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Proceedings.

The 21st annual session of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association convened with Union Hill Church, Marion County, Alabama, October the 5th and 7th, 1907.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. James J. Wesley, the text used was Genesis, the 19th chapter and 17th verse. "And it came to pass when they had brought them forth abroad, that He said, Escape for thy life, look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain. Escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed."

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 the request of the Moderator. An appropriate hymn was sung by the congregation. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. Nelson. The Moderator called the body to order. The Moderator and Clerk of the last session being present took their seats, and the Moderator called for business; and it was presented and transacted as follows, viz:

1. Rev. John L. Conner and Rev. E. C. Thomas are appointed reading Clerks.
2. Letters from the churches are called for, handed in and read, and contents noted as per statistical table.
3. Called for petitionary letters, and opened the door for the reception of new churches into the body; none presented.
4. On motion, it is agreed to permanently organize the body, which was done by electing Rev. W. A. Nelson, Moderator; Bro. Robert Franks, Clerk, and Bro. John A. Nelson, Treasurer, for the ensuing associational year.
5. Called for correspondents from sister Associations and received the following, viz: From the Morning Star Association, Bro. A. J. Guthrey. This brother was cordially received and welcomed to a seat as a member of the body, and the hand of Christian fellowship was extended to him and we felt that it was good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in love and union.
6. On motion, it is agreed that the Moderator appoint all the committees, and the following are appointed, viz:
7. On Preaching—Brethren J. R. Dutton, J. T. Tharp and J. W. Burleson, with the Deacons of this church.
8. On Documents and Order of Business—Revs. J. L. Conner, J. J. Wesley, M. R. Martin and G. C. Elliott, with the Moderator and Clerk.
9. On Sabbath School—Revs. R. A. Nix, H. D. Fowler and E. C. Thomas.
10. On Literature—Brethren G. W. Moore, K. W. Pollard and W. C. White.

11. On Deceased Ministers and Members—Brethren H. T. Warren, John L. Conner and A. J. Underwood.

12. On Finance—Brethren J. D. Alvis, J. A. Nelson and J. W. Pyron.

13. On Associational Funds—Brethren W. J. Crenshaw, W. M. Fowler, A. J. Tidwell and J. R. Benson.

14. Committee on Preaching report that Rev. E. C. Thomas preach to-night; Rev. J. L. Conner preach to-morrow at 9 o'clock; Rev. W. A. Nelson preach Sunday at 11 o'clock; Rev. J. L. Conner preach Sunday night; Rev. R. A. Nix preach Monday at 11 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. DUTTON, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted and committee discharged.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. R. A. Nix and benediction by the Moderator.

Saturday night Rev. E. C. Thomas preached to a large and well behaved audience. His text was St. Luke 14: 22: "And the servant said Lord it is done as Thou hast commanded and yet there is room."

ORDER OF SERVICE ON SABBATH.

Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. John L. Conner preached to a large and attentive concourse of people. His text was 1st John 5th chapter and 16th verse. "If any man see his brother sin a sin, which is not unto death, he shall ask and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death. I do not say that he shall pray for it."

At 11 o'clock Rev. William A. Nelson preached to a large and well behaved concourse of people. His text was St. Mark 16th chapter and 15th and 16th verses. "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved, but he that believeth not, shall be damned."

OUR LORD'S SUPPER.

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 7 o'clock, p. m. Rev. J. L. Conner preached to a large and well behaved audience. His text was St. John 3rd chapter and 36th verse. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son, shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." This closed our Sabbath service.

Monday Morning, October 7th, 1907.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The congregation sung a hymn, after which, prayer was offered 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. The Moderator announced that a quorum was present and that the Association was ready for business.

On motion, the proceedings of Saturday are read and adopted.

On motion, visiting ministers of other denominations were invited to take seats with us. None present.

Reports of committees are called for in order and presented as follows, viz:

ON DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.

We, your Committee on Documents and Order of Business, beg leave to report as follows: We find three petitionary letters, asking for the Association, and we recommend that the body decide it. We also recommend that we authorize and recognize the action of Rev. W. A. Nelson in representing this Association in the State Association. We recommend that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and have them sent to the clerks of the various churches as per their contributions. Also, that the Clerk have six dollars for his services. Also, that the Moderator have five dollars out of the treasury for his services as Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. JOHN L. CONNER, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted and committee discharged.

ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

We, your committee on Denominational Literature, report as follows, viz: We don't know anything better than to recommend the Baptist Review as it is our only Denominational paper and we also recommend that our Sabbath Schools all use the Freewill Baptist literature in their Sunday Schools; and we also recommend that a careful and prayerful study of the Holy Scriptures be observed.

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. MOORE, Chairman.

On motion, the report is received, adopted and committee discharged.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, report as follows, viz: We find the cause of Sabbath Schools still neglected. We find a few Sabbath Schools within the bounds of our Association, but not as much interest taken as we think there should be. We earnestly solicit our pastors and leading members to urge the cause still further within the bounds of this Association. That we have as

many as one Sabbath School Lecture in each church during the next year, either by our minister in charge or some brother whom he may select.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. R. A. NIX, Chairman.

On, motion the report is adopted and committee discharged.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND MEMBERS.

We, your committee on Deceased Ministers and Members, beg leave to report as follows, viz: Since our last Association Death, who rides upon that pale horse and visits alike the rich and the poor, has removed from us several of our beloved members, to wit: From Pocahontas church, Sister M. C. Clark, aged 31 years, 3 months and 9 days. Union Chapel, Sister Fannie Eades, aged 23 years, 1 month and 2 days. Union Hill, Sister Cary Sullivan, age not given. Mount Pleasant, Sister Angeline Webb, age not given. Gum Springs, Bro. L. G. Green, age not given. New Oak Grove, Bro. J. R. Benson, aged 34 years, 6 months and 14 days. Liberty, Bro. Walter Wilson, aged 20 years, 5 months and 18 days. Shady Grove, Sister Craven, age not given. Friendship, Bro. Hice Cantrell, aged about 67 years. Pearce's Chapel, Bro. Jno. R. Cochran, age not given. Mount Olive, Bro. C. J. Westbrook, age not given. Since it has been the good pleasure of God to take so few from us, we recommend that we bow in humble submission to Him, who doeth all things well and pray to Him not so much for the preservation of our natural lives, but the life everlasting, which shall be freely given to them, who persevere to the end.

Respectfully submitted,
H. T. WARREN, Chairman.

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

ON ASSOCIATIONAL FUNDS.

We, your committee on Associational Funds, report as follows, viz: Paid in from the various churches of the Association, the following amounts: Mount Olive, \$1.75; Mount Pleasant, \$2.80; Oak Grove, 50 cents; New Oak Grove, \$1.00; Friendship, 25 cents; Gum Springs, \$1.00; Union Chapel, 50 cents; Union Hill, nothing; Free Water, \$1.00; Liberty, \$1.00; Pleasant Ridge, \$3.50; Brilliant, \$1.50; Pearce's Chapel, 50 cents; Pocahontas, \$4.00; New Hope, \$2.00; Mount Hope, \$1.15; total amount paid in from the churches above named, \$22.45.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. CRENSHAW, Chairman.

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

ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, report as follows, viz: We find

paid in from the various churches as a minute fund \$22.15. We find nothing from any previous session of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. ALVIS, Chairman.

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

On motion, that the Finance Committee pay the minute funds to the Clerk to pay for the printing of the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The amount of Associational funds left in my hands on the 8th day of October, 1906, was \$74.85. Interest on \$69.00 was \$5.52, which makes \$80.37. On October the 7th, 1907, I received from the various churches \$22.45, which makes \$102.82. On the same date paid to Rev. James J. Wesley \$5.00; also paid to Robert Franks \$2.75, as express and postage on minutes, which leaves a balance in my hands, October 7th, 1907, of \$95.07.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. NELSON, Treasurer.

On motion, the report is received and adopted.

On motion, it is agreed and ordered that our treasurer loan the money out at 8 per cent. interest and take a note with two good securities, the same to be paid in on October 1st, 1908.

On motion, the Association adjourn for preaching and to meet at 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Bro. J. R. Dutton. At 11 o'clock Rev. R. A. Nix preached a soul stirring sermon to a large and well behaved audience. His text was Ephesians 5th chapter and 14th verse. "Wherefore He saith, awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The congregation sung a hymn and prayer was offered by Rev. W. B. Benson. The Moderator called the body to order. Calling of the roll was omitted. The Clerk announced that there was a quorum present. The Moderator called for unfinished business.

On motion, that this Association pay Rev. R. A. Nix \$25.00 out of the Associational Funds at the session of 1908 to pay him for supplying Mount Hope church as said church was destitute of a pastor.

Report of Bro. J. A. Beazley called for as to Church Deeds. Owing to the health of Bro. Beazley's family, he failed to attend this Association and he was given until the annual Association of 1903 to make his report.

On motion, that Rev. James J. Wesley and Rev. John L. Conner are elected as delegates to the State Association, the place of the convening not yet named.

ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER.

We, your standing committee on Ministerial Character, to wit: W. T. Keeton, C. W. Bell, A. J. Ingle, J. W. Burleson and J. T.

Tyra, report as follows, viz: We find all our ministers in good standing so far as we know and we urge all our ministers to be at each session of the Association as much as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. KEETON, Chairman.

On motion, the report is received and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Resolved 1. 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 deemed guilty of a disciplinary offense, and after discipline has been used, if he does not show signs of penitence and reformation, he shall be excommunicated from the Association, and published in our denominational paper.

2. On motion, it is still agreed to retain a financial system as we see the great need of such: And we earnestly recommend that each member that belongs to the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association pay annually fifty cents, this is in connection with the minute funds; and we earnestly urge and ask all of our ministers to use their best efforts in urging the collection of these funds; and it is further understood that we elect a Treasurer to keep a true record of all the funds that are paid in; and also, how the same are 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 the building up of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association. Such as aiding destitute and disabled ministers, poor widows and orphans.

3. Be it resolved, that members shall not hold their letters out of the church over twelve months after date, and they are still under the jurisdiction of the church to which they belonged.

4. Be it resolved, that any minister or ministers of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association of Ala., who desires to set forth the full functions of the Gospel the same shall be made known to the annual Association through a recommendation from the church or churches to which they belong; and, if on examination, they shall be found worthy, the Association may ordain them; but all ordinations must be done at the annual Associations.

5. On motion, it is agreed that Rev. J. J. Wesley be and he is hereby appointed to write a Circular Letter to be appended to the minutes of 1907. Choosing his own subject.

6. On motion, it is agreed that each minister report annually the amount of money he has received; the number of miles travelled; the number of sermons preached; the number of public prayers offered; the number of marriage ceremonies performed; the number of visits made to the sick and burial services attended during the associational year.

7. On motion, the following Preamble and Resolutions was pre-

sented, viz: 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, viz:

Bear Creek Association—Rev. G. C. Elliott, Rev. W. A. Nelson, Bro. Robert Franks and Rev. R. A. Nix.

Little Brown's Creek Association—Brethren W. T. Keeton, W. C. Waite and J. T. Tharp.

8. On motion, it is agreed that the next session of this Association be held with Pocahontas Church, on the 'Frisco Railroad, Walker County, Ala., the same to convene on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1908.

On motion, Rev. John L. Conner is elected to preach the Introductory sermon, Rev. George C. Elliott, alternate.

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

11. On motion, it is agreed that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he have the work done to the best advantage. And it is further agreed that the publisher be instructed to send them to the Clerks of the churches according to their contributions, and that the Clerk be allowed six dollars for his services.

12. On motion, be it resolved, that this Jasper Freewill Baptist Association, assembled at Union Hill Church, Marion County, Ala., tender our thanks to the Church and surrounding community, especially the good sisters for their hospitality, and to the young men and young ladies for their good behavior, and the officers are specially thanked for the faithful manner in which they have discharged their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. CONNER.

13. On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at the time and place above named. Prayer by Bro. J. A. Underwood. Closing services conducted by the Moderator with feeling and appropriate remarks. A hymn was sung and the parting hand was taken amid tears and joy.

REV. W. A. NELSON, Moderator.

ROBERT FRANKS, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

Rev. W. A. Nelson, Pocahontas, Walker county, Ala.
 Rev. J. L. Conner, Twin, Marion county, Ala.
 Rev. S. W. Brookss, Hackleburg, Marion county, Ala.
 Rev. M. R. Martin, Brilliant, Marion county, Ala.
 Rev. T. M. Canup, Dinnis, R. F. D. No. 1, Itawamba county, Miss.
 Rev. G. C. Elliott, Brilliant, Marion county, Ala.
 Rev. J. J. Wesley, Twin, Marion county, Ala.
 Rev. J. E. Cochran, Pearce's Mills, Marion county, Ala.
 Rev. W. H. Ingram, Brilliant, Marion county, Ala.
 Rev. W. B. Benson, Carbon Hill, Walker county, Ala.
 Rev. W. M. Buzbee, Nauvoo, Walker county, Ala.
 Rev. H. B. Fowler, Galloway, Walker county, Ala.
 Rev. E. C. Thomas, Galloway, Walker county, Ala.
 Rev. R. A. Nix, Travis, Franklin county, Ala.
 Rev. G. W. Flippo, Pearce's Mills, Marion county, Ala.
 Rev. S. B. Ramsey, Pleasant Site, Franklin county, Ala.

MINISTERS' REPORTS.

Since our last Association, I have preached 121 sermons, prayed 200 public prayers, baptized 13 persons, sick room visits 10, married 4 couples, received into the church 19 members. I have traveled about 800 miles; and received from Pocahontas Church for my services \$168.20.

Respectfully submitted,
 REV. W. A. NELSON.

During the past associational year, I have preached 53 sermons, public prayers offered, 58, attended burial services, 5, sick room visits, 9, married 7 couples, received into the church at Mount Olive 11 members, at Mount Pleasant church 22 members, making a total of 33; and received from the various churches as follows: Mount Olive, \$28.00; Mount Pleasant, \$26.50; Pleasant Grove, \$3.00; —Total amount, \$47.50. Number of miles traveled is unknown.

Respectfully submitted,
 REV. J. J. WESLEY.

Since the last Association, I have preached 125 sermons, married 5 couples, attended 4 burial services, preached 3 funerals, prayed 200 public prayers, baptized 14 persons, and traveled about 800 miles, and received from the various churches as follows: Liberty, \$30.00; Gum Springs, \$60.00; Union Chapel, \$30.00; Pearce's Chapel, \$11.00.—Total amount \$131.00.

Respectfully submitted,
 REV. JOHN L. CONNER.

Dear Brethren: I beg to submit my report, which is as follows: During the past associational year, I have preached 302 sermons, have prayed 325 public prayers and have visited the sick 135 times, have married one couple, have traveled about 560 miles; and have received for my services about \$165.00; have attended two burial services.

Respectfully submitted,
 REV. W. B. BENSON.

During the past associational year, I have preached 51 sermons, offered 71 public prayers, received 19 members into the church, baptized 17, conducted 7 burial services; and received from the various churches, for my services, as follows: Shady Grove, \$49.55; Union Hill, \$48.90; Free Waters, \$13.25; Brilliant, \$1.50; for marriages, \$3.50.—Total amount received, \$116.70. And have traveled 1,232 miles.

Respectfully submitted,
 REV. G. C. ELLIOTT.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1907.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICE.	Baptized.	Re'cd by Letter.	Dls. by Letter.	Rec'd by Conf.	Restored.	Died	Excluded.	Days of Meeting.	No. of Members.	Paid for Minutes.
Mt Olive, Marion Co., Ala.	J. W. Burleson, K. M Pollard, J. A. Nelson.	Rev. J. J. Wesley.	W. S. Flippo, Twin, Ala.....	6	4	6	.	1	1	2	3	119	\$ 2 15
Mt. Pleasant, Marion Co...	J. H. Whitman, W. H Webb, Jr, C. L. Trotter	" J. J. Wesley.	F. B. Elliott, Guinn, r. f. d. 1 Ala	14	8	...	...	1	.	.	4	92	2 00
Oak Grove, Walker Co....	J. R. Dutton .....	.....	W. A. Keeton, Prospect, Ala....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	18	50
New Oak Grove, Walker Co	J. R. Benson, J. J. Harvill, H, L. Benson.	" F. R. Skelton	J. R Benson, Nauvoo, r. f. d. 1 Ala	4	7	...	...	2	1	9	1	53	1 00
Frienship, Marion Co....	W. A. Cantrell	" E. A. Palmer	Wesley Cantrell, Pikeville, Ala...	...	...	19	...	...	1	...	1	23	75
Gum Springs, Marion Co..	H. T. Warren, J. T. White.....	" J. L. Connor.	W. T. Hawkins, Baccus, Ala....	6	7	...	6	...	1	...	4	74	1 50
Union Chapel, Marion Co..	R. J. Erwin, J. R. Bishop.....	" J. L. Connor	J. L. Eades, Glenallen, Ala	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	70	1 35
Union Hill, Marion Co....	J. F. Tyra, G. W. Kenedy P. R. McKaig.	" G. C. Elliott.	J. H. Fredrick, Hackleburgh, Ala	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	4	93	1 15
Free Waters, Marion Co...	Represented by letter and cotribution....	" G. C. Elliott.	J. R. Franks, Guin, r. f. d. 3 Ala.	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	36	1 25
Liberty, Marion Co.	M. K. Williams, J. W. Pyron	" J. L. Connor.	M. M. Wilson, Guin, r. f. d. 3 Ala	6	2	...	...	...	1	...	2	100	1 25
Fair View, Franklin Co....	Not repersented.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pl's't Ridge, Ita'mb Co. Mis	J. T. Sharp, W. C. White, E. R. Bastie...	" T. M. Canup.	W. B. Dickinson, Dennis, r. f. d. 1 Miss	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	89	1 65
New Mt. Joy, Marion Co.	Not represented.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shady Grove, Franklin Co.	H. D. Fowler, M. S. Peppers, W. H. Nix.	" G. C. Elliott	W. M. Fowler, Travis, Ala.....	5	9	2	...	2	1	...	...	90	1 15
Brilliant, Marion Co.	G. W. Moore, J. A. Underwood	" G. C. Elliott.	W. G. Cook, Brilliant, Ala .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	36	85
Pearce's Chapel, Marion Co	A. J. Tidwell.....	" J. L. Connor.	J. W. Roberson, Pearces Mills, Ala	1	...	...	6	...	1	...	4	...	60
Pocahontas, Walker Co....	W. J. Crenshaw, J. T. Alvis.....	" W. A. Nelson	W. J. Crenshaw, Pocahontas, Ala	12	5	1	...	...	1	2	1-3	84	2 00
Union Grove, Walker Co..	W. B. Benson	" W. B. Benson	J. D. Buzbee, Carbonhill, Ala...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	50
New Hope, Walker Co....	W. M. Fowler	" H. B. Fowler	J. W. Fowler, Galloway, Ala....	5	9	49	2 00
Mount Hope, Franklin Co.	J. H. Dunkin.....	" T. M. Canup.	J. H. Dunkin, Shingle, Ala.....	4	35	50

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RULES OF DECORUM.

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.

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

Art. 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.

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

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

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

Art. 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.

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

Art. 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.

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

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

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1 This Association shall be known as the Jasper Free-will Baptist Association of Alabama, and being composed of ministers and delegates from the different churches forming the same, each church being entitled to three delegates.

Art. 2. This body shall be considered an advisory Council.

Art. 3 All questions of doctrine and matters of general interest shall be decided by a two thirds vote of the Association, and the decision shall be final.

Art. 4 The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, which shall be chosen by a majority vote at each session of the Association.

Art. 5 The 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.

Art. 6 Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt its Articles of Faith and conform to its usages.

Art. 7 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, Sunday Schools, Missionary Work, etc.

Art. 8 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.

Art. 9 Any church of this Association failing to be represented for two years in succession, the same shall be dropped from our minutes.

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, regenerated and saved.

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 those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved. That it is possible for men who have been converted, to "Make ship-wreck 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 can not 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 Savior 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 be cast into outer darkness. "The wicked are driven away in their wickedness, but the righteous have hope in their death."