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PROCEEDINGS.

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At 8 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday October 20, 1920, the Missouri State Association of Freewill Baptists met with Philadelphia Church near Pattonsburg, Missouri in its Seventh Annual Session.

Session opened with song by congregation. Scripture reading Psalm 122 by G.S. Latimer. Prayer by John H. Wolfe.

The Moderator being absent Rev. G. S. Latimer was chosen temporary Moderator to act until a Moderator is regularly elected.

Moderator appointed as pulpit committee— Geo. Jeffries, Jerry Ahart and Sister Audry Snyder.

An address of welcome by Rev. S. Lewis was responded to by Rev. Jno. H. Wolfe.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Samra Smith.

Pulpit Committee reported Rev. Prior L. Price to preach at 11 o'clock Thursday.

Adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Session opened at 9 a. m. with song by congregation. Scripture reading from second chapter of Acts by Moderator. Prayer by Sister Delia Wolfe and Rev. E. C. Whitehead.

Association letters were called for, and were referred to a credentials committee composed of John H. Wolfe,

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Prior L. Price and Anna Reed.

The credentials committee in its report recommended that letters be received and delegates from the following Associations.—Union, Central Western Missouri & South-eastern Kansas, Northwest & Indian Creek. Report accepted as partial report.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR ENSUING YEAR;

Moderator—G. S. LATIMER.

Clerk—A. W. HARTLEY.

Treasurer—B. F. BROWN.

Member Executive Board for term of 5 years—IRA WATERMAN.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

Business Committee—A. W. Hartley, E. C. Whitehead and Jerry Ahart.

Mission Committee. — Sisters Delia S. Wolfe and Flora E. Lewallen.

Resolutions Committee—John H. Wolfe, E. C. Whitehead and Prior L. Price.

Credentials and Pulpit Committees already reported.

On motion Sister Price was elected as delegate in the absence of Sister Frye, and Revs. John H. Wolfe and Delia S. Wolfe were seated as corresponding messengers from Nebraska.

As suggested by the Moderator other business was temporarily dropped that all might engage in Round Table Talks led by Sisters Anna Reed and Delia S. Wolfe.

Five questions were proposed and discussed as follows:

1. How often should we attend church? Splendid remarks by Bros. Latimer, Wolfe and Whitehead.

2. Should we as a church take stand against the movies? Discussed by Bros. Price and Wolfe.

3. Why have we so many pastorsless churches? Discussed by Revs. Smith, Price and Latimer.

4. What are the duties of the officers of the church?

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Discussed by Bros. Stroud, Ahart, Price and Whitehead.

5. How may the churches be crowded in Missouri?
Discussion by Wolfe and Price.

These discussions were very interesting and beneficial, but were crowded out for the 11 o'clock services.

11 O'CLOCK SESSION.

Preaching services by Prior L. Price; Lesson, 12th chapter of Romans. Text, II Cor. 13:5. Subject, Consecration.

Adjourned till 2 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened with song by congregation and prayer by John H. Wolfe.

The session until adjourned time at 4 o'clock was given over for "Bible Conference," led by Rev. J. H. Wolfe. It was a great feast to all and a great interest in the Bible was awakened.

Pulpit Committee reported Delia S. Wolfe to preach at 11 o'clock Friday and E. C. Whitehead Friday night.

FRIDAY MORNING

Praise by congregation. Scripture reading, Psalm 122 by Moderator. Prayer by John H. Wolfe.

A. W. Hartley resigned as clerk and Prior L. Price was elected clerk and W. H. Stroud, assistant clerk.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint a committee on way and means.

Motion carried that we retain our five evangelists for the ensuing year.

Bro. John H. Wolfe made a report on the condition of our printing plant at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and its duties for the Freewill Baptists. He reports a mortgage of \$900

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on the plant, which is due December 1, 1920, and must be paid, and suggests that an effort be made to raise the money.

Motion carried that our five evangelists be instructed to form themselves into a committee to transact the business of raising the money to clear off the \$900 mortgage on our printing plant.

Motion carried that we have our minutes printed by our printing plant at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and that we have as many copies printed as there is money to pay for not to exceed 500 copies.

Committee on location in their report recommend that we meet next year with Niangua Church at Niangua, Missouri, to convene on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1921. E. C. Whitehead to preach the introductory sermon, Prior L. Price to be alternate. Report accepted.

Indian Creek Association paid in to clerk \$4.00 for Association expenses.

Report of Prior L. Price (verbal)—As district evangelist I have held 7 meetings with more than 40 conversions. Churches only in normal condition.

Report of E. C. Whitehead—Held 3 meetings. Conditions in churches not very encouraging, but improving.

Report of T. C. Ferguson—Report by letter from Ruthilda Sash, Canada. Regrets he was not able to be present and report his evangelistic work as extending through three associations and that many souls were saved and many added to the churches.

Adjourned for 11 o'clock services.

Eleven o'clock services conducted by Rev. Delia S. Wolfe. She delivered a very interesting discourse from John 15:5.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened promptly at 1 o'clock by singing, "Jesus Paid It All," and prayer by Sister Price.

Rev. Prior L. Price elected corresponding messenger to Nebraska Yearly Meeting.

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Report of Resolutions Committee—Whereas the condition of the world is in such a state in the way of running wild over amusements: Be it resolved that we take a decided stand against the most eminent evils of the day which are pressing the churches at the present time, viz. The movies, Sunday base ball and dance. All of which are working havoc in our churches and putting up barriers against reaching the unsaved. Resolved that every pastor of the Association warn his people against these evils.

Resolutions—Realizing the sacredness of such meetings as is just closing: Be it resolved that we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our worthy Moderator, G. S. Latimer for his impartial conduct of this session and Resolved that we thank the good people of the Philadelphia Church and vicinity for their open doors and open hearts and the hospitality shown us in a thousand ways. And above everything we thank our Heavenly Father for this blessed privilege of this great spiritual meeting.

Committee { JOHN H. WOLFE
 { E. C. WHITEHEAD
 { PRIOR L. PRICE

Mission Report—Whereas the whole world lieth in wickedness and whereas the Freewill Baptists believe the Gospel is to be carried to the whole world.

Therefore, be it resolved that we here assembled in Missouri State Association do hereby urge that the Association and individual churches do all in their power to send the Gospel to needy places.

Committee { DELIA S. WOLFE
 { FLORA E. LEWALLEN

Adjourned till 9 a. m. Saturday.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

Preaching services by E. C. Whitehead. The service was quite interesting.

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SATURDAY MORNING.

Session opened with song by congregation and prayer by Bro. Lewis and Sister Wolfe.

The session until 11 o'clock was devoted to Bible Study conducted by Bro. Wolfe.

Rev. W. H. McKown preached a powerful sermon at 11 o'clock from Eph. 3:14.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened for Covenant Meeting at 2:30; Sister Anna Reed leader. Song, "Home of the Soul" by congregation. Scripture reading from the Psalms and prayer by Rev. John H. Wolfe and Sister Anna Reed.

Adjourned in regular form.

G. S. LATIMER, *Moderator.*

PRIOR L. PRICE, *Clerk.*

PROCEEDINGS 1921 SESSION.

At 8 o'clock p. m. Wednesday October 19, 1921, the Missouri State Association of Freewill Baptists convened with Niangua Church at Niangua, Missouri in its Eighth Annual Session.

Session opened with song by congregation. Scripture reading, Isa. 55th chapter by Clerk, B. F. Brown. Prayer by Rev. E. C. Whitehead.

A quorum, to transact business was found to be present. The Moderator not being present, Rev. T. C. Ferguson was chosen temporary moderator, who, upon taking charge of the meeting appointed Rev. M. B. together with the deacons and clerk of Niangua Church a committee to arrange for some one to preach the introductory sermon. The committee appointed Bros. W. H. York and A. L. Broyles to preach the introductory sermon. The theme for the preaching service was endurance. Scripture reading the Epistle of Jude. Text: Matt. 24:13.

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Adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m. Thursday. Closing prayer by T. C. Ferguson.

THURSDAY MORNING 8:30.

Session opened with congregational singing. Following the opening song one hour was spent in prayer and testimony, which proved to be very impressive and profitable unto all present.

Moderator appointed on program committee M. B. Clift, A. W. Belt, Silas Hickman and G. W. Manis.

Program Committee reported R. P. Wilson and J. F. McCall to preach at 11 o'clock.

In the opening of the business session Moderator used as a scripture lesson the 8th chapter of Romans and offered prayer.

Minutes of Wednesday evening session read and approved.

In addresses of welcome by J. C. Grizzle and M. B. Clift we were made to feel that the hearts and the homes of the people of Niangua were open to receive us.

Addresses of welcome were responded to by E. C. Whitehead in which he voiced our appreciation of the welcome given us.

ASSOCIATION LETTERS WERE CALLED FOR:

Niangua Association.—The Niangua Association letter being reported left at home, a motion carried to accept the verbal report given and to seat the delegates. Mrs. J. W. Whitefill and Mrs. Dawson were also voted to seats as delegates.

Laclede County Association.—The Laclede County Association being left behind, a verbal report was made and accepted and delegates seated. H. D. Campbell and Mrs. Froyles were also voted to seats as delegates.

Union Association.—Union Association letter read, received and delegates seated.

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Central Western Missouri & Southeastern Kansas Association.—The Central Western Missouri & Southeastern Kansas Association letter read, received and delegates seated.

Motion carried to adjourn till 2 p. m.

Preaching services at 11 o'clock by R. P. Wilson and J. F. McCall. Lesson, Ps. 23. Text: Luke 24:34.

Benediction by T. C. Ferguson.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2 P. M.

Praise by congregation. Scripture reading, Psalm 23 by Moderator. Prayer by Prior L. Price.

Minutes of morning read and approved.

Indian Creek Association.—A verbal report for Indian Creek Association was made by E. C. Whitehead. Report accepted and there being no delegates present, motion carried otseat as delegates, Rachel Whitehead, J. N. Stuart and Chloe Stuart.

Northwest Missouri Association.—The Northwest Missouri Association letter read, received and delegates seated.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Moderator—J. F. McCall.

Ass't. Moderator—T. C. Ferguson.

Clerk-Treasurer—B. F. Brown.

Ass't Clerk—J. T. Cole.

Member Executive Board for term of 5 years—SELP JONES.

Motion carried to put state evangelists in the field.

Motion carried requiring our evangelists to make full and complete report of work done.

R. P. Wilson, Lem Waterman, T. C. Ferguson, Prior L. Price and F. G. Wyrick were chosen State Evangelists.

All visiting messengers and all visiting brethren and

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sisters were given all privileges of the floor except voting.

Alfred Peterson was appointed on Program Committee in addition to those already appointed.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY MODERATOR.

Business Committee—E. C. Whitehead, W. H. York and Ira Waterman.

Closing Resolutions Committee—Prior L. Price, A. L. Broyles and E. Carpenter.

Sunday School and Young People's Work Committee—Amanda Sullivan, Mrs. A. L. Broyles and Mrs. M. E. Dawson.

Educational Committee—T. C. Ferguson, W. H. York and Roy Preston.

Program Committee reported Bros. Whitehead and Price to preach Thursday night.

Motion carried to adjourn till 8:30 a. m. Friday.

Adjourning prayer by T. C. Ferguson.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

Preaching services by E. C. Whitehead and Prior L. Price, Scripture lesson, John 12:1-11. Text: Mark 14:3.

Program Committee reported W. D. McFarland and Roy Preston to preach Friday at 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING 8:30.

Session opened with song by congregataion. Scripture reading, Rom. 5:1-11 by Moderator. Prayer by W. F. McFarland.

Minutes of Thursday p. m. and night session read and approved.

Letters from Northeast Missouri read, received and delegates seated.

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Motion carried to seat as delegates from Northeast Missouri Association, Bessie Fowler, Alfred Peterson, Eva Peterson and Mrs. J. D. Fowler.

Motion carried to call in the manuscript of last year's proceedings from the Pattonsburg Call and to print last year's and this year's minutes under one cover.

Motion carried giving the clerk the power and authority to gather data on last year's proceedings as best he can in case he cannot obtain last year's manuscript.

Letter from Indian Creek Association read and received.

Letter from W. G. Fields, Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Board of the Co-operative General Association setting forth the conditions and needs of our Tecumseh College was read and on motion was referred to the Educational Committee.

Letter from J. F. Duckworth, Chairman of the Executive Board calling attention to needs and conditions at Tecumseh, Oklahoma was read and on motion was referred to Educational Committee.

Letter of greeting from John H. Wolfe, corresponding messenger of Nebraska Yearly Meeting read and received and motion carried to send corresponding messenger to Nebraska Yearly Meeting.

Prior L. Price and T. C. Ferguson were chosen corresponding messengers to Nebraska Yearly Meeting.

Motion carried adopt the following as by-law no. 9. "This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies."

Report of Chairman of the Executive Board.—I am sorry that I did not get to attend the Missouri State Association last year. I was in Canada.

As far as I know there has been no meeting of the Board the past year, but, as Chairman of the Board I have tried to visit as much of our work as possible. I have visited quite a number of our churches and had the pleasure of attending the Northeast Missouri Association. They had a large delegation and a glorious meeting and added two new churches to their membership. I find that several churches have been organized the past year.

Many repairs have been put on our church houses and several of our churches are planning to build church houses soon. I have organized one church the past year and helped to ordain one preacher.

I have spent a considerable part of the past year in pastoral and evangelistic work in Nebraska. I have seen many souls saved and many baptised and taken into the churches.

T. C. FERGUSON, *Chairman.*

Report of Prior L. Price.—I have pastored 4 churches full time and been in evangelistic work as I could. I have received about \$1,000.00 in salary, traveled 5,000 miles, preached 300 sermons, baptised 97, organized 2 churches with the assistance of our worthy Bro. W. D. McFarland.

I attended the Nebraska State Association, held at the Blackwood Church, at Edison, Nebraska, where I helped to ordain Miss Ada Grover.

There is great need of more preachers who devote their full time to the ministry. Yours in God's service.
—PRIOR L. PRICE.

Motion carried to endorse John H. Wolfe to be president of Tecumseh College.

Motion carried that this body approve and endorse the Freewill Baptist Quarterly, published by Delia S. Wolfe at Firth Nebraska.

Motion carried to convene the next session of this association with Pleasant Hill Church located 4 miles west of Hartville, Missouri. Next session to convene at 7 p. m. on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October 1922.

Motion carried to adjourn till 2 p. m.

Adjourning prayer by M. B. Clift.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICES.

Preaching by W. D. McFarland and Roy Preston.
Text: Romans 4:16. Subject: The power of the Gospel.

Program Committee reported Ira Waterman to preach Friday night.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2 O'CLOCK.

Session opened with song by congregation. Scripture reading: Psalm 29 and prayer by Moderator.

Minutes of morning sessions read and approved.

Letter from Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting read and received.

Willie Rush was chosen to preach the introductory sermon next year; E. T. House to be his alternate.

Report of Clerk-Treasurer.—I was not able to attend last year and being informed that another had been elected clerk I felt that I had been relieved of the duties of clerk-ship and so did not perform many duties of clerk.

I feel that the office of clerk is a responsible one and much depends upon the faithful discharge of his duties, and could not rest easy except I performed my duties.

I realize that as clerk of Missouri State Association my responsibilities are great. I may not realize my whole duty and may not be able to do all things so as to please every body, but promise that at all times and in all things, I will, to the extent of my ability and understanding perform my whole duty.

As treasurer, I submit the following report which I affirm is true and correct:

Oct. 22, 1919, Cash on hand	\$11.50
Oct. 22, 1919, Central W. Mo. & S. E. Ks. Ass'n...	7.50
Oct. 22, 1919, Indian Creek Ass'n.	4.00
Oct. 22, 1919, Collection at Hannon	29.25
Oct. 24, 1919, Collection at Hannon	7.82
Nov. 2, 1919, S. E. Mo. Yearly Meeting	2.00
Aug. 1920, C. W. Mo. & S. E. Ks. Ass'n.	5.00
Oct. 1920, C. W. Mo. & S. E. Ks. Ass'n.	15.00
Oct. 1920, Union Ass'n.	7.50
Aug. 1921, C. W. Mo. & S. E. Ks. Ass'n.	6.00
Oct. 1921, Niangua Ass'n.	4.00

Total.....\$99.57

PAID OUT.

Oct. 24, 1919, Minute Book etc.	\$ 1.00
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Oct. 24, 1919, Clerk here 5.00
 No. 10, 1919, Morning Star (printing) 50.00

Total.....\$56.00

Oct. 21, 1921, Bal on hand \$43.57

DELEGATES ELECTED TO CO-OPERATIVE GENERAL ASSOCIATION WHICH CONVENES AT TECUMSEH, OKLA. IN AUG. 1922.

L. C. Wade, R 2Bronaugh, Missouri.
 G. B. Manis Greenfield, Missouri.
 Audry Snyder Jamesport, Missouri.
 Chas. Smith Santa Rosa, Missouri.
 W. H. Lewallen Sewartsville, Missouri.
 J. D. Fowler Greentop, Missouri.
 N. V. Lane Worthington, Missouri.
 D. C. Hatfield Stahl, Missouri.
 J. N. Stuart Anderson, Missouri.
 Amanda Sullivan Branch Missouri.
 Mrs. M. E. Dawson Branch, Missouri.
 Mrs. A. L. Broylis Lyons, Missouri.
 H. E. Bradshaw Eldridge, Missouri.
 S. H. Hickman Hartville, Missouri.
 J. P. Preston Norwood, Missouri.
 A. W. Belt Hartville, Missouri.

Motion carried giving delegates to General Association the power of substitution, both at home and at conference.

Report of Educational Committee read and on motion was taken up for discussion.

Motion carried that clerk be instructed to write the Executive Board of the Co-operative General Association requesting them to give us an itemized statement of the amount of indebtedness of the Tecumseh College and the condition of affairs in general.

Motion carried to lay the report of the Educational Committee by until Saturday morning.

Motion carried to adjourn till 8:30 Saturday morning.

Adjourning prayer by J. C. Cole.

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FRIDAY NIGHT.

Preaching services by Ira Waterman. Lesson: Ps. 1.
Text: I Peter 2:21. Subject: Following in the steps of Jesus.

Pragrom Committee reported J. P. Highfill and F. G. Wyrick to preach at 11 a. m. Saturday and J. T. Cole and W. H. York to preach Saturday night.

SATURDAY MORNING 8:30.

Session opened with singing by congregation. Scripture reading: Heb. 11:1-10 by Moderator. Prayer by T. C. Ferguson.

Minutes of Friday p. m. and Friday night session read and approved.

Our Executive Board reported the organization of the board and requested the privilege of substitution when there is a vacancy on the board, and motion carried giving the board the privilege asked for.

Motion carried to take the report of the Educational Committee from the table.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

ITEM 1. To the best of our knowledge our college at Ayden, N. C. is in fine condition and they are erecting new buildings. We therefore recommend that our people endorse this college.

ITEM 2. We have found that our beloved college at Tecumseh, Oklahoma is heavily encumbered and that Rev. Samra Smith has resigned as president of the college and from the chairmanship and his membership on the Executive Board and that Bro. Lawrence has resigned his membership on the Executive Board. The new members of the Board are J. A. Guilliams and Rev. W. G. Fields, both of Tecumseh. Bro. Fields is Secretary-Treasurer of the Board.

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Rev. Homer Stuart of Tecumseh is at present, acting president of the college. The college is a good school and is doing a good work, but is nearly four thousand dollars in debt.

The Executive Board of the Co-operative General Association is requesting our denomination to arise at once at least \$1500.00 to meet the pressing debts. The business men of Tecumseh are offering to put up dollar for dollar for every dollar we raise for the school at any time. We therefore recommend that a freewill offering and pledges be taken for our Tecumseh College before this Association closes.

ITEM 3. We further recommend that we urge every church in Missouri to take a freewill offering and ask for pledges for the Tecumseh College their first preaching Sunday in November and December of this year and that our clerk be instructed to put this notice in the Morning Star.

ITEM 4. We further recommend that our executive board be requested to put a financial agent in the field to travel among the churches connected with the Missouri State Association, and take freewill offerings and pledges for our Tecumseh College as soon as possible.

(T. C. FERGUSON
Committee } W. H. YORK
 (ROY PRESTON

Motion carried to adopt or reject the report of Educational Committee item by item.

Each item was adopted in its turn. The money raised as provided for in item 2 to be applied to the salary of our Missouri teachers.

Mrs. Amanda Sullivan and Mrs. Chloe Stuart were appointed to solicit in accordance with item 2 of report of Educational Committee.

Motion carried recommending that T. C. Ferguson be selected financial field agent.

Motion carried empowering the executive board to call the clerk and treasurer in council at its meetings.

Report of Committee on Sunday School and Young

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People's Work.—As we see the conditions of our Sunday School work it is greatly in need of encouragement. We recommend that Sunday Schools be organized and kept evergreen in all our churches. We also recommend that these Sunday Schools use the Freewill Baptist literature published by the Freewill Baptists at Ayden, N. C.

MRS. MOLLIE PRICE, *Chairman.*

Motion carried to adjourn till 2 p. m.

11 O'CLOCK SESSION.

Preaching services by J. P. Highfill and F. G. Wyrich.
Text: Acts 3:19. Subject: Repentance.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Session opened with song by congregation. Scripture reading: Cor. 1:1-29, and prayer by Prior L. Price.

Minutes of Saturday morning sessions read and approved.

Report of Resolutions Committee.—Be it resolved that we extend to Niangua Church, the Christians of other churches and others our heart felt thanks and appreciation for their hospitality and kindness in caring for the delegates and visitors to this Association and especially to members of other denominations, who have so kindly assisted both in caring for the delegates and visitors and for their Christian help.

Be it resolved that we extend our thanks to the delegates for their prompt attendance and earnest efforts in making this State Association a success.

Be it further resolved that we extend to our Bro. Moderator our appreciation for his honest and firm government of this Association.

Be it further resolved that we extend to Bros. Brown and Cole our thanks for their prompt and efficient services as clerks of this Association.

Be it further resolved that we extend an expression

of our appreciation to the young people and others who have so kindly and ably assisted in the music during this Association.

PRIOR L. PRICE, *Chairman.*

Motion carried that Bro. Clift lead the covenant meeting and Bro. McCall conduct the communion services.

Motion carried that all money collected for Tecumseh College pass through the hands of B. F. Brown, Treasurer of the Missouri State Association, who shall receipt for same and see that it gets to its proper place.

Report of Business Committee.—Be it resolved that we have 400 copies of our minutes printed, and that if satisfactory arrangements can be made, to have the work done by The Morning Star Publishing House at Tecumseh, Okla.

E. C. WHITEHEAD, *Chairman.*

Motion to adjourn subject to call of Moderator and Clerk.

Closing prayer by T. C. Ferguson.

Following adjournment of business session all enjoyed a covenant meeting conducted by Bro. Clift, and an impressive and enjoyable service conducted by J. F. McCall.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Preaching services conducted by Bros. Price and York. Lesson: Matt. 24:29-51. Text: Matt. 24:42. Subject: Watch.

Program Committee reported E. C. Whitehead and T. C. Ferguson to preach Sunday at 11 o'clock and J. T. Cole and B. F. Brown Sunday night.

SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday School at 10 o'clock.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by E. C. Whitehead and T. C. Ferguson. Lesson: Eph. 4th chapter. Text: John 21:15. Subject: Service Directed by Christ.

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SUNDAY NIGHT

After a song and prayer services the Moderator called the final business session to finish the business of the Association.

Resolution endorsing the 18th amendment to the Constitution of the U. S. Was adopted.

Moderator very appropriately expressed his thanks to the Association, also the thanks of the Association to the people of Niangua, to which several of the Niangua people responded, expressing their appreciation of the delegates whom they entertained.

Minutes of sessions since Saturday at 11 o'clock services were read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn till Wednesday night before the 4th Sunday in October 1922.

Preaching services by J. T. Cole and B. F. Brown. Lesson: John 1:1-18. Text: John 3:14. Subject: Lifting Jesus up.

STANDING MEMBERS AND DELEGATES PRESENT AT THIS
SESSION OF ASSOCIATION.
MINISTERS.

J. F. McCall, Roy Preston, W. H. York, Willie Rush, Ira Waterman, Prior L. Price, W. D. McFarland, J. T. Cole, E. C. Whitehead, F. G. Wyrich, J. P. Highfill, R. P. Wilson, E. T. House, Selph Jones, M. B. Clift, B. F. Brown, T. C. Ferguson, A. L. Broyles, W. F. Millard, E. Carpenter.

DEACONS.

G. B. Manis, Jas. Letterman, C. M. Hendricks, A. B. Walton, A. W. Belt, E. Robbinette, Ode Garner, D. C. Hatfield, J. D. Fowler.

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DELEGATES.

Rachel Whitehead, Chloe Stuart, Mollie Price, Silas Hickman, P. R. Henderson, Mrs. J. D. Fowler, Alfred Peterson, J. N. Stuart, Amanda Sullivan, J. L. Kirkpatrick, Marion Henslee, Bessie Fowler, Mrs. M. E. Dawson, Eva Peterson.

MINISTERS BELONGING TO ASSOCIATIONS.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION.

C. E. Mann	Kirksville, Missouri.
Cora Mann	Kirksville, Missouri.
Prior L. Price	Jamesport, Missouri.
G. S. Latimer, Clerk	Hemple, Missouri.
S. B. Lewis	Pattonsburg, Missouri.
W. H. McKown	Carlow, Missouri.
W. B. Fadley	Weatherby, Missouri.
J. A. Bethel	St. Joseph, Missouri.
J. W. Stephenson	St. Joseph, Missouri.
G. W. Hensley	Grant City, Missouri.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION.

J. F. Duckworth, Clerk	Greentop, Missouri.
J. H. Shoop	Kirksville, Missouri.
N. C. Robbins	Cincinnati, Iowa.
J. W. Adkins	Novinger, Missouri.
W. D. McFarland	Livonia, Missouri.
Charles Phillips	Stahl, Missouri.
Lem Pearce	Stahl, Missouri.
N. S. Southern	Livonia, Missouri.
J. F. Duckworth, Clerk	Greentop, Missouri.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

J. F. McCall	Norwood, Missouri.
J. T. Cole	Norwood, Missouri.

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W. H. Williams	Grove Spring, Missouri.
J. W. Love	Grove Spring, Iowa.
L. J. Gearing	Hartville, Missouri.
J. W. Houseley	Norwood, Missouri.
H. M. Cope	Hartville, Missouri.
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BY-LAWS.

1. All business meetings shall be opened by singing, reading a portion of God's Word and prayer; and shall be closed by prayer.

2. No one shall speak more than five minutes nor more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the Moderator.

3. Any member of this body can appeal from the decision of the Moderator to the Association and by a majority vote thereon the objection shall be sustained or rejected.

4. No one shall leave the Association without the consent of the Moderator.

5. All who wish to speak while the Association is in session shall rise and say, "Brother Moderator," but shall

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not speak further until he or she is recognized by the Moderator.

6. The Moderator shall stop all discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it likely to lead to discord and division.

7. The officers of this body shall submit every year a written report of the work done for this Association.

8. Each body holding membership in the Missouri State Association is requested to pay to the treasurer of the Association at least one dollar each year for each active church; the money to be used for printing minutes and other expenses of the Association.

9. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

10. These By-Laws may be amended or changed at any regular business session by a majority vote.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be called the Missouri State Association of Freewill Baptists.

2. The object of this Association shall be for the bringing together the Freewill Baptists of the State of Missouri in one great annual gathering, so they can get better acquainted with each other and for the upbuilding of the Freewill Baptist churches of Missouri and the salvation of souls.

3. This Association shall be composed of duly elected delegates from the Quarterly Meetings, Yearly Meetings, and Associations. Each body shall be entitled to one delegate for every fifty members or major fraction thereof, with the deacons, licensed, and ordained ministers.

4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, who shall also be Treasurer and shall superintend the printing of minutes at \$5.00 per annum and hold their office until their successors shall be elected; a Board of Trustees of five members whose terms of office shall be as follows: One for one year, one for two

years, one for three years, one for four years, one for five years, and at the expiration of each of these terms, one is to be elected for a term of five years, and who shall hold their office until their successors are elected; and further, if any vacancy occur between sessions of the Association, the Board shall fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next session of the Association, who shall perform the following duties: FIRST—Shall be the legal corporation of the Association with the corporate name of The Board of Trustees of the Missouri State Association of Freewill Baptists; to be a Board of Missions and Church Extension to secure, hold, use, and convey funds in money, homes or lands for the propagation of the gospel in connection with the Freewill Baptist Denomination. SECOND—To receive, hold, manage, use, control or convey any property intrusted to the Association for and in accordance with the purpose of the donors. Said Board of Trustees shall also compose the Home Mission Board. They may be chosen from ministers, deacons or delegates.

5. This Association shall not usurn any authority over the Quarterly Meetings, Yearly Meetings and Associations that shall be under its supervision, but shall be an advisory body to help them.

6. Seven or more ordained ministers or deacons from two or more bodies belonging to this Association shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

7. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk and in their absence the senior minister in age shall call the Association to order for business and call the Moderator or his assistant to the chair, and if neither Moderator nor assistant are present, then the senior minister in age shall act as Moderator. On taking the chair the Moderator shall call the reading of the letters from the different bodies composing this Association and after the letters are read he shall seat the delegates. After the delegates are seated the election of new officers shall be in order.

8. An organized Quarterly Meeting, Yearly Meeting or Association of Freewill Baptists may unite with this body at any regular session through a letter or delegate and by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

9. This Constitution may be added to, amended or changed at any regular session of this body by a two-thirds vote of all members present after a written notice of the contemplated change has been published in The Morning Star three months previous to the session at which such change is to take place.

FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT.

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusement, and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and "to provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligation in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotion, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring and as far as able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold

Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may coome, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath Schools and evangelical efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world, and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FREEWILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. **The Bible.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **God.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. **Christ.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The Mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. **The Holy Spirit.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide and sanctifier of men.

5. **The Government of God.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **The Sinfulness of Man.** Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **The Work of Christ.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of Salvation by faith.

8. **The Terms of Salvation.** The conditions of Salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as **Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things.** In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **Election.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. **Freedom of the Will.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **Salvation Free.** God desires the salvation of all, the God invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take the water of life freely

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace, perseverance in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. Baptism, or the immersion of the believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. Resurrection, Judgment, Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life; and they that have done ill to the resurrection of judgment; their the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."