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## PROCEEDINGS.

The 14th annual session of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association convened with Mount Olive Church, Marion county, Alabama October 6th, 8th and 9th, 1900. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. James J. Wesley. The text used was Acts 1st chapter, 8th verse.

After preaching, an intermission of one hour was taken for rest and refreshments. After which the ministers and delegates were requested to meet in the house, organize and proceed to business.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Singing by the congregation, prayer by Rev. W. A. Nelson. The Moderator of the former session, Rev. J. R. Holladay, being absent, while the Clerk, Bro. Robert Franks, was present, Bro. Franks called the house to order, and appointed Rev. W. A. Nelson Moderator pro tem; and business was transacted as follows, viz:

1. Letters from the churches are called for, handed in and read, and contents noted as per statistical table.

2. Called for petitionary letters and opened the door for the reception of new churches into the body. Received a letter from Horse Creek Church. The letter was read and after careful examination, it was found that the petitionary church was organized on our Articles of Faith. That it is sound in doctrine, and we recommend that it be received into the Association.

On motion, Horse Creek Church is unanimously received and its name ordered to be enrolled in the minutes.

3. It was then agreed to permanently organize the body which was done by electing Rev. W. A. Nelson, Moderator; Bro. Robert Franks, Clerk; and Rev. M. R. Martin, Corresponding Secretary.

4. Called for correspondents from sister Associations, and received the following:

From the Cullman Association, Revs. J. W. Moore, J. W. Riggs, W. Freeman and J. J. Morris.

From the Vernon Association, Rev. R. C. Flippo, and brethren G. C. Crews and F. S. Kuykendall.

These brethren were cordially received and welcomed to seats among us.

On motion, it is agreed that the Moderator appoint all the committees; whereupon the following are appointed, viz:

ON PREACHING—Brethren D. Z. Griffin, W. T. Keeton, and L. M. Raburn, with the Deacons of this church.

ON DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS—Revs. James J. Wesley, R. A. Nix and S. B. Ramsey, with the Moderator and Clerk.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—Rev. T. M. Canup, and brethren J. L. Eades and J. A. Beazley.

ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE—Brethren P. C. Pike, J. A. Nelson and L. G. Green.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND MEMBERS—Revs. George C. Elliott, W. Freeman and Rev. M. R. Martin.

ON FINANCE—Brethren H. T. Warren, J. D. Crawford and Joseph Atkins.

ON ASSOCIATIONAL FUNDS—Brethren R. L. Owens, J. A. Carns and W. B. Patterson.

Reports of committees are called for, and the following is presented: That Rev. R. A. Nix preach to-morrow, at 9 o'clock; Rev. J. W. Riggs preach at 11 o'clock; Rev. G. B. Haney, alternate Rev. W. Freeman preach at night, Rev. J. W. Moore, alternate. Rev. J. W. Moore preach Monday at 11 o'clock. Respectfully submitted,

D. Z. GRIFFIN, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and com. discharged.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Moore of the Culman Association. Benediction by the Moderator.

Saturday night, Rev. S. B. Ramsey preached. Text not known.

### ORDER OF SERVICE ON SABBATH.

Sunday morning 9 o'clock, Rev. R. A. Nix preached an able sermon to a large and attentive congregation. He used for his text Matthew 23 chapter, and 37th verse.

At 11 o'clock, Rev. J. W. Riggs of the Culman Association, preached an able sermon to a large and attentive congregation. He was followed by Rev. G. B. Haney of the Bear Creek Association. His text was St. Mark 16th chapter and 15th verse.

After preaching, the Lord's Supper was administered and Christians of the different denominations partook with us. It was a free communion service, and was a practical demonstration of the liberal doctrine we preach.



At night, Rev. W. Freeman preached to a large and well behaved audience. His text was 3rd chapter of Revelation, and the last verse. He was followed by Rev. J. W. Moore, which closed our Sabbath service.

#### MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 8th.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The opening service was conducted by the Moderator, and prayer was offered by Rev. G. B. Haney. The Moderator called the body to order. The Clerk called the roll and the ministers and delegates answer to their names.

On motion, the proceedings of yesterday were read and adopted.

On motion, visiting brethren are invited to take seats with us. None present.

Reports of committees are called for, and presented in the following order:

#### ON DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.

We your committee on Documents and Order of Business report: We find one petitionary letter for the next Association, and we recommend that Gum Springs have the next Association. We further recommend that Rev. J. R. Holladay preach the introductory sermon at our next session, and that it be a doctrinal discourse. And we further recommend that Rev. W. A. Nelson write a Circular Letter to be appended to our next minutes for 1901, choosing his own subject. We also recommend that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, and that the work be done at the Baptist Review Job Office, Goldsboro, N. C. Also that the Clerk have five dollars for his services. We your committee find that some of our churches in their letters are reported to be in a cold and lukewarm condition, and we recommend that a committee of investigation be appointed so as to ascertain whether they have regular preaching or not; and report the cause. And we further recommend the union of all Free-will Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. WESLEY, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and com. discharged.

#### ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

We your committee on Denominational Literature report: We recommend the prayerful reading and study of the Bible for it is the book of God and the safe guide to heaven. For our church paper, we recommend the BAPTIST REVIEW. As for our hymn book, we leave that for the consideration of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. PIKE, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and com. discharged.

#### ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sabbath Schools report as follows: We find that there is not as much interest taken in the cause of Sabbath Schools as should be. We recommend that pastors and leading members of the various churches take hold of this great and important work, and do all in their power to improve it in the bounds of this Association, that it may be a help to the church in bringing many souls to Christ. We further recommend that the pastors of the various churches appoint Sabbath School Superintendants. And we further recommend that each church make a report of their Sabbath Schools in their letters to this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. CANUP, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and com. discharged.

#### ON FINANCE.

We your committee on Finance report: We find in the hands of the Treasurer twenty dollars and thirty cents, (\$20 30) as a minute fund. We find nothing from any previous session of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. WARREN, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and com. discharged.

#### ON ASSOCIATIONAL FUNDS.

We your committee on Associational Funds report: We find in the hands of the Treasurer, W. W. Nelson, the sum of thirteen dollars and ninety cents, (\$13 90) for which credit is given the churches as follows: Mt. Olive, \$1 50; Mt. Joy, \$1 30; Beech Grove, \$2 30; Mt. Pleasant, \$1 00; Oak Grove, \$1 50; Pleasant Hill, nothing; Gum Springs, \$2 25; Union Chapel, 75 cts; Fair View, \$1 00; Camp Creek, 25 cts; Pleasant Ridge, \$1 25; Barnesville, 25 cts.; Antioch, 45 cts. Amount of cash on hand from last year \$6 10.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. OWEN, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and com. discharged.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

I, Walter W. Nelson, Treasurer, report as follows: Amount of Associational Funds on hand October 1st, 1899, from the various churches \$28 30. Paid to Rev. G. C. Elliott \$15 00, by order of the Association Oct. 2, 1899. This leaves a ballance in my hands retained by the various churches \$13 30.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. NELSON, Treasurer.

On motion, the report is received and adopted.

#### ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND MEMBERS.

We your committee on Deceased Ministers and Members submit the following report: Since our last Association death has taken from our midst the following members: Bro. John A. Shaw, a member of Beech Grove Church, died March 24th, 1900 aged 65 years, 1 month and 14 days. Bro. Lemuel Webb, a member of Mt. Pleasant Church, died November 19th, 1899, aged 20 years. Sister Racheal L. Gibbs, a member of Mount Joy Church, died November 15th, 1899, aged 56 years, 10 months and 2 days. Bro. W. M. Fredrick, a member of Union Hill Church, died July 17th, 1900, aged 64 years, 11 months and 17 days. Sister M. J. Mitchell, died April 17th, 1900, aged 24 years, 11 months and 17 days. Bro. W. T. Raburn, died July 10th, 1900, aged 22 years, 7 months and 17 days. Sister Rosa Raburn, died March 19th, 1900, aged 18 years, 3 months and 18 days. Sister Sarah A. Scott, a member of Mt. Hope Church, died June 30th 1900; aged 48 years, 3 months and 20 days. Sister Sarah J. Oliver, died August



31st, 1900, aged 52 years, 5 months and 7 days. Bro. T. J. Motes, a member of Oak Grove Church, died aged 62 years. Sister Mary Russell, died aged 40 years. Sister Sarah Gann, a member of Bluff Springs Church died, age not given. Bro. Harmon Ingle, a member of Gum Springs Church, died August 19th, 1900, aged about 40 years. Sister Sarah Estes, a member of Liberty Church, died May 18th, 1900, aged 15 years. Sister L. E. Wesley, died May 26th, 1900, aged 15 years. Icy Lillian, infant child of Rev. James J. Wesley, died October 8th 1899, aged 6 months. These all we trust have died in Faith, and while we mourn their loss, we hope our loss is their eternal gain. Resolved that we tender our love and sympathy to the bereaved churches and families. Resolved further that we bow in humble submission to our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well. We request all our churches to make a careful report of all deaths, noting ages, membership of what church and day and date of each one's death.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and com. discharged.

#### ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER.

We your committee on Ministerial Character report. So far as we have investigated, we find all our preachers to be of good standing, sound in faith of doctrine and laboring for the advancement of our Redeemer's Kingdom on earth.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. MOORE, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and com. discharged.

#### ON COLDNESS OF THE CHURCHES.

We your committee on the Coldness of the churches report: We find the trouble with Friendship Church to be disorderly conduct on the part of the members. And we recommend that Revs. J. J. Wesley and M. R. Martin meet that church and revive it if possible, and if not we recommend that this Association handle that church at the next session. After thorough investigation, we find the trouble in Freewater Church is for the lack of pastoral care; and also disorderly walk of the members.

Respectfully submitted,

M. K. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and com. discharged.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Resolved that any minister of this Association who is found guilty of circulating false reports by pen or otherwise on a brother minister, which is liable to injure his usefulness and destroy his influence, shall be guilty of a disciplinary offense, and after discipline has been used, if he does not show signs of true penitence and reformation, he shall be excommunicated from this Association, and published in our denominational paper.

On motion, it is agreed to adopt a financial system as we see the great need of such; and we recommend that each male member that belongs to the Jasper Association pay annually twenty-five cents, and that those of the females that wish to pay anything can do so. This is in connection with the minute funds. And it is further understood

that at our next Association we elect a regular Treasurer, to keep a true record of all the funds that is paid in; and also, how the same is paid out. These funds are to be disposed of by the Association through the Moderator and Clerk, being empowered by the body. Said money is to be used for no other purpose than for the building up of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association. Such as aiding destitute and disabled ministers, poor widows and orphans.

On motion, the Association adjourned for preaching and refreshments, and to meet at 2 o'clock, p. m. Prayer by Rev. L. M. Black.

At 11 o'clock, a. m., Rev. J. W. Moore, of the Cullman Association preached an able sermon. His text was St. John 11th chapter, 21st verse.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Singing by the congregation. Prayer by Rev. M. R. Martin. The Moderator called the body to order. The Clerk called the roll and the ministers and delegates answer to their names.

On motion, it was agreed that each minister report annually the amount of money he receives, the number of miles traveled, the number of sermons preached, the number of prayers offered, the number of marriage ceremonies performed, the number of visits made to the sick and burial services attended during the associational year.

On motion, it is agreed that the Moderator appoint a Treasurer to fill the office; whereupon Bro. Walter W. Nelson is appointed Treasurer.

On motion, it is agreed that in lieu of the standing committee on ministerial character, that the Deacons of the various churches look after the preachers and report in their church letters to the Association their standing.

On motion, it is agreed that a collection be taken up for the benefit of Rev. J. W. Riggs of the Culman Association whose eye sight is very dim. The Association contributed liberally and the same was highly appreciated by the dear old brother.

On motion, it was agreed that members leaving any of our churches without letters of dismission, that we withdraw the hand of church fellowship from them.

On motion, the Association adjourns to meet Tuesday morning 8 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. D. Z. Griffin.



TUESDAY MORNING, Oct. 9th.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. W. Freeman of the Culman Association. The Moderator called the body to order. The Clerk called the roll and the ministers and delegates answer to their names.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted: Whereas the Jasper Association is without proper representation with her sister Associations, and feeling the great need of the spirit of union which is essential to the furtherance of the cause of Christ, that we elect corresponding delegates; and the following are elected:

Bear Creek Association—Revs. W. A. Nelson, John L. Conner, T. M. Canup and Bro. Robert Franks.

Vernon Association—Revs. M. R. Martin and J. E. Cochran, and Bro. W. W. Nelson.

Culman Association—Revs. J. J. Wesley, W. A. Nelson, and brethren John L. Conner, P. C. Pike and D. Z. Griffin.

North River Association—Brethren J. C. Pike, Joseph Atkins, W. M. Buzbee, and Rev. L. M. Black.

On motion, it was agreed to correspond with the Mount Moriah Association by letter.

Union Meetings are appointed as follows: The first to be held with Beech Grove Church, five miles West of Townby Station on the K. C. M. and B. Railroad, and on the Fayette and Jasper Railroad in Walker county, Ala. on Saturday before the second Sunday in July, 1901.

On motion, Rev. J. J. Wesley is elected to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. S. B. Ramsey, alternate.

The second Union Meeting to be held with Liberty Church, six miles North of Guin Station, on the K. C., M. and B. Railroad in Marion county, on Saturday before the second Sunday in August 1901.

On motion, Rev. W. A. Nelson is elected to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. R. A. Nix, alternate.

On motion, it is agreed that the next session of this Association meet with Gum Springs Church, seven miles North of Glenallen Station on the K. C., M. and B. Railroad, Marion county, Ala., and that it convene on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1901.

On motion, Rev. J. R. Holladay is elected to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. R. A. Nix, alterate.

On motion, it is agreed that the Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of Decorum be appended to the minutes.

On motion, it is agreed that the Clerk Superintend the printing of the minutes. That the work be done at the office of the BAPTIST REVIEW, Goldsboro, N. C. That the publisher be instructed to divide them among the churches according to their contributions; and that the Clerk be allowed five dollars for his services.

On motion, a vote of thanks is given to Mount Olive Church and the citizens of this community, and especially the sisters of the church, for kindness shown to members and visitors of this Association.

On motion, a vote of thanks is given to the officers of the Association for the faithful manner in which they have discharged their duty.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at the time and place above named. Closing service conducted by the Moderator, with feeling and appropriate remarks. A hymn was sung and the parting hand was taken amid tears and shouts of joy.

W. A. NELSON, Moderator.

ROBERT FRANKS, Clerk.



## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

- REV. W. A. NELSON, Brilliant, Marion county, Ala.  
 " J. J. WESLEY, Stinson, Marion county, Ala.  
 " M. R. MARTIN, Twin, Martion county, Ala.  
 " J. E. COCHRAN, Pearce's Mill, Marion county, Ala.  
 " J. R. HOLLADAY, Barnesville, Marion county, Ala.  
 " G. C. ELLIOTT, Brilliant, Marion county, Ala.  
 " H. B. FOWLER, Haley's Marion county, Ala.  
 " R. A. NIX, Hackleburg, Marion county, Ala.  
 " T. M. CANUP, Hackleburg, Marion county, Ala.  
 " W. H. INGRAM, Brilliant, Marion county, Ala.  
 " J. A. GRACE, Loss Creek, Walker county, Ala.  
 " W. G. VINSON, Horse Creek, Walker county, Ala.  
 " C. PHILLIPS, Carbon Hill, Walker county, Ala.  
 " W. M. BUZBEE, Moats, Winston county, Ala.  
 " S. B. RAMSEY, Fordton, Franklin county, Ala.  
 " T. J. WALKER, Bell Green, Franklin county, Ala.

## LICENTIATE MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

- G. W. FLIPPO, Ur, Marion county, Ala.  
 J. L. CONNOR, Twin, Marion county, Ala.  
 B. F. EDGAR, Shingles, Franklin county, Ala.

## MINISTERS REPORTS.

During the past associational year, I have preached 120 sermons; offered 148 public prayers; visited the sick three times; attended 5 burial services; traveled 550 miles. Received the following amounts: From Gum Springs \$17 50; from Barnesville Church \$12 50; from Union Chapel Church \$12 00—Total \$42 00.

Respectfully submitted,  
 W. A. NELSON.

Since the Association of 1899, I have preached 112 sermons; offered 121 public prayers; attended 8 burial services; visited the sick 38 times; traveled 1000 miles; preached 3 funerals; married 2 couples; received from the various churches ten dollars (\$10.)

Respectfully submitted,  
 T. M. CANUP.

For the past associational year my report is as follows: Preached 14 sermons, offered 33 public prayers; visited the sick 29 times; attended 2 burial services; traveled 170 miles.

Respectfully submitted,  
 S. B. RAMSEY.

Since the last Association I have preached 100 sermons; offered 150 public prayers; have visited the sick 50 times; attended 3 burial services; Traveled 150 miles; received from the various churches (\$10 ) ten dollars.

Respectfully submitted,  
 WILLIAM BUZBEE.

During the past associational year, I have preached 38 sermons; offered 65 public prayers; miles traveled unknown; marriage ceremonies 7; received into the church 6; baptized 3; attended one church, Mt. Olive; and received for my labors (\$16 50) sixteen dollars and fifty cents; attended Liberty Church a part.

Respectfully submitted,  
 JAMES J. WESLEY.

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## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association, of Ala., and being composed of delegates from the different churches forming the same, each church being entitled to three delegates.

2. This body shall be considered an advisory counsel, but having no authority over the affairs of the churches.

3. Each church in this Association shall be considered an advisory body, and shall control its own internal affairs in matters of discipline, &c It may however in extreme cases call aid from sister churches

4. All questions of doctrine and matters of general interest shall be settled by a two-thirds vote of the Association, and the decision shall be final.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each session by a majority of votes.

6. This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by a previous annual session, and shall not adjourn finally until all the business is transacted.

7. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt its Articles of Faith and conform to its usages.

8. We agree as churches of this Association to use our best influence to promote the interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as the Temperance Cause, Sabbath School, Missionary Work, &c.

9. No member of this Association shall be eligible to the office of Moderator more than two successive sessions, unless no other member be competent to act in that capacity.

10. Any church of this Association failing to be represented for two years in succession, its name shall be dropped from our minutes.



# STATISTICAL TABLE. FOR 1900.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES,	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Rec'd on Conf	Restored	De'n	Excluded	Days of Meet'g	No. of Members	Paid for Minutes
Mt. Olive, Marion county, Ala..	J. A. Nelson, Burieson & Vaughn..	J. J. Wesley,.....	Robert Franks, Twin, Ala....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	87	\$ 2 10
Mt. Joy, Marion county, Ala....	J. A. & W. J. Underwood, W. G. Cook	H. B. Fowler,.....	W. G. Cook, Pearce's Mills,...	..	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	103	1 10
Beech Grove, Walker co., Ala..	P. C. Pike, J. Atkins and D. Z. Griffin	J. W. Moore,.....	J. C. Pike, Townby, Ala. ....	14	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	105	1 25
Mt. Pleasant, Marion co., Ala..	W. H. Webb, B. H. Huguly B F Elliott	H. B. Fowler, .....	W. H. Webb, Brilliant, .Ala..	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	78	1 00
Oak Grove, Walker county, Ala.	W. M. Buzbee.....	W. M. Busbee,.....	W. J. Summers, Nauvoo, Ala..	..	..	1	..	15	..	..	4	45	1 00
Pleasant Hill, Walker co., Ala.	Not Represented.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Friendship, Marion county, Ala.	R. M. Cantrell and W. H. Wilson....	M. R. Martin,.....	W. H. Wilson, Pikeville, Ala..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	45	50
Pleasant Grove, Marion co., Ala.	S. E. Webb, W. A. Smith, S. R. Price	H. B. Fowler, .....	S. R. Price, Winfield, Ala....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	42	75
Gum Springs, Marion co., Ala...	J A Beazeley, L G Green, J R Berryhill	W. A. Nelson,.....	J. R. Cochran, Jr., Goldmine, ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	34	1 20
Union Chapel, Marion co., Ala..	H. T. Warren, L C Baccus J L Eades	W. A. Nelson, .....	J. L. Eades, Glenallen, Ala...	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	45	1 40
Mt. Zion, Franklin county, Ala.	Represented by letter and contribution	T. M. Canup,.....	B. F. Edgar, Shingles, Ala....	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	4	11	40
Union Hill, Marion county, Ala.	J. T. Tyra, L. M. Raburn, R L Mitchell	R. A. Nix,.....	E. A. Frederick, Hackleburg, ..	3	..	3	..	1	4	3	2	83	1 00
Mt. Hope, Franklin county, Ala.	R. F. Ezzell and R. C. Dunklin.....	T. M. Canup, .....	J. K. Oliver, Bellgreen, Ala ..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	2	50
Free Water, Marion county, Ala.	W. H. Wilson, J R Franks, W S Flippo	G. W. Flippo,.....	W. H. Wilson, Ur, Ala... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	48	1 50
Liberty, Marion county, Ala...	G. C. Estes, J H Wilson, M K Williams	J. J. Wesley,.....	J. W. Pyron, Prentiss, Ala....	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	50	1 30
Bluff Springs, Marion co., Ala..	Represented by letter and contribution	T. M. Canup,.....	W. P. Gann, Hackleburg, Ala..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	20	30
Concord, Marion county, Ala...	Not Represented.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fairview, Franklin county Ala..	W. B. Paterson and J. D. Crawford..	T. M. anup,.....	J. D. Crawford, Belgreen,...	..	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	14	55
Camp Creek, Marion co., Ala...	F. M. Clark,.....	R. A. Nix,.....	F. M. Clark, Pearce's Mills,...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
Ples'nt Ridge, Itawam. co., Miss.	W. T. Keeton, W B Dickinson, T Tharp	W. A. Nelson,.....	J. M. Addison, Red Bay, Ala. .	5	3	..	..	..	..	1	2	53	1 75
Barnesville, Marion co., Ala....	R L Owen, J B Watts, A W Holdridge	W. A. Nelson,.....	J. L. Cantrell, Barnesville,...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	42	1 50
Antioch, Franklin county, Ala..	W. H. Stone, J. E. Creekmore.....	T. M. Canup, ..	M. F. Pounders, Spruce Pine, ..	2	2	1	..	..	2	..	4	18	55
Horse Creek, Walker co., Ala..	L F Black.....	J W. Riggs,.....	S. G. Walker, Horse Creek,...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	50
.....	.....	.....	.....	32	21	15	7	16	18	5	..	950	\$ 21 15



## RULES OF DECORUM.

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ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be called to order by the Moderator who presided at the last session. Former Clerk also officiating until the body is fully organized.

2. The Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

3. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association. A majority of votes by the delegates present elects.

4. The names of delegates from the different churches shall be enrolled and called as often as necessary during the session.

5. A majority of delegates shall rule in all cases, except in the reception of churches, then it shall be unanimous.

6. The Moderator shall not be entitled to vote, except in cases of a tie; and then he shall give the deciding vote. He shall be entitled to speak on any question after others have spoken, providing he appoints some one to the chair while he is speaking.

7. Only one person shall speak at the same time, and he shall arise and address the Moderator; and after recognition by the Moderator, proceed.

8. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or use words of personal reflection.

9. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, nor more than fifteen minutes at a time.

10. No member shall laugh or talk during the time the debates are going on.

11. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.



## CIRCULAR LETTER.

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DEAR BRETHREN—Composing the Jasper Association, Greeting: As I was re-elected to write your next Circular letter, I will attempt to do so, God being my helper. I don't know of any thing that would be more suitable than to call your attention to your duty to man and to God. where are you my dear brother ministers? In your duty. Do you make your duty a study? Consult the 12th chapter of Mark, and 17th verse. Render to Caesar the things that are Caesars, and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees were watching the Saviour and seeking the advantage, constantly trying to ensnare Him in some way; but were defeated. In our text they had artfully laid a plan and it was artfully conducted, but in vain did human craftiness attempt to circumvent Divine wisdom. Instead of directly replying to the question our Savior called for a piece of money and asked "Whose image and superscription is this?" and they said unto him Caesars. He then said "Render to Cesar the things that are Cesar's, and to God the things that are God's." The spirit of the passage requires



us to regard the rights of all as sacred and to give them all that is theirs. This is a plain practical truth. We now propose to consider and in doing this we will show what is due to God first, and what is due to man second.

What, is due to God or what are those things which are due to God is the property of God which our Savior here requires us to render to Him. The question may be answered very briefly in one word, and that word is all. For it is very easy to show that all things are in the most perfect way the property of God. The earth is the Lord's and he claims us as His. Of course, we and all we possess are God's property, and more particularly our souls with all their faculties are the property of God. He is the father of our spirits who gave them all their faculties and endowed them with immortality.

In giving our souls to God we should employ all their faculties in His service in performing the work He has assigned us, where our understandings are diligently employed in discovering His will, when our memories retain it, our hearts love it, our wills submit to it, and the whole inner man obeys it. Our bodies are the property of God. He also, formed our bodies; hence, we should glorify God with our bodies which are His, and this is done when we employ our memories as instruments of righteousness unto holiness.

Our time is God's property. Every moment of our existence is His; therefore, every moment of our time should be consecrated to His service. All our knowledge and literary attainments are God's property. They are acquired by us in the use of that time, of those faculties which are His. He justly claims as His own. In the parable of the sum of money entrusted by a master to servants, and in the parable of the talents He shows us what will be the doom of those who do not cultivate their faculties or do not consecrate to Him the fruits of that cultivation. Our temporal possessions are God's property. We are not owners but merely stewards to whose care the Lord of all things has entrusted a portion of His property to be employed agreeable to His directions. We should employ them in supplying our own wants as is necessary to our support and happiness consistent with the rules of temperance and benevolence.

Our influence is God's property. All our influence over others results either from our natural faculties, or knowledge, or wealth, all of which has been shown to be the property of God. To withhold those or any part of those does not comply with the precept in the text. Now I have plainly shown that we are not our own. We cannot afford to use these great gifts other than in the service of God. He requires it of us, expects it, looks for it, waits patiently for it. Then brethren let us rally all our forces to fight against the common foe, and we will be more than conquerors in the end.

Now let us consider what things are due to man. Our duty to man is, a right founded in God's revealed will, hence, all men, without exception, have a right to our love that we should love them as ourselves, that we

There are somethings we owe to our families and connections, as husbands and wives, as parents, as heads of families, for he who neglects his own house-hold has denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. How great, how inconceivable is the debt which we have contracted both to God and to men. Well may God accuse us of robbing Him. Though we forget God's rights, he will not. He knows how to claim and now to receive what is His. We may learn our need of our interest in the Savior; and the impossibility of being saved without Him. We cannot discharge our past debts. He has death ready to arrest us. He has an eternal prison from whence there is no escape.

In Christ, there is help. He becomes surety for all who believe on Him, He takes upon himself the debt which they can never discharge, and this sets their souls at liberty. This is the only way of salvation and does not reason Revelation all concur in urging us to accept the offers of the divine Benefactor, and being constrained by His love to live, henceforth, to Him and not to ourselves.

should do unto them as we should wish them do unto us, our enemies not excepted; and if we die failing to do all in our power, we die in debt to the world or its Creator. And to all who are our superiors we owe obedience, submission and respect, as subjects we are bound to obey, honor and pray for as ourselves. Children should honor and obey their parents, servants are required to obey their masters with reverence. And they especially have a right to respect.

We owe kindness, gentleness, and condescension to our inferiors, the poor and afflicted have special claims upon our sympathy and pecuniary relief. Those of us who are members of Christ's visible Church, owe to each other the performance of all the duties which result from our connection and fellowship with it. We are bound to watch over our professing, brethren, to admonish, if necessary, and in all things seek the peace and welfare of the church, to do good to all men, especially those who are of the house-hold of faith.

Brethren, I have written this hurriedly and at intervals when called from labor to refreshments. I would press a little time and write, and when called from refreshments to labor, I would study. Now brethren in conclusion, I will say: We owe a great debt to our old and honored publisher, at Goldsboro, N. C. I want him to have all our printing; and I also, insist that we get up a larger subscription for the BAPTIST REVIEW for 1901, than we ever have; and I further insist, that we all write interesting letters and send to our paper for publication, and in so doing we can all keep posted, and our paper will become more and more interesting. May God in His infinite mercy smile on us all forever. Amen.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

OF GOD.—ARTICLE 1. We believe there is one, and but one, living and true God. Who is in personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Equal and harmonious in every Divine perfection.

OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.—ART. 2. We believe that God is the Author of the Holy Bible; and that its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church.

OF ORIGINAL APOSTASY.—ART. 3. We believe that Adam was created holy; but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity, and consequently involved his posterity in sin.

OF FREE GRACE.—ART. 4. We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings. That the Gospel is the power of God unto Salvation. That the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto Salvation.

OF CHRISTIAN FAITH.—ART. 5. We believe that Christian Faith is belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world, and we believe in the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. That "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

OF REPENTANCE.—ART. 6. We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which constitutes godly repentance, must be preceded by effectual conviction for sin.

OF FREE AGENCY.—ART. 7. We believe that the human will is free, and that men have ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

OF PERSEVERANCE.—ART. 8. We do not believe under the Gospel dispensation, that any soul is elected to eternal life, unconditionally. But that those who by Faith persevere to the end will be saved. That it is possible for men who have been converted, to "Make shipwreck of the Faith" turn again to sin and be finally lost.

OF GOOD WORK.—ART. 9. We believe that good work is the result of Faith and not of necessity. That those who have Faith will do works of righteousness; while those who have no Faith, cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable unto God.

OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM.—ART. 10. We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in the names of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. That Baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without Faith in the subject who receives it.

OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.—ART. 11. We believe the Supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance. That the bread and wine represent His body and blood. That it was instituted for Christians, and that all Christians should unite in observing that sacred service, regardless of names or denominational distinctions.

OF THE SOUL.—ART. 12. We believe that man is a living soul. That the body will die, but that the soul is immortal. That death is the separation of the mortal and immortal parts of human beings.

OF THE RESURRECTION.—ART. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead. When the resurrection shall take place the soul and body will reunite and form an immortal being. That the righteous will be received into a state of everlasting happiness, to reign with God forever and ever. "But the wicked will be bound hand and foot, and cast into outer darkness. The wicked are driven away in their wickedness, but the righteous have hope in their death."