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OF THE
59th Annual Session
OF THE
MARTIN FREE-WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

AT
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Next session to convene with New Home No. 2, Decatur County, Georgia, Friday before the 5th Sunday in October, 1946.

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PROCEEDINGS

10:00 A. M. Friday. Song service led by Rev. H. L. Catrett. Prayer by Rev. H. L. Catrett.

Welcome address by Bro. Will Lambert. Response by Bro. G. L. Cleveland.

Moderator's message, Subject, What Think Ye of Christ" Scripture reading 9th chapter of Issiah.

Credential committee: Bros. G. L. Cleveland, D. J. Roland and Bob Howard. Prayer led by Bro. J. W. Sellers.

11 O'clock message by Rev. C. A. Gilbert.

(Noon hour.)

1:30 Song Service. Devotions by Sister Drew Floyd. Subject: Does God answer prayer. Prayer led by Bro. Forrest Sellers.

Called for report of Credential Committee.

(See report.)

Sisters Drew Floyd and O. B. Everson read the letters and the churches were enrolled as follows, represented by:

Corinth: W. B. Cross, Bob Howard, and J. E. Dawson.

Friendship: A. B. Newberry, and Bro. Warren.

New Salem: W. R. Barber, E. B. Bush, W. B. Newberry, Robert Houston, Bennie Lovering, and D. J. Roland.

New Home No. 1: Mrs. Owen Sheffield, I. M. Ard, Tom Cox, Mrs. H. L. Catrett, and J. C. Roberts.

Springfield: Crafford Helms, Bob Helms and T. J. Hill.

Bellview: Oscar Brunson and wife, Counce Sheffield, Jr., and wife, Mrs. Tenella Cleveland, and Mrs. Mary Brown.

Hammock Springs: Mr. B. B. Barber, Z. Jones, Mrs. R. T. Williams.

Thompson: J. T. Pope and wife and F. E. Scarbrough and wife.

New Home No. 2: I. B. Saddler, Ed Avery and wife.

Hebrew: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Horn.

Mother's Home: Mrs. Zula Mae Lunsford, Mrs. J. W. Tully and Mrs. M. A. Stinson.

Mt. Gilead: J. S. Heard, Thomas Heard, and J. W. Matthews.

Highway: C. T. Turner, and Willie Everett.

Pilgrim's Home: J. T. Hilburn, H. E. Hilburn, W. J. Hilburn, Mrs. H. H. Vines, and Mrs. Guy Touchton.

Mt. Glory: By Letter.

Cool Springs: W. W. Blunt and wife, and John Taylor.

Called for petitionary letters. Received letters from Pola Branch Church and also Father's Home Church. It was moved and seconded that these churches be received into the Association. It was also moved and carried that the Moderator of the Association extend the right hand of Christian fellowship to the delegates of these churches.

Call For Correspondence:

Rev. J. W. Sellers from the Methodist was recognized in the Association and was asked to make a talk which was enjoyed by everyone present.

Union Association: Rev. Willie Sellers and wife.

Midway: Rev. E. C. Williams. Next session to convene with White Pond Church, Wednesday and Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1945. Bro. T. G. Williams from the Midway Association.

It was moved and seconded that the Moderator of this Association extend the right hand of Christian Fellowship to these correspondents.

The usual committees were named by the Moderator:

Sabbath Schools: Mrs. W. E. Lane, W. J. Hilburn, Mrs. Effie Kimbrel and Mr. T. J. Hill.

Sabbath Observance: Rev. Drew Floyd, W. B. Cross, and D. J. Roland.

Program Committee: G. L. Cleveland, Rev. H. L. Catrett, W. Lambert, Mrs. W. E. Lane and Mrs. Drew Floyd.

Resolutions: Rev. H. L. Catrett, W. O. Smith, J. T. Hilburn, and Rev. Drew Floyd.

Executive Committee: Not Changed.

Nominations: W. B. Cross, J. C. Roberts, Mrs. W. R. Barber, C. T. Turner, and Ed Avery.

Investigations: Bob Howard, Mrs Dave Roland, Mrs. Carl Lane and Mrs. Mary Brown.

Obituaries: Rev. H. L. Catrett, Rev. Drew Floyd, Mrs. W. R. Barber, W. O. Smith and Mrs. H H. Vines.

Temperance: Mrs. J. W. Tully, Mrs. Drew Floyd, G. L. Cleveland, Rev. E. M. Brockett and Mrs. Owen Sheffield

Arrangements: Pastor and Deacons of New Home No. 1 Church.

Education: W. L. Cleveland, Rev. H. L. Catrett, Rev. Drew Floyd, Mrs. W. E. Lane and Mrs. Effie KQimbrel

Suggestions: W. R. Barber, C. R. Houston, J. C. Roberts, G. W. Chambers, and Rev. B. W. Clenney.

Superanuation: Bob Helms, G. L. Cleveland, J. C. Roberts, and G. W. Chambers.

It was moved and carried that Bro. W. L. Cleveland be re-elected to serve on the State Superannuation Board.

Report of delegates to state association.. Report made by Rev. H. L. Catrett. Reported the good work of State Association. Next session to convene with Double Branch Church, 12 miles South of Hawkinsville, Ga., 10 miles East of Pinehurst, Ga., November 13, 14, 1945.

Report of Boards and Treasurer. (See report.)

Delegates to State Association: W. J. Hilburn, Carey Williams. Five dollars (\$5.00) membership fee to be paid to them by Clerk. It was moved and carried that five dollars (\$5.00) membership fee to the National Association be sent through the State Association.

The next session of Sunday School Convention to convene with Corinth Church, 2 miles Northwest of Iron City, Georgia, the 2nd Sunday in May, 1946.

It was moved and carried that Rev. C. R. Houston and Rev. Forrest W. Sellers be ordained at this session of the association.

Closing prayer by Rev. Willie Sellers. Ordination Services. Recessed until 9:30 Saturday, October 27, 1945.

Saturday Morning Session

Song service. Devotional by Mrs. C. C. Bell,

We then renewed call for correspondence from other associations. Received Rev. N. R. Sullivan from Georgia Union; Rev. G. W. Nobles and wife and Bro. Edd Jones and wife from State Line of Alabama.

The Church Decorum and Doctrinal Views were read.

Called for ministers' reports. Rev. H. L. Catrett, Rev. C. R. Houston, Rev. B. W. Clenny reported. (See reports.)

Rev. Drew Floyd made a report on evangelistic work.

It was moved and carried that Rev. Drew Floyd be retained as Evangelist another year.

Appointed delegates to other associations:

Midway: Rev. H. L. Catrett, and W. J. Hilburn.

State Line of Alabama: W. J. Hilburn, Rev. H. L. Catrett, and W. R. Barber.

Chattahoochee: Rev. Drew Floyd, Rev. B. W. Clenny.

Georgia Union: Rev. C. R. Houston, B. W. Clenny.

Union: Rev. C. R. Houston and Rev. Forrest W. Sellers.

The 11 o'clock message was brought by Rev. B. W. Clenny. Scripture reading taken from the 26th chapter of Matthew. Text: Lord Is It I. Had special prayer for Bro. W. L. Cleveland who was ill. Dismissed for noon.

Saturday P. M. Session

1:30 Song Services. Prayer by Rev. B. W. Clenny.

Devotionals by Rev. N. R. Sullivan. Scriptur reading Mat-
thew 16th chapter.

Committee reports were read and adopted, the com-
mittees released, except those held over.

Rev. H. L. Catrett made a report from Chattahoochee
Association. Next session to convene with New Prospect
Church.

Rev. H. L. Catrett and Rev. B. W. Clenny made a re-
port from the State Line of Alabama. Next session to
convene with Cedar Grove Church.

It was moved and carried the Moderator appoint an
Education Board, Rev. H. L. Catrett, chairman, 3 years;
Mrs. Effie Kimbrel, 3 years; Mrs. Drew Floyd, 2 years;
W. R. Barber, 1 year.

A donation was taken for education. Amount (\$28.00)
twenty-eight dollars.

It was moved and carried that a Mission Board be
appointed: W. L. Cleveland, 3 years; W. E. Lane, 2 years;
Mrs. W.: R. Barber, 1 year.

Bro. O. F. Everson from the Midway Association made
a report on the work of the State Mission Board. A reso-
lution was made by the Association that each church ap-
point one member for home mission work. Home Mission
donation was taken, \$9.84 for Mrs. John Lane; \$35.00 for
Mrs. Clint Ard.

Movied and carried that the Association retain same
officers.

Moved and carried that the next session of the asso-
ciation convene with New Home Church No. 2, near Cli-
max, Georgia, Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sun-
day in October, 1946.

Moved and carried that this body extend a rising vote
of thanks to New Home Church No. 1 and community for
their kind hospitality shown us while in their midst.

Took parting hand and adjourned to meet with New
Home Church No. 2, Climax, Ga., Friday bbefore 4th Sun-
day in October, 1946.

SUPERANUATION REPORT:

Receipts:

Oct. 21. Balance on hand	\$ 43.00
Oct. 28 Received, Clerk Association	49.00
Oct. 28. Received Union Meeting	11.50
Dec. 30. Received Union Meeting	17.40
April Received Union Meeting	14.30
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July 28. Union Meeting	19.10
Aug. New Home S. S.	3.00

Sept. 29 Union Meeting	17.85
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	\$175.15

Disbursements:

1944

Oct. 30 F. A. Norrise	3.00
Oct. 31. D. R. Braswell	3.00
Oct. 31. E. A. Drake	3.00
Oct. 31 Postage .....	.06
Nov. 3. Mrs. A. P. Norris	3.00
Nov. 3. Postage and M. O. Fee .....	.11
Nov. 14. A. D. Ivey	25.87
Dec. 2. F. A. Norris	3.00
Dec. 6. E. A. Drake	3.00
Dec. 6. D. R. Braswell	3.00
Dec. 6. Mrs. A. P. Norris	3.00
Dec. 6. Postage and M. O. Fee .....	.17

1945:

Jan. 3 F. A. Norris	3.00
Jan. 8. D. R. Braswell	3.00
Jan. 8. E. A. Drake	3.00
Jan. 8. Mrs. A. P. Norris	3.00
Jan. 8. Postage and M. O. Fee .....	.17
Feb. 7. F. A. Norris	3.00
Feb. 7. D. R. Braswell	3.00
Feb. 7. E. A. Drake	3.00
Feb. 7. Mrs. A. P. Norris	3.00
Feb. 7. Postage .....	.09
March 12. E. A. Drake	3.00
March 12. D. R. Braswell	3.00
March 12. F. A. Norris	3.00
March 12. Mrs. A. P. Norris	3.00
March 12. Postage .....	.09
April 10. E. A. Drake	3.00
April 10. D. R. Braswell	3.00
April 10. Mrs. A. P. Norris	3.00
April 10. F. A. Norris	3.00
April 10. Postage .....	.09
May 10. A. D. Avery 1-4 (Dec. April)	7.92
May 10. E. A. Drake	3.00
May 10. D. R. Braswell	3.00
May 10. Mrs. A. P. Norris	3.00
May 10. F. A. Norris	3.00
May 10. Postage .....	.12
June 11. E. A. Drake	3.00
June 11. D. R. Braswell	3.00
June 11. Mrs. A. P. Norris	3.00

June 11. F. A. Norris	3.00
June 11. Postage .....	.09
July 10. E. A. Drake	3.00
July 10. D. R. Braswell	3.00
July 10. Mrs. A. P. Norris	3.00
July 10. F. A. Norris	3.00
July 10. Postage .....	.09
Sept. 11. E. A. Drake	3.00
Sept. 11. D. R. Braswell	3.00
Sept. 11. Mrs. A. P. Norris	3.00
Sept. 11. F. A. Norris	3.00
Sept. 11. Postage .....	.09
Oct. 9. E. A. Drake	3.00
Oct. 9. D. R. Braswell	3.00
Oct. 9. Mrs. A. P. Norris	3.00
Oct. 9. F. A. Norris	3.00
Oct. 9. Postage .....	.09
Oct. 9. A. D. Ivey	9.98

\$176.12

MISSIONS:

Receipts:

1944:

Oct. 28. Clerk Association	11.36
Dec. 30. Union Meeting, Free Will Offering for Home Missions	25.00
Feb. 1 New Salem Church	2.25
April 1. New Home	56.00
April 3. New Salem	4.25

\$ 98.86

Disbursements:

1944:

Nov. 15. C. J. Harvey	11.36
Dec. 20. O. F. Everson	25.00
Feb. 27. C. J. Harvey	2.25
April 1. Kennette Turner	56.00
	4.25

\$ 98.86

SUPERANUATION COMMITTEE

We your committee on Superanuation, recommend that Bro. E. A. Drake, A. J. Tomlinson and Bro. Dave Braswell be placed on the superanuation list of this Association.

G. W. CHAMBERS,
J. C. ROBERTS,
G. L. CLEVELAND, Chairman.

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

We suggest that each of our churches make regular donations quarterly for our programs, missions, superannuation, education; That we have more complete reports. We have adopted this resolution: That the Moderator of this Association appoint a field worker. To do evangelist work in our bounds, promotion in all phases of our field work. We also suggest that he be paid a salary set out by this association to take care of his expenses.

We also suggest that the clerk have some letter forms printed for use in this association.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. C. RA HOUSTON,
G. W. CHAMBERS,
W. R. BARBER,
J. C. ROBERTS.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We the committee on education, beg to submit the following:

We suggest that we have an Educational Board which shall be a Promotional Board, and that said board sponsor League work, Sunday School work, Training encampments, and all other kind of Educational enterprises; Further, we suggest that this board adopt the \$1.00 per member loan fund for worthy students and select students to attend the F. W. B. Bible School at Nashville, Tenn.

There are many classes of education, but of them all the most important is Christian education. If parents could only realize that the home is the best place for this school there would not be quite so many wayward boys and girls. First the parents should study to prepare themselves to be able to set the example and to teach their young ones. The Bible tells us to teach them, lead them and guide their footsteps aright and if we fail to do this we wonder if we will not be responsible for those misguided lives.

Respectfully,
MRS. EFFIE KIMBREL, Chairman,
DREW FLOYD.
H. L. CATRETT,

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We the committee on temperance recommend the following:

1. Temperance in our homes: First everything should begin at home. If everything is right at home all things

are right, but if everything is wrong at home all things are wrong.

The home is an educational factor and agency in the moral and religious training of the child which means than all things else combined. Mothers' are the leaders of a home a Christian mother means a more to her children in their moral and religious training than all the churches, preachers, teachers, schools, etc.

The general breakdown in society today is due very largely to the breakdown in our homes.

We must save our homes. In these days when so many things of the outside come in to destroy our home life, we must keep our homes Christian homes.

The lives of mothers and fathers make or destroy the homes, there must be much prayer and this prayer backed up by living. There are numbers of things that should be taught and done in the home, such as, good government, obedience, respect, and others. The greatest of all is the obedience of the children, which all depends on the consistent Christian life of the parents.

We parents should do as Apostle Paul did for his son Timothy, remind our children of the sincere faith and faith of our grandparents and parents.

The downfall of nations have been characterized by the use of strong drink or alcoholic beverages.

Read your Bible: Drunkenness was one of the sins for which God overthrew and destroyed the wicked city of Sodom (Luke 17-28.)

Drunkenness was a degrading factor in the downfall of Nineveh. (Nahum 1-10.)

Drunkenness marked the downfall of Babylon.

Belshazzar the King made a great feast to a thousand of his Lords, and drank wine before the thousand and was destroyed the same night. (Daniel 5-1.)

Joel preached against it, they have cast lots for people and have given a boy for an harlot and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink. (Joel 3-3.)

Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that puttest they both to him and makest him drunken. (Habakkuk 2-15.)

Micah preached against liquor and foretold that it would be fashionable and popular for false ministers to favor it. If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink, he shall even be the prophet of this people. (Mich. 2-11.)

Read your Bible, For, we as a people or a church

should not only abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages, but we should clearly and plainly lift our voices against it.

As Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the King's wine so may every reader of this message make a covenant with God to abstain from the use of all alcoholic beverages, for it is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth or is offended or is made weak.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

We recommend that each preacher in our Association preach a Temperance sermon quarterly to the church or churches he serves.

G. L. CLEVELAND,
E. M. BROCKETT,
MRS. J. W. TULLEY,
MRS. OWEN SHEFFIELD,
MRS. DREW FLOYD.

Credential Committee reported with\$131.97

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward\$ 8.86

Received from Credential Committee 137.97

\$146.83

Paid Out:

Paid Moderator 10.00

Paid Clerk 15.00

State Association Fee 5.38

National Association Fee 5.00

Superannuation 35.57

Paid Out for Minutes 70.00

\$140.95

Balance in Treasury\$ 6.83

SABBATH SCHOOLS

In the Sunday School parents and children alike may learn the ways of truth and right. In Sunday School you may discuss the Bible in a way to get its greatest lessons, thoughts are brought out in Sunday School discussions that lead you to want to learn more. And parents are interested, they will want their children to be interested. So parents let's get ourselves and our children in a good Sunday School. If you do not have one at your church, organize one, and do your best to keep it going.

MRS. EFFIE KIMBREL, Chairman.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We, your committee on Sabbath Observance, recom-

mend the following: Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy. Abstaining from all unholy acts as pleasure seeking of worldly pleasure, such as fishing, hunting, pleasure riding, and such like.

We also recommend that we visit Sunday School somewhere every Sunday if it be possible.

Respectfully submitted,

D. FLOYD,
W. B. CROSS,
J. C. ROBERTS,
D. J. ROLAND.

NOMINATIONS

We, your committee on Nominations, recommend that the Association convene with New Home No. 2 Church, 15 miles Northeast of Bainbridge, and 3 miles East of Mt. Pleasant School House, with B. W. Clenny preaching the introductory sermon, with C. R. Houston as alternate. We further recommend the same officers and ordaining council for another year.

By:

W. B. CROSS,
C. F. TURNER,
J. C. ROBERTS,
MRS. W. R. BARBER,
ED AVERY.

INVESTIGATION

We, the committee on Investigation, find as far as we know, the churches and their pastors to be in harmony and full fellowship.

MRS. MARY BROWN,
BOB HOWARD,
MRS. CARL LANE,
MRS. D. J. ROLAND.

RESOLUTION

Since the State Association is providing for a Board Member from each of the District Associations comprising the State Association to form the various Boards of the State Association, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Martin Association set up a Mission Board and an Educational Board, since we have a superannuated Board. This will give a clear channel through which to work, in the various enterpriser, or field of labor..

2nd. Be It Resolved, That the Educational Board be a Promotional Board, such Board shall promote Christian Educational Activities throughout the Association.

3rd. Resolve, That this body pay its Clerk \$15.00 for his services and the Moderator \$10.00 for his services.

Further Resolved, That this Association extend a rising vote of thanks to New Home Church and community for their hospitality during this session.

H. L. CATRETT, Chairman,
DREW FLOYD,
J. T. HILBURN,
W. O. SMITH.

"OBITUARIES"

Since our last session of the Martin Association, the following members have fallen under the grim hands of death:

Bellview Church: Mrs. Mossie Cleveland, John Addison, James W. Haire, Mrs. Emma Heard, Lee Deese, Mrs. Lucy Kimbrel.

New Home No. 1 Church: Mrs. Ida Mae Daniels.

Corinth Church: Mrs. Eula Gause.

New Salem Church: Mrs. Ida Paul, Mrs. Jennie Mock, J. B. Arnett.

Hamack Springs Church: G. W. J. Barber.

We sorrow in the passing of these noble souls, but not as those which have no hope in Christ, for we believe that, though they have been taken away from us here, the world has been made a little better by their having lived, and heaven has been made brighter by their having died.

Respectfully,

H. L. CATRETT, Chairman,
SISTER WARREN TAYLOR, Cool Springs,
SISTER SHELLIE KNIGHT, Mother's Home.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

I have pastored the following churches: New Home NNo. 1, Corinth and Springfield near Ashford, Alabama.

I have attended the following Associations: State Lin Association and Union Association, attended three Union Meetings, one Ladies' Auxiliary Convention; two Sunday School Conventions; one State Board Meeting, attended two Memorial Services and assisted in two funerals.

I have preached around 100 sermons, baptised 3 candidates; traveled 2260 miles and received around \$500.00.

B. W. CLENNEY

I have preached at the following churches: Friendship, New Salem, Thompson and Mt. Gilead, New Home No. 1, Pilgrims Home, Hammock Springs, Springfield, Howard Grove, Ala., Springfield, Ala. Have helped organize two Leagues in our Association, one in Bellview Church and one in Corinth Church; Have organized one Sunday School in Friendship Church; Have attended the Union Asso-

ciation and two Union Meetings in our Association this year; Have attended two Sunday School Conventions; Attended a two week's Training School at Greenwood church near Camilla, Ga. in June, where F. W. B. Devotional and League and Ladies Aid, and Sunday School Work was taught, also singing was taught.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. C. R. HOUSTON.

Ministerial report from October 22nd, 1944 to October 26, 1945.

I have pastored the following churches: Oak Grove, New Salem, Pilgrims Home, Blakely, Bellview, Howard's Grove. Attended the Midway Association; the State Association; the Chattahoochee Association; the State Line Association of Alabama; Attended four (4) Union Meetings; Attended two (2) Ladies Auxiliary Conventions; Attended two (2) Joint Board Meetings for the State Association; Attended two (2) Sunday School Conventions; Attended three (3) Special Mission Services for National Association; Held three (3) services at Prison Camp; Attended two (2) weeks Training Encampment; Organized one (1) League; Attended two (2) Home Coming and Memorial Services.

Conducted or attended the following funerals:

1. Oct. 22, 1944 Issac Cowart—Colquitt Baptist Church.
2. Oct. 25, 1944 Julie Phillips—Live Oak Church.
3. Nov. 9, 1944 John Runnels—M. B. Union Church.
4. Nov. 15, 1944 Mrs. J. W. Pinky) Carter—Colquitt Home
5. Nov. 17, 1944 Mrs. Jim (Ida) Paul—M. B. Union Church
6. Nov. 28, 1944 Mrs. Nancy Grimsley, M. B. Union church
7. Nov. 29, 1944 Mrs. John (Lucy) Kimbrel—Bellview.
8. Dec. 3, 1944 Lee Sheffield—Colquitt Home.
9. Dec. 4, 1944 Mrs. G. G. Carter—Colquitt Baptist church
10. Dec. 5, 1944 Clarence Bush—M. B. Union Church.
11. Dec. 8, 1944 John Cook—Co. Line M. B. Church.
12. Dec. 21, 1944 Ann Kimbrel—Patmus Church.
13. Dec. 31, 1944 Nancy Ann Richardson—Garden Cem.
14. Jan. 2, 1945 Ellen Corley Adams—Milford B. Church
15. Jan 13, 1945. Mrs. Betty Mock—Cuba-Bush Cemetery
16. Jan. 30, 1945 G. G. Evans—New Salem Church.
17. Jan. 30, 1945 J. B. Avirett—New Salem Church.
18. July 5, 1945 L. F. Douglass—Damascus, Ga.
19. July 27, 1945 Mrs. Jane Phillips—Pilgrims Rest.
20. July 27, 1945. Mrs. Roach—Bellview Church.
21. March 5, 1945 Mrs. J. J. Catrett—Gordon Cemetery.
22. March 21, 1945 John Cook—Co. Line B. B. Church.
23. April 2, 1945 Mrs. Simpson Roberts—Bethel Church.

24. April 4, 1945 Lee Deese—Bellview Church.
25. April 4, 1945 Mrs. Gus Widener—Debarry Cemetery.
26. April 8, 1945 Mrs. Jennie Mock—P. B. Union Church.
27. April 10, 1945 J. W. Bailey—Colquitt M. E. Church.
28. April 12, 1945 Mrs. W. E. (Queen) Earnest—Bellview.
29. April 23, 1945 Mrs. G. W. (Clara) Wells—P. Rest.
30. April 23, 1945. L. M. Gordon—Debarry Cemetery.
31. May 8, 1945 Mrs. Helen Giles—Colquitt B. Church.
32. May 11, 1945 Mrs. Dennis Phillips—Pilgrim's Rest.
33. May 15, 1945 Mrs. Liza Warrills—Roberts Cemetery.
34. May 20, 1945 Jessie Johnson—Bellview Church.
35. May 21, 1945 Charles H. Kimbrel—Colquitt B. Church.
36. May 23, 1945 Mrs. T. V. Merritt—Macedonia Church.
37. May 26, 1945 Baby of Harris Moody—Notchaway.
38. June 1, 1945 Mrs. D. Widener—Tabb Cemetery.
39. June 12, 1945 Mrs. Mae Cook Norman—Cook Cem.
40. June 26, 1945 Mrs. G. L. Cleveland—Bellview Church.
41. June 27, 1945 Jas. W. Haire—Bellview Church.
42. July 4, 1945 Sam Rentz—Bellview Church.
43. July 6, 1945 Sherman Kelly—Cook Cemetery.
44. July 10, 1945 B. A. Sheffield—Bethany M. B. Church.
45. July 14, 1945 E. O. Jones—Colquitt at Home.
46. July 20, 1945 Mrs. Luther Kimbrel—Bellview Church.
47. July 24, 1945 Redden Musgrove—Traveler's Rest.
48. Aug. 4, 1945 Mrs. Chloe Wilson—Flat Creek Church.
40. Aug. 7, 1945 Mrs. Eula Gause—Corinth Church.
50. Aug. 13, 1945 Mrs. G. F. Daniels—New Home No. 1.
51. Aug. 14, 1945 Otis Evans—New Salem Church.
42. Sept. 1, 1945 Mrs. George—Corinth Church.
53. Sept. 13, 1945 M. D. Halverstadt—Colquitt Church.
54. Sept. 21, 1945 John Lovering—Flat Creek Church.
55. Sept 23, 1945 Mrs. J. D. Cox—New Home No. 1.
56. Sept 24, 1945 Rev. J. D. Moody—Bellview Church.
57. Oct. 12, 1945 Mr. Bud Cowart—Mother's Home.
58. Oct. 15, 1945 Jim W. Stephens—Union M. B. Church
59. Oct. 21, 1945 Sam Stinson—Mother's Home church
60. Oct. 23, 1945 Pressie (Cap) Rentz—Eldorado Bap. C.

I have baptised fourteen (14) ; Preached three hundred eighteen (318) sermons; Traveled thirteen thousand eight hundred and sixty five (13,865) miles.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed and I have made several hospital visit, also local sick visits.

Pray for one who needs your help. Expenses has been heavy, but the Lord has provided some way.

Yours in His service,

H. L. CATRETT.

EVANGELIST

Report of Rev. D. Floyd, Evangelist:

Springfield Church 2 services, 28 lifted hands. Offering \$4.50.

Mount Glorida Church 1 service, 15 lifted hands.

Hebrew Church, 16 lifted hands. Offering \$4.25.

Hammock Springs, 2 services, 21 lifted hands, offering \$2.37.

Thompson Church, 3 services.

The Colquitt Methodist Church, 1 service.

Howard Grove Church in Alabama, 1 service, offering \$6.00.

Friendship Church, 3 services, 24 lifted hands as being helped.

Mother's Home, 22 lifted hands, 3 services, offering \$3.75.

Highway Church, 2 services, 28 lifted hands, offering \$7.40.

Pilgrim's Home Church, 1 service, 32 lifted hands, offering \$6.48.

New Home Church, 1 service, 27 lifted hands, offering \$4.82.

Correnth Church, 2 services, 31 lifted hands, offering \$14.2

The Bainbridge Nazarene Church, 3 services, 20 lifted hands, offering \$11.00.

Mount Gillead Church, 1 service, offering \$13.50.

The Nazarene Church at Bainbridge, 2 services, 22 hands lifted, offering \$6.00.

Total number Evangelistic Services conducted, 31.

Total visits to other churches, 14; Visits to Sunday Schools, 18; This is very little to offer, I just trust the Lord will work out to Himself glory through this small effort. I have received \$84.31. I have gave back to pastors and churches \$27.00. Leaving a balance \$57.31.

Respectfully,

DREW FLOYD.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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A. B. ARD, Bainbridge, Ga.
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H. L. CATRETT, Colquitt, Ga.
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L. D. SCOTT, Brinson, Ga.
TOM HENRY, Colquitt, Ga.
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FORREST SELLERS, Bainbridge, Ga.

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N. L. LAMB, Climax, Ga.
D. KELLEY, Whigham, Ga.
W. K. WILSON, Bainbridge, Ga.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organize.
2. Call for letter from various churches.
3. Call for correspondence from sister associations.
4. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Appoint committees.
7. Roll call and read decorum.
8. Appoint correspondents to sister associations.
9. Call for report of committees.
10. Elect Officers for next session.
11. Appoint time and place for next session.
12. Adjournment.

Doctrinal Views

1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a treasure of Heavenly instruction that has a God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore, it shall remain with us to the end of time, the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard to which all human conduct and opinion should conform.

2. That there is but one true God, whose name is Jehovah the maker and ruler of Heaven and earth, inexpressively glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, con-

fidence and love, revealed in the personal distinction of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

3. That man was created in a state of holiness under the laws of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which men are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan and their sinful passions and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence or excuse.

4. That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through the mediation of the Son of God, who took upon him our nature; yet without sin honored the law by His personal obedience, and made atonement for sin by His death; being risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven and uniting in His Wonderful person the tender sympathies with divine perfection, in every way qualified to be a suitable compassionate and all sufficient Savior.

5 That the great gospel blessings which Christ of His fullness bestows on such as believe on Him is justification; that justification consists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life upon principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of anything which we have done, but solely through His own righteousness and atonement, and that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God.

6. That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to receive them by a cordial and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ which results will subject him to aggravated condemnation.

7. That in order to be saved we must be regenerated or born again. That regeneration consists of giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit producing a voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruits which we bring forth to God.

8. That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners. That being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all means with the end, that it is a most glorious display of God's goodness, being infinitely wise, holy, unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting

and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

9. That the preserving attachment of true believers to Christ the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

10. That the law of God is the eternal, unchangeable rule of His government; that it is holy, just and good, that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen man to fulfill the precepts arise entirely from their love of sin to deliver them from which and to restore them through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the Holy law is one design of the Gospel and the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

11. That the first day of the week is the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath; that it should be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation by the direct observance of all means of grace, both public and private, and prepare for the rest which remains for the people of God.

12. That civil government is of divine appointment for the interest of order of human society; that the magistrates are to be prayed for conscientiously; honored and obeyed in all things not contrary to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of conscience and Prince of the kings of the earth.

13. That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and wicked, and that such only are justified by faith in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and is sanctified by the spirit of God as are truly righteous in His esteem while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are, in His sight, wicked and under the curse and this distinction holds good among men, both in and after death.

14. That the end of this world is approaching when Christ will descend from the Heaven and raise the dead from their graves to final retribution, that solemn separation will then take place, the righteous being adjudged to everlasting happiness and the wicked to endless punishment and his judgment will forever fix the final state of men in Heaven or Hell on principles of righteousness.—John 5:25; Matt. 25:31; 41:46.

Associational Decorum

1. This Association shall be called to order by the

former moderator, who presided at the last session, if present; if not present, then the clerk, if he should be absent, then by some other brother.

2. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. The moderator and clerk of the preceeding session shall officiate until the body is organized by electing a moderator and clerk in any way the body may direct.

4. It shall be the duty of the moderator to call the meeting to order, to see that order is preserved, receive and submit all questions to the body. He shall have the privilege of speaking but must call upon some other brother to preside in his place while speaking. He shall not have the right to vote unless the body is equally divided, when he may cast the deciding vote.

5. The members present shall be enrolled and their names called as often as necessary.

6. The majority of the members present shall rule in cases, except upon admission of new churches, which shall require a unanimous vote.

7. No member shall absent himself from the house without leave from the moderator, and no member shall leave the association without the consent of the body.

8. All business shall be brought before the body by a move and second and shall be disposed of according to good usage.

9. No person shall be allowed to speak more than three times on the same subject nor more than fifteen minutes each time without permission from the body.

10. No person shall be disturbed while speaking unless he departs from the subject and it will be necessary to call him to order.

11. Only one person shall be allowed to speak at a time and he must rise to his feet and address the moderator and must not use abusive language or personal reflection on any one without being subject to a call to order by the moderator.

12. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a minute of the proceedings and read the same when called upon, to be corrected at the discretion of the body, and shall prepare the minutes for publication, unless the association shall appoint some one for that purpose. He shall keep all books and papers belonging to the association and read the same when ordered to do so, and shall have such compensation for his services as the association may prescribe.

13. It shall be the duty of the corresponding secretary to carry on correspondence by writing to persons belonging to other associations of like faith in any way that would

be likely to create interest in this association for its promotion and well being.

14. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep all money committed to him by the association, and to keep an account of receipts and expenditures, make a report at every association if called upon, pay out money when ordered to do so by the association, and shall receive such compensation as the association may prescribe.

15. These rules of decorum may be amended at the discretion of the association.

Church Decorum

1. The church may choose a pastor annually at the last regular conference in association year; or if they prefer it may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time to continue from year to year, as long as they deem it proper to keep up the connection.

2. When it becomes necessary, a pastor may be chosen at another time; but if the choice be made at a special conference, the time must be appointed at a monthly meeting of the church.

3. The pastor shall be the moderator of the church, but when he is absent or does not sit as moderator, being present, some suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

4. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and disbursement of the contributions made by the church for the pastor, etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in the administration of the Lord's supper.

5. The deacons shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause, that the same may be laid before the church in conference if necessary.

6. Some suitable member shall be appointed clerk and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and other writing pertaining to the business of the church and to preserve a file of the minutes of the association.

7. When a new clerk is appointed all the books, etc., belonging to the clerk shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor.

8. When a church deems it necessary, a committee of not less than three male members well acquainted with business, shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to give advice to brethren who apply to them relative to cases of

9. The church shall hold two days meetings monthly, embracing Saturday and the Lord's day following the first of which shall be the regular time of conference.

10. It shall be the duty of every member, male or female, to attend each conference meeting if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in special manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline and the rule of holy living.

11. Any male member, who shall fail to attend three successive conferences, and any member whatever who may be generally remiss in attending the meetings of the church according to the covenant (Article 10), shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for his neglect, but the church may exempt members from this rule if necessary.

12. Conference, after prayer or divine service shall be opened as follows: (1) Inviting visiting brethren to seat. (2) Opening the door of the church for the reception of members. (3) Calling for the reading of the minutes of the last conference. (4) Calling for absentees. (5) For acknowledgements. (6) For references or deferred business. (7) For new matters of dealings, which are to come before the body. (8) For miscellaneous business.

13. Visiting brethren, as help called in from sister churches, shall be allowed to speak and make motions and seconds, but not allowed to vote.

14. Any orderly member of the Baptist church may be received into the church without letter, when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable, and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other members must join by letter or baptism.

15. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent of the members present, but unreasonable objections shall not be valid and unless withdrawn the member who makes them shall be liable to be taken under dealings by the church.

16. When the moderator calls for absentees, the clerk shall inform the church what members have been absent from three successive conferences, and the moderator shall appoint some brother or brethren to cite each of them to the next conference.

17. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing, to attend his trial; provided his residence be known to the church.

18. When a witness, not a member of the church, is introduced, he shall not be examined till the question has been put to the church: "Will you hear the testimony of this witness?"

19. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgement shall be minuted in the church book.

20. Members dismissed from the church by letter wnc

becomes disorderly or continue to hold their letters without a good reason, shall be cited to the conference to answer for their conduct.

21. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil conduct.

22. A vote shall not be taken upon any question without a move and a second, and in all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising to the feet.

23. No motion shall be made while a move and second is before the conference.

24. It shall be considered disorderly for any member to absent himself from conference when an important question is to be decided; but a member, upon his request, may be exempted from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

25. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause, nor engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to be called to order by the moderator.

26. All discussions in conference must be conducted with calmness and good feeling; those who speak must rise to their feet and address the moderator, and keep to the point in debate.

27. No one shall speak more than three times on the same motion without permission from the moderator, nor shall the remarks of any one be unreasonably long.

28. When the moderator speaks in debate he must nominate some brethren moderator in his stead.

29. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is necessary to call him to order.

30. It shall be the rule of the church to attend to the administration of the Lord's supper and foot washing at least four times a year, and the expenses are to be paid by the church.

31. Members not in good standing shall not commune, but the administration shall not be deferred on account of any ordinary matter of dealing.

Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

33. It shall be the duty of the pastor to take up collections quarterly for the support of the home mission work.

34. It shall be the duty of each church to appoint a committee to revise the church book once a year.

35. This decorum may be altered or amended by the vote of two-thirds of the members present at any two successive monthly conferences.

Articles of Faith

1. **The Scripture.** The Scripture of the old and the New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are binding on all as our only rule of faith and practice. There is only one living and true God, infinite in all of his attributes; the Creator, Preserver and Governor of the Universe, revealed to us in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Spirit.

2. **Christ.** He is God manifest in the flesh, being in His divine nature true, God, in His human nature true man, united in the person of Messiah as the mediator for the redemption of the world.

3. **The Holy Spirit.** He possesses all personal divine attributes belonging to the Reformer, Comforter and Sanctifier of men.

4. **Divine Purpose and Providence.** The purpose of God are eternal and immutable, and His Wise and Holy Providence is over all things to secure His only glory and the highest welfare of all creatures.

5. **Original State and Fall of Man.** Man was created upright, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. All his posterity inherits his fallen nature, which is cherished by indulgence so all who come to years of moral accountability, sin and come short of the glory of God.

6. **The Atonement.** Christ in His great compassion offered Himself as a sacrifice in our stead, and those by His life, suffering and death, made an atonement which is full and free to all, and opens the only way to salvation.

7. **Grace.** No one can by his own work merit, obtain salvation which is wholly of the grace of God, and through which all spiritual blessings are bestowed upon us.

8. **Condition of Salvation.** These are repentances implying Godly sorrow for open concessions and other renunciations of sin, faith or the unreserved committal of the mind and heart to receive, obey and trust in Christ, regeneration by the Holy Spirit, whereby the soul is freed from the dominion of sin and brought into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

9. **Election.** God has not fixed the future state of man by any unconditional decree, but determined from the beginning to save all who could comply with the conditions of salvation.

10. **Perservance.** None will be finally saved but those who, through grace, persevere in holiness.

11. **Salvation Free.** God desires the salvation of all the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and

whosoever will, may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. **The Freedom of the Will.** The human will is not controlled by any fatal necessity or external force, but is free and self-determined, having power to yield to gracious influences or resist them and perish.

13. **Gospel Ordinances.** Baptism or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel or universal obligation and to be administered to all true believers.

14. **The Sabbath.** The Christian Sabbath is a divine institution binding on all, and should be observed by abstaining from all secular business, amusements and consecrated to the worship of God and to spiritual improvement.

15. **The Resurrection.** Final judgment and final retribution—Christ will make His second appearance at the end of the world, when the dead will be raised, the judgment will set, the righteous will be received to eternal blessedness, and the wicked banished to endless suffering.

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

1. We believe that the Gospel church, or a church of Christ is a congregation of Christians constituted and governed according to the rules laid down in the New Testament.

2. That these rules require churches to reserve the form of government and ordinances of the first Christian churches, and to be composed of baptized believers in Christ.

3. That the visible church is the aggregate or whole number of Gospel churches, and that the invisible church is composed of the redeemed now in Heaven; and of such Christians now on earth as are not attached to the visible; according to the Gospel rules.

4. That the establishment of a central or Catholic government over the visible church or any part thereof is a device of earthly ambition repugnant to the word of God and subversive to the churches and dangerous to the liberties of men.

5. That the Gospel churches are the only ecclesiastical bodies or tribunals authorized by the Scripture; that each church has the unrestricted right to administer its own government without supervision or interference, being under Christ essentially independent and absolute and that if this right is surrendered to a superintending jurisdiction by delegation or otherwise the assembly ceases to be a gospel church.

6. That churches may nevertheless, meet by delegates, form an association and declare the terms upon which they will keep up a friendly correspondence but

that the rights and authority of the churches being inalienable are in no wise compromised by or hindered by entering into an association, therefore associations have no shadow of authority over churches or individuals, their only powers being to transact business which does not pertain to churches in their ecclesiastical capacity, or to promote mutual intercourse and concentration of voluntary effort, and to give that advice to churches which might with equal authority be given by an individual.

7. That the authority of churches are designated for the perpetuation of the true religion of the Gospel and for the preservation of a pure and orderly body of Christians on earth, that is fully sufficient for the purpose intended, but it does not extend to the person's property or consciences of men in any case whatever.

8. That the only requisites to church membership are faith in Christ and obedience to the Gospel, that faith in Christ necessarily exists in connection with the belief in the fundamental truths of Christianity, and to prescribe any other requisites of church membership is an assumption on the part of the church and a departure from the plan of the Gospel.

9. That the officers of the church are elders and deacons; that elders are also called bishops or pastors; that all elders are equal in rank; though they may perform different functions since some may be bishops or pastors of a particular church, while others may be simply elders, having no pastoral charge.

10. That the authority of the minister of the Gospel extends to teaching, exhortation and rebuke, but no further, that he can not perform any act which belongs to the authority of the church, such as the reception of members into the church compact, of the expulsion of offenders, that as members of the church he is no more than any other member, and if he is guilty of transgression he is to be brought to trial before his brethren and convicted or acquitted in the same manner as if he were a private person; yet we think it prudent and proper to call in advisory help, especially if the minister is to be tried upon a charge of heresy.

11. That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

12. That the Lord's Supper is an ordinance to be observed in the church till the Lord comes.

13. The elders and deacons must be set apart to their office by ordination, by the imposition of the hands of the presbytery and prayer, without which they are not author

ized to administer the ordinances pertaining to their respective offices.

ASSOCIATIONAL CONSTITUTION

1. A church proper in its lowest sense is a body of Christians united and congregated together for the purpose of worshiping God and promoting His cause, and in which the Gospel is regularly preached; the ordinances duly administered and the principles of holiness encouraged and practiced. Each church or body thus formed is a separate part thereof and independent in itself; possessing the right to direct its own affairs in its own way, subject only in certain difficult cases to arbitrate by sister churches. Such churches may, however, unite in associational capacity for purposes of more thorough organization, efficient work and for general and mutual good of all without surrendering any of their individual rights. Therefore, the churches hereinafter mentioned resolve themselves into a body ecclesiastic to be known as the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist, which shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body at its annual meeting.

2. The association, when assembled, shall be composed of all ministers of the association, both ordained and licentiates, and the delegates or messengers chosen by the several churches from time to time for that purpose.

3. The number of delegates to be determined by the membership of the respective churches. To simplify this we will state that any church is entitled to two delegates, it matters not how few members it may have. That after it has attained fifty members it shall then be entitled to one more delegate to every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof, until it has reached one hundred; then for every fifty, or fractional part thereof, and go on increasing in this ratio to any number.

4. The officers of the association shall consist of a moderator, clerk and treasurer, to be chosen annually from the members present; moderator and clerk to be elected by ballot or as the Association deems proper.

5. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over the body during the session for which he is elected, call the session to order, enforce the rules of the decorum, decide all questions of discipline, and in case of a tie, to cast the deciding vote.

6. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep an accurate record of the business transactions of the association, superintend the printing of the minutes and draw on the treasurer for the funds to discharge the expense of the same: He shall hold office until his successor is elected and installed, and shall receive such compensation for his ser-

vices as the association may deem proper to allow.

7. There shall be an executive committee of discreate brethren appointed annually by the moderator, or elected by the body who shall properly be the association in recess, and whose duty may be more fully defined from time to time by the association. The treasurer shall be one of the number.

8. When the association is assembled a majority of all the members enrolled shall be required to form a quorum for the transaction of business.

9. All debates shall be conducted in a Christian like and brotherly spirit. All shall be allowed the privilege of speaking on any question which is submitted to the consideration of the body.

10. Every speaker shall rise to his feet, address the moderator, and keep to the question in debate, and shall avoid all unpleasant reflections and personalities.

11. No brother shall be allowed to consume more than fifteen minutes in one speech, or speak more than twice on the same subject except by permission from the moderator or body.

12. All questions shall be submitted by move and second the first motion taking precedence in point of order. Every motion seconded must be acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

13. The business shall be taken up in order according to the subjoined plan, unless it becomes necessary to suspend the regular rules for a time for purposes which appear proper.

14. The moderator shall, at each session, invite corresponding delegates from other bodies of our own order, and also ministers from other denominations to seats, when thus seated shall be entitled to the friendship of honorary members.

Associational Covenant

Having been, we trust, brought together to organize an association; by divine grace to embrace our Lord Jesus Christ, to give ourselves up wholly to Him, with all humility and brotherly love; to watch over each other for good, and stir up each other to love and good work, and not forsaking the frequent assembling of ourselves together with our neighbors to worship God according to His revealed will, as occasion may require; to warn, rebuke and admonish each other according to the rules of the Gospel, that the knowledge may be thereby promoted to the end We will uphold the public worship of God and the ordinances of His house, and hold constant communion with each other therein; and

we will cheerfully contribute of our property for the maintenance of a faithful minister of the Gospel among us and for the extension of the blessed Redeemer's kingdom among us universally. We will not omit family and closet religion at home nor allow ourselves in the too common neglect of the great and important duty of religiously training our children for the service of God and the enjoyment of heaven. We will also sympathize with each other in seasons of temptation and affliction and be ready to distribute to the necessities of the saints. We will especially pray for and with each other for the churches universally, for the promised effusion of the Holy Spirit, for the prosperity of Zion, and the ingathering of the elect and may the God of Peace, who brought again from the dead, our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His will, that we may not only enjoy a name and place in the church on earth but finally with His glorious church of the first born of Heaven in ascribing blessings, honor, might, majesty to Him who sitteth on the throne and the Lamb forever.

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