, Bon Aqua, Tenn.   |
| Carroll, W. R.   | Hamble, Tenn.           |
| Patterson, S. L. | R. 3, Dover, Tenn.      |

## CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Bethel—W. J. Bobbett, G. W. Fambrough, W. E. Fambrough.  
Bethlehem—W. T. Sanders, J. H. Felts, W. H. Binkley, A. E. Boyte.  
Brandon's Chapel—Mont H. Morgan, J. B. Burke.  
Cofer's Chapel—Edgar Parker, Jeremiah Sullivan, Rufus Maness.  
Craigfield—J. D. Sullivan, J. A. Beard.  
Cross Roads—G. B. Murrell, W. A. Crow.  
Dunbar's Chapel—Thos. Ford, Leonard Mathis.  
Greenwood—  
Heads—R. R. Gower, J. J. Gower, J. R. Lawrence, H. J. Head.  
Hickory Grove—V. N. McCorpin, C. C. Myatt, A. J. Myatt.  
Hopewell—  
Hurricane Chapel—A. J. Burgess, L. E. Dotson.  
Indian Mound—W. T. Vaughan, W. H. Oliver.  
Marrowbone—  
Miller's Chapel—W. I. Miller, H. T. Mayfield.  
Mt. Pleasant—C. C. Cagle, C. T. Biggs.  
Mt. Zion—J. T. Newman, G. T. Harris, H. V. Abernathy, A. Rediker.  
New Hope—J. D. Hicks, J. J. Felts.  
Oak Grove—J. P. Dody, W. M. Sensing.  
Oakland—Joe Carter, Willie Holt, Henry Vergess.  
Oaklawn—S. C. Balthrop, W. H. Walker, W. H. Nichols.  
Oakwood—  
Olivet—H. D. Elliott, J. T. Allen.  
Rock Spring—C. G. Hagewood, B. H. Hagewood, M. M. Carroll, W. H. Patterson.  
Scott's Chapel—A. T. Gilliland, H. Bullard.  
Shady Grove.  
Shady Grove—H. D. Felts, Billie Major.  
Smith's Grove—Joe Sir Smith, Sr., I. V. Smith.  
Spring Hill—Jim Tate, Jim Smiley.  
Stony Point—C. W. Waynick, J. M. Averitt.  
Mt. Herman—W. J. Dever, E. P. Woods.  
Antioch—J. M. Baker, R. V. Walker, H. H. Hamilton.  
Harpeth Valley—  
Maple Valley—  
Good Spring—  
Paradise Ridge—  
Union Hill—W. B. Feltner.  
Pruitt's Chapel—  
Richland Chapel—I. G. Miller.  
Pleasant Hill—J. M. Taylor, C. T. Wallace.

## 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 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 bought 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 there is 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 of 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 dictation 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, number dismissed by letter, excluded, died since last Association, and the total number enrolled. Also give name of present pastor and one called for ensuing year, names of deacons and their addresses, names of Sunday School Superintendent and Secretary and addresses, enrollment of Sunday School, and also amount collected since last Association, and amount paid out to pastor, to missionary, to minutes, and to any other expenses may have had, and amount left in treasury.

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 office 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, and at any time during the Associational year, if called by Moderator or his assistant, or any five members of said Presbytery, who deem it necessary to make such a call. 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, 3, and this 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 a 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, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and 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.

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## RULES OF DECORUM.

This Association shall be opened by singing and prayer. Only one person can 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.

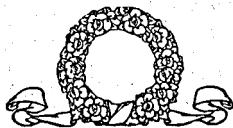
No member shall absent himself without leave from the Association. Members shall use the word "brother" or "brethren" in all debates.

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.



| CHURCHES         | CLERKS             | POSTOFFICES<br>All in Tennessee | Rec. by Ex. | Rec. by Letter | Rec. by Recom | Rec. by Restor | Diss. by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Trans. by Request | No. Members | Day of Meet | Church Property | Paid Pastor | Paid Missionary | Minutes |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|----------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| Antioch          | Susan Stacy        | Vanleer                         | 2           |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 59          | 2           | \$ 500          | 125 00      | 15 45           | 1 00    |
| Bethel           | W. S. Nicholson    | Neptune                         | 10          |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 293         | 1           | 1,500           | 90 10       | 7 10            | 2 40    |
| Bethlehem        | H. O. Binkley      | Ashland City, R. 1              | 15          | 2              |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 14          |             | 800             | 15 00       | 10 00           | 2 20    |
| Cofer's Chapel   | L. J. Burroughs    | Nashville, 607 Church St.       | 2           |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 45          | 3           | 2,500           |             | 5 15            | 3 00    |
| Craigfield       | A. A. Sullivan     | Jingo, R. 2                     | 4           |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 42          | 1           | 400             |             | 3 50            | 1 70    |
| Cross Roads      | W. P. Chadwick     | Dickson, R. 5                   |             |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 19          |             | 300             |             |                 | 1 00    |
| Dunbar's Chapel  | Mrs. C. A. Manners | Cumberland City                 |             |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 203         | 3           | 1,200           |             | 7 30            | 2 00    |
| Greenwood        | No Letter          |                                 |             |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 27          | 4           | 200             |             |                 | 60      |
| Heads            | H. E. Murphy       | Cedar Hill, R. 5                | 6           | 2              |               |                | 9               |          | 3        |                   | 41          | 3           | 600             |             |                 | 49      |
| Hickory Grove    | J. F. Murrell      | Dickson, R. 1                   | 1           |                |               |                |                 |          | 1        |                   | 31          | 3           | 400             | 19 00       |                 | 65      |
| Hopewell         | J. W. D. Shannon   | McEwen                          |             |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 73          | 4           | 900             | 75 00       | 2 00            | 1 00    |
| Hurricane Chapel | Adlia Burgess      | Indian Mound                    | 20          |                |               |                |                 |          | 1        |                   | 45          | 2           | 300             |             |                 | 50      |
| Harbeth Valley   | No Letter          | Pardue, R. 1                    | 15          | 4              |               |                |                 |          | 1        |                   | 56          | 3           | 300             |             |                 | 1 00    |
| Indian Mound     | Emma Moery         | Ashland City                    |             |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 50          | 1           | 300             | 33 00       | 2 20            | 1 50    |
| Maple Valley     | A. B. Travis       | Pardue                          |             |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 161         | 1           | 1,000           | 87 70       | 2 00            | 1 55    |
| Marrowbone       | B. R. Simpkins     | Joelton, R. 2                   | 5           | 2              | 3             | 5              | 12              | 3        | 5        |                   | 37          | 2           | 1,000           | 96 25       | 1 60            | 1 50    |
| Miller's Chapel  | W. S. Simpson      | Joelton, R. 2                   | 6           | 5              | 5             | 1              |                 |          |          |                   | 94          | 3           | 1,000           | 43 45       | 25 75           | 75      |
| Mt. Pleasant     | J. L. Cagle        | Cunningham, R. 1                | 28          | 6              | 2             | 5              | 2               |          |          |                   | 210         | 4           | 1,500           | 20 14       | 2 80            | 2 55    |
| Mt. Zion         | G. F. Newman       | Joelton, R. 1                   | 1           | 7              |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 58          | 2           |                 |             |                 | 1 50    |
| Mt. Herman       | Florence Scruggs   | Charlotte, R. 2                 | 4           |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   |             |             |                 |             |                 |         |
| New Hope         | Ethlea Binkley     | Thomasville, R. 1               | 10          | 1              |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 55          | 2           | 1,000           | 80 00       | 1 30            | 1 00    |
| Oak Grove        | E. L. Sensing      | Joelton, R. 2                   |             |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 100         | 2           | 1,200           | 50 00       | 8 00            | 1 00    |
| Oaklawn          | G. O. Nichols      | Joelton, R. 3                   |             |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   |             |             |                 |             |                 | 50      |
| Oakland          | T. L. Burns        | Port Royal                      |             |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   |             |             |                 |             |                 |         |
| Oakwood          | No Letter          | Dover                           |             |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   |             |             |                 |             |                 |         |
| Olivet           | J. R. Gower        | Craggie Hope                    |             |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   |             |             |                 |             |                 |         |
| Pleasant Hill    | J. W. Lewis        |                                 |             |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   |             |             |                 |             |                 |         |
| Pruitt's Chapel  | Hugh Laton         |                                 |             |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   |             |             |                 |             |                 |         |
| Paradise Ridge   | No Letter          |                                 |             |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   |             |             |                 |             |                 |         |
| Rock Spring      | V. B. Hagewood     | Hamble                          | 6           |                |               |                | 3               |          | 2        |                   | 206         | 1           | 1,500           | 73 00       | 4 00            | 2 00    |
| Rickland Chapel  | Martha Miller      | Nashville, R. 12, Box 51        | 7           |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 35          | 1           | 600             | 16 50       |                 |         |
| Scott's Chapel   | C. L. Baggett      | Cumberland City                 | 12          |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 57          |             | 800             | 48 03       |                 | 1 00    |
| Shady Grove      | Dora A. Bagwell    | Woodford                        |             |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 61          | 2           | 500             | 40 25       | 2 80            | 70      |
| Smith's Grove    | H. W. Abney        | Indian Mound                    | 1           |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 41          | 3           | 500             | 50 00       |                 | 1 00    |
| Spring Hill      | J. H. Hunt         | Joelton, R. 2                   |             |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 39          | 1           | 525             | 20 00       |                 | 80      |
| Story Point      | Ella Lilly         | Vanleer, R. 2                   | 4           |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   | 46          | 3           |                 |             |                 |         |
| Union Hill       | Willie Knott       | Bumpus Mills                    |             |                |               |                |                 |          |          |                   |             |             |                 |             |                 | 1 00    |
| Brandon's Chapel | W. P. Lutton       | Dover, R. 1                     | 8           | 1              |               |                |                 |          | 1        |                   | 115         | 4           | 1,000           | 75 00       |                 | 2 00    |

