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Of The

NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION

Of

FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held With

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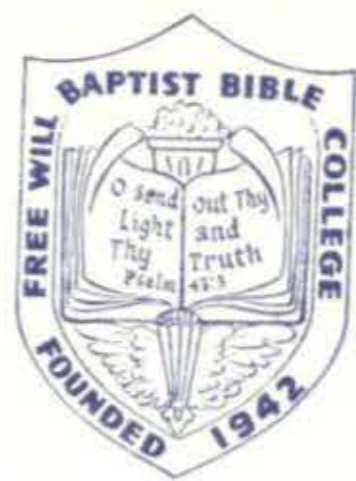
OFFICERS

Rev. J. L. Lavender, Coker, Alabama, Moderator
Leander McAdams, Ethelsville, Alabama, Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. L. McAdams Marion Gore Perry Montgomery
J. O. Perrigin J. C. Oswalt

The next session of this Association will be held with
Union Church Pickens County, Alabama, on
Saturday Before the Second Sunday in October 1948



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Mr. M. P. Gore

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The ninety-seventh session of the Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Association was held with Mt. Zion Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, on October 11, 12, 13, 1947. Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. T. L. Walker. Scripture reading, Deuteronomy 1st chapter, 6th verse. After which one and one-half hours were taken for refreshments.

At the appointed time the ministers and messengers reassembled in the house and was called to order by the former moderator, Rev. M. Montgomery. After reading the 8th chapter of Romans, prayer by moderator, and song by Bro. J. S. Loftis, the body was fully organized, after which the following business was transacted. The moderator appointed Bro. Brady Montgomery and Bro. John Harless as reading clerks. Letters from various churches were handed in and read and delegates listed as per roll. Move was made and seconded to fill in delegates where any were absent.

The body then proceeded to elect the Moderator and Clerk. Whereas Rev. J. L. Lavender was elected Moderator and Leander McAdams, Clerk. Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations—none present. Extended an invitation for any new church for membership—none present.

The following committees were appointed:

On Document and Order of Business—T. L. Walker, J. E. Tilley, Rev. Lonnie Lynn, with Moderator and Clerk.

Devotion—Lonnie Montgomery, W. L. Burkhalter, Western Fulgham, with Deacons of the church.

Temperance—J. H. Tilley, E. L. Fields, Mossie Koon.

Finance—Tullie Boswell, Frank Malone, Sam Starlin, J. S. Loftis.

Sabbath School—Brady Montgomery, E. O. Doughty.

Deceased Members—B. P. Goodman, W. L. McAdams, Gilbert Perrigan.

Moral and Reform—Mrs. Brady Montgomery, Sister Sam Starlin, Mrs. Robertson.

Education, Publication and Literature—J. G. Cameron, S. P. Gray, Sister Ira Jewell, Oscar Sweedenburg.

Home Mission—Rev. R. L. Taylor, F. B. Porter, H. M. Montgomery.

Resolutions and Queries—Bill Sanford, J. M. Spencer, Sam Sullivan, Curtis Tilley.

We, your Committee on Devotion, make a partial report that Rev. J. E. Tilley preach at 9:30 a.m., Rev. W. J. Harbin preach at 11 a.m., Rev. M. Montgomery preach at 2:30 p.m.

There being no further business a move was made and seconded to adjourn the business part of the Association until Monday at 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday at 9:30, Rev. J. E. Tilley preached, Scripture reading: St. John, 15th chapter, 13th verse, text 4th chapter, 6th verse. Rev. W. J. Harbin preached at 11:00 o'clock, Scripture reading: Isaiah 55th chapter, 1st verse. Rev. M. Montgomery preached at 2:30 p.m., Scripture reading: 3rd chapter Timothy, text 14, 15, 16 verses. After which a collection was taken for S. R. Lee amounting to \$32.21.

MONDAY SESSION

After reading the 3rd chapter of Colossians by the Moderator, and prayer by Bro. Lee McAdams, the Clerk being absent, W. L. Burkhalter was appointed to clerk pro tem to serve until the Clerk came. The Moderator declared the ninety-seventh session open for business. The committee not being ready to make a report, a move was made and carried to call off the business of Association for 30 minutes.

DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We, your Committee on Document and Order of Business, beg leave to report:

First, that we proceed after the usual order of business.

Second, we recommend that the next session of this Association convene with Union Church, Pickens County, Alabama, on Saturday before second Sunday in October, 1948.

Third, we recommend that Rev. J. H. Tilley preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Rev. J. L. Lynn be his alternate.

Fourth, we recommend that this association elect an assistant moderator and clerk as this session.

Fifth, we recommend that the Clerk superintend the printing of the Minutes and that he be paid \$20.00 for his service.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. T. L. Walker, Chairman

DEVOTION

We, your committee, make a final report that Rev. J. H. Tilley preach at the close of this session. Report adopted and committee discharged.

L. V. Montgomery, Chairman

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee, report as follows on Temperance:

We find that the human family is prone to seek after worldly things; therefore, since intemperance is a great evil, we encourage every Christian leader to guard against it.

Temperance is a great thought that should concern every one of us. Then it behooves us to be on our guard to keep down its influence. We recommend that we take a collection at this session for the temperance cause. Report adopted and committee discharged.

Elbert Fields, Chairman

FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, report that \$54.05 was collected at this session. Report adopted and committee discharged.

J. F. Malone, Chairman

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOL

We, your Committee on Sunday School, report sorrowfully that a number of our churches do not have a good Sunday School. We feel that all of our churches should be interested enough in the welfare of our young people to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of our Lord. We feel that Sunday School is one of the greatest means we have to do this. We trust that by next Association every church will report a good Sunday School, with good attendance. We are asking that each church that has no Sunday School at present, with the help of the pastor, organize one at once.

Why should we have Sunday School? First: We should have Sunday School to teach children of all ages the Word of God. Second: Sunday Schools give people who have talent to teach, a wonderful opportunity to do so; and which he or she wouldn't get any other way. And it helps them to live richer, fuller lives by doing something for the Master.

We have homes where God and the Bible are left out—so that might be the only way they would get the wonderful stories of the Bible. And if we do teach it in our homes it's wonderful to get together and let the children (and we are all children) tell what they know about Jesus and ask questions about things they do not know. Little children can't understand all the preacher says, but having Sunday School in groups they can and do understand and enjoy expressing their little thoughts.

So I say, Sunday School is a great thing and should be in every church every Sunday. Adopted former report.

Rev. S. R. Lee, Chairman

DECEASED MEMBERS

We, your Committee on Deceased Members, report as follows: That since our last meeting God has seen fit to call from our midst the following ones:

Mt. Moriah—Bro. Jeff Parker.

Macedonia—Bro. F. M. Fields, Bro. and Sister Billy Parker, Sister Esabell Fields.

Tabernacle—Bro. Robert Sanders.

Phillips Chapel—Lenice Sanford, J. T. Watson.

Union Hill—Rev. W. R. Robertson.

Shiloh—Mary Martin.

Mary's Chapel—Sister Virgie Cole, Bro. W. P. Smith.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

B. P. Goodman, Chairman

After report on deceased members, the business part of the Association was called off. A song was rendered by J. S. Loftis. The song "Precious Memories" was in remembrance of deceased ones, and a prayer was given by Rev. W. J. Harbin.

MORAL AND REFORM

Ye, your Committee on Moral and Reform, report as follows: It seems that the moral standard of our country is lowered each year and we surely think there should be something done about it. So we recommend that we, as a church, urge the people to change their old sinful way of doing and get in the right way. We should use all means possible to bring about a reformation of the moral condition in our homes, schools, and general public. We further recommend the Christians to let their light so shine that others may see their good works and bring someone else nearer to the Lord. Report adopted and committee discharged.

Mrs. Brady Montgomery, Chairman

EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

We, your Committee on Education, Publication and Literature, report as follows: On Education we find the need among our people of being better prepared to meet the demand of their duties. On Publication we urge our people to submit to good, clean literature, and to read the Word of God. Report adopted and committee discharged.

S. P. Gray, Chairman

HOME MISSION

We, your Committee on Home Mission, report as follows: We find that Bro. Lavender has been in the field during this Association year and we find he has held two meetings—one at Aliceville and one at Carrollton. We also find from the report that he has done a great work. We hereby recommend that our church stand by financially and support the evangelist in this great work. We also recommend that not only in these places where he has already held meetings but in other places where help is needed by the Association. We find that \$221.00 was collected and find the Evangelist paid out \$100.00 personal money while in evangelistic work. Report adopted and committee was retained.

Rev. R. L. Taylor, Chairman

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, your Executive Committee, report as follows: So far as we know all of our preachers are in good standing with each other. We also recommend that all of our churches hold their conference

on Saturday instead of Sunday. We recommend that Rev. R. L. Taylor's name be added to the list of ordained ministers. We recommend that our preachers cooperate more fully with each other in the future than they have in the past. Report adopted and committee retained.

W. L. McAdams, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We, your Committee on Resolutions and Queries, report as follows: We recommend that each representative encourage more attendance to church and abstain from all appearance of evil. We wish to tender our sincere thanks to Mt. Zion Church and community for the able manner in which they have cared for us during our stay with them, and we pray God's richest blessing on them. Report adopted and committee discharged.

Bill Sanford, Chairman

Motion made and seconded for the Moderator to appoint delegates to the State Association. Bro. H. M. Montgomery, Bro. J. G. Cameron, Bro. Leander McAdams appointed. \$8.00 was taken up for the state minute money. Bro. H. M. Montgomery was the delegate to Vernon Association. Move made and seconded to appoint an Assistant Moderator and Clerk. Bro. Western Fulghum was appointed Assistant Moderator and Rev. Menro Spencer was appointed Assistant Moderator. Move was made and seconded to adjourn for the noon hour. A collection was taken up for Temperance amounting to \$15.10, also a collection for W. J. Harbin, \$32.00.

After the noon hour the body was called together for the closing sermon. After one song by Rev. J. L. Lavender, the business part of the session was opened to finish the business part of the Association.

Move made and seconded to retain the Home Mission Board Committee and do all we can to buy a tent. Move made and seconded to close this session to take the parting hand after the closing sermon to meet with Union Church one year hence, 1948.

J. L. Lavender, Moderator
Leander McAdams, Clerk

LIST OF DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Mt. Moriah—Woodie Burgess, M. P. Gore, Sister Edna Gore.
Macedonia—W. L. McAdams, Elbert Fields, Leander McAdams.
Shiloah—M. M. Koon, W. L. Burkhalter, F. B. Porter.
Tabernacle—H. M. Montgomery, L. V. Montgomery, J. F. Malone.
Union—B. P. Goodman, Price Gray.
Phillips Chapel—J. W. Hallman, Bill Sanford, Emmet Doughty.
Union Hill—Gilbert Perrigan, Deroy Peeks, Luranell Robertson.
Mt. Zion—T. J. Shipp, Floyd Winters, Harvey Harless.
Hattis Chapel—Oscar Sweedenburg, Ira Jewell.
Pleasant Hill—J. H. Harless, Vertice Tilley, Grace Tilley.
Espy Springs—Brady Montgomery, Sister Addie Montgomery, Ida Rogers
Sardis—Sam Sullivan, Tullie Boswell, Jim Driver.
Glen Echo—J. G. Cameron, W. R. Fulghum, Sister Lillie Carr.
Arbor Springs—Sister Myrtle Skelton, Noma Hollingsworth, Bro. Robert Benson.
Mayors Chapel—Sam Styron, Sister Willa Mae Styron, Jean Crawford.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Rev. W. J. Harbin, Colquitt, Georgia.
Rev. J. M. Spencer, Tuscaloosa, Ala., 616 11th Street.
Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rt. 1, Ethelsville, Ala.
Rev. M. Montgomery, Rt. 1, Brownville, Ala.
Rev. T. L. Walker, Rt. 4, Gordo, Ala.

Rev. T. A. Springfield, Rt. 1, Gordo, Ala.
Rev. N. M. Sanford, Peterson, Ala.
Rev. Edgar Jones, Star Route, Northport, Ala.
Rev. S. R. Lee, Coker, Ala.
Rev. R. E. Tilley, Rt. 1, Ethelsville, Ala.
Rev. J. H. Tilley, Rt. 1, Ethelsville, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lavender, Coker, Ala.
Rev. W. L. Lynn, Brownsville, Ala.
Rev. R. L. Taylor.
Rev. J. L. Lynn, Brownsville, Ala.

LICENTIATES

Rev. W. W. Benson, Rt. 4, Gordo, Ala.
Rev. Jim Stewart, Rt. 2, Gordo, Ala.

DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. E. Gore, Rev. T. Maloy, Rev. J. T. Nabors, Rev. W. J. Cowart, Rev. J. S. Hinton, Rev. W. R. Latham, Rev. W. B. Montgomery, Rev. J. R. Robertson, Rev. O. M. Archid, Rev. Wood Springfield, Rev. W. E. Harbin, Rev. E. F. Pool, Rev. W. V. Pool, Rev. T. V. Wheat, Rev. J. D. Byars, Rev. J. E. Mathis, Rev. J. M. Pinkerton, Rev. W. R. Robertson.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNION MEETING

The fifty-sixth session of the Mt. Moriah Union Meeting of the Free Will Baptist Association was held with Glen Echo Church, Pickens County, Alabama, July 26 and 27, 1947. After two songs by W. L. McAdams and prayer by Rev. W. J. Harbin and Scripture reading, 12th chapter of Proverbs by the Moderator, the Union Meeting was declared open for business.

Letters from various churches were read and delegates listed as per roll. Move made and seconded to call roll of delegates present and put in others where any were absent.

Mt. Moriah—M. P. Gore, Ruby Gore, Edna Gore.
Macedonia—Louis McAdams, J. M. Stokes, Elbert Fields.
Shiloah—Bro. W. L. Burkhalter, R. A. Miller, J. A. Hickmond.
Tabernacle—C. P. Malone, J. S. Loftis, P. J. Frazier.
Union—Howard Curry.
Phillips Chapel—Emmett Doughty, Bill Sanford, Thomas Sanford.
Union Hill—W. T. Peeks, Deroy Peeks, J. T. Lancaster.
Mt. Zion—S. E. Harless, T. J. Shipp, Harvey Harless.
Hattis Chapel—Ruth Tilley, Lois Latham, Oscar Sweedenburg.
Pleasant Hill—Anna Springer, Eula Parker.
Espy Springs—Addie Montgomery, Brady Montgomery.
Sardis—Tullie Boswell, Tom Driver.
Glen Echo—T. R. Sellers, J. G. Cameron, Kate Fulgham.
Arbor Springs—P. L. Skelton.
Mayors Chapel—By letter.

The body proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk. Whereas, Rev. J. E. Tilley, Moderator, Leander McAdams, Clerk, and the following committees were appointed:

Document and Order of Business—Louis McAdams, Sam Harless, Luther Burkhalter, with Moderator and Clerk.

Devotion—J. M. Stokes, J. A. Hickman, Eula Parker, E. L. Fields, with Deacons of church.

Sabbath School—R. C. Miller, Thomas Peeks, Brady Montgomery, Mayor Gore, Lois Latham, Ruth Tilley.

Home Mission—Howard Curry, E. O. Doughty, Addie Montgomery, Anna Springer, Oscar Sweedenburg.

Resolutions & Queries—J. S. Loftis, T. J. Shipp, C. B. Malone.

Thomas Lancaster.

The business part of the Union Meeting was called off for the Introductory Sermon by Rev. S. R. Lee. Scripture reading, Psalms 52 chapter, Text, 16th and 17th verses, after which one and one-half hours was taken for refreshments. The body was called together again after Scripture reading by Moderator and prayer. The Union Meeting was open for business.

DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Document and Order of Business make the following report: First, that we proceed after the usual order of business through this session. Second, we recommend that the next session of the Union Meeting convene with Shiloh Church, Pickens County, Alabama, on the fourth Saturday, Sunday, and Monday in July, 1948. Third, we recommend that Rev. M. Montgomery preach the Introductory Sermon, Saturday at 11 o'clock, and Rev. J. L. Lavender be his alternate. Report adopted and committee discharged.

J. L. McAdams, Chairman

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Devotion, make our report that Rev. W. J. Harbin preach at the close of today's service, Rev. J. H. Tilley preach at 9:30 a.m., Rev. J. M. Spencer preach at 11:00 a.m., and Rev. J. L. Lavender preach at 2:30 p.m. Report adopted and committee discharged.

J. M. Stokes, Chairman

SABBATH SCHOOL

We, your Committee on Sabbath School, report as follows: We believe in a good Sunday School in each church and feel much good can be accomplished in same and feel that the fathers and mothers should take more interest in this great work and attend Sunday School and encourage their children, and that each pastor urge that each church organize a Sunday School, and that we use the Free Will Baptist literature. Report adopted and committee discharged.

R. A. Miller, Chairman

HOME MISSION

We, your Committee on Home Mission, recommend that we as Home Mission Workers teach our children to shun worldly amusements, and that our Association give Home Mission work whole-hearted support. Report adopted and committee discharged.

W. H. Curry, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We, your Committee on Resolutions and Queries, report as follows: That we tender our sincere thanks to Glen Echo Church and community for their able manner in which they have supported this session of the Union Meeting and we pray God's blessings on them. Report adopted and committee discharged.

J. S. Loftis, Chairman

Move made and seconded to adjourn until Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Rev. J. H. Tilley preached at 9:30 a.m., Scripture lesson, St. John 21st chapter, Text, St. Mark, 1st chapter 17th verse.

Rev. J. M. Spencer preached at 11:00 a.m. Scripture reading, St. John 20th chapter, 24th through 31st verse, Text, 1st Corinthians 2nd chapter, 9-10 verses.

Rev. J. L. Lavender preached at 2:30 p.m. Scripture reading, 1st Corinthians 9th chapter, Text, 2nd Cor. 9th chapter, 8th verse.

MINISTERS ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Rev. T. L. Walker, Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rev. J. H. Tilley, Rev. R. E.

Tilley, Rev. W. J. Harbin, Rev. W. L. Lynn, Rev. J. L. Lavender, Rev. S. R. Lee, Rev. M. Montgomery, Rev. J. M. Spencer, Rev. N. M. Sanford.

DELEGATES ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Mt. Moriah—M. P. Gore, Ruby Gore, Edna Gore.
 Macedonia—Louis McAdams, J. M. Stokes, Elbert Fields.
 Shiloh—W. L. Burkhalter, R. A. Miller, J. A. Hickmond.
 Tabernacle—C. P. Malone, J. S. Loftis, P. J. Frazier.
 Union—Howard Curry.
 Phillips Chapel—Emmett Doughty, Bill Sanford, Thomas Sanford.
 Union Hill—W. T. Peeks, Derooy Peeks, J. T. Lancaster.
 Mt. Zion—S. E. Harless, T. J. Shipp, Harvey Harless.
 Hattis Chapel—Ruth Tilley, Lois Latham, Oscar Sweedenburg.
 Pleasant Hill—Anna Springer, Eula Parker.
 Espy Springs—Addie Montgomery, Brady Montgomery.
 Sardis—Tullie Boswell, Tom Trull, Tom Driver.
 Glen Echo—T. R. Sellers, J. G. Cameron, Kate Fulgham.
 Arbor Springs—P. L. Shelton.
 Mary's Chapel—By letter.

J. E. Tilley, Moderator
 Leander McAdams, Clerk

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Art. 1 We believe there is one true and living God, who is the supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth, self existent Creator of all things, and revealed under the personal distinction of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and existing in distant but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

Art. 2. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, truth for its matter and salvation for its end; that it reveals the principle by which God shall judge us, and therefore is and shall remain until the end of the world, the center of Christian union, the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions will be tried.

Art. 3. We believe that man was created holy under the law of the Maker, but from voluntary transgression fell from that holy state, in consequence of which all mankind are depraved and wholly unable of their own free will and ability to recover from that fallen state in which they are by nature.

Art. 4. We believe that God has not fixed the future state of mankind by any absolute and unalterable decree; but salvation is offered in the Gospel free to all, and if sinners are lost forever it will be their own fault.

Art. 5. We believe that Christ, by His death and suffering, made an atonement for the sins of mankind in general, and every individual in particular; however, that none but those who believe in Him can be partakers of the divine benefits.

Art. 6. We believe that true faith cannot proceed from the exercise of our natural faculties and powers, or from the force and operation of the free will since man in consequence of his natural corruption is incapable of either thinking or doing anything spiritually good.

Art. 7. We believe in the general application of the Grace of God for fallen man sufficient to enable him morally and actually to obey the requirements of the law of liberty—James 1:25, this is to act saving faith; John 1:9, however, none but those who believe or acquiesce in Christ will be saved thereby; Acts 17:32, Romans 2:9; John 3:19.

Art. 8. We believe in the free and moral agency of man, by the

grace of God, before and after conversion; that he is under no invincible necessity, by his Creator, to act in a given way, that if he lives after the flesh he shall die, but if he through the spirit, do mortify the deeds of the body he shall live, and therefore, man is always a proper subject of admonition and exhortation, Hebrews 11:12:13; Romans 12:14; Mark 14:12; Ezek. 18:24; Rev. 2:3; Ezek. 33:13, and 28; 1st Tim. 4:1, Heb. 3:5, 1st Cor. 10:12 and 22; 1st Peter 1:10.

Art. 9. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of believers, associated by covenant in faith and fellowship of the Gospel observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His work; that its only proper officers are bishops, pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles of Timothy and Titus.

Art. 10. We believe that Christian baptism is immersion in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that believers are proper subjects.

Art. 11. We believe the Lord's Supper is a perpetual obligation, by which the members of the church in the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination.

Art. 12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment and joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal upon principles of grace and justice.

Art. 13. We believe in open and mixed communion and the churches of our body are authorized, through their pastors, to invite Christians of all orthodox churches, who are in good standing in their respective churches, to commune with us at the Lord's table.

RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. The Association shall be called to order by the Moderator who presided at the last session, the former clerk also officiating until the body is fully organized.

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

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

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

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

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

Art. 7. Only one person shall speak at a time and he shall rise and address the Moderator and after recognition by the Moderator he shall proceed.

Art. 8. No members shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject under discussion or uses words of personal reflection.

Art. 9. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, nor more than 15 minutes at a time.

Art. 10. No member shall laugh or talk while debates are going on.

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

Art. 12. The Moderator shall have power to call the Association together at any time upon a petition of two-thirds of the churches composing the Association over which he presides.

Art. 13. That the appointment of all committees by the Moderator be confined to ministers and delegates composing the Association.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This Association shall be known as the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama, being composed of delegates from the different churches forming the same, each being entitled to three delegates.

Art. 2. The body shall be considered an Advisory Council, but have no authority over the affairs of other churches, unless they depart from the articles of faith of the Association. In case any church departs from the articles of faith and supports doctrines of heresy, or allows any minister of her body to teach doctrines not in keeping with our articles of faith, the same shall be dealt with by this Association as it may deem proper and right, according to the teachings of the Bible.

Art. 3. Each church in this Association shall be considered an advisory body, and shall control its own internal affairs in matters of discipline, etc. It may, however, in extreme cases, call aid from sister churches, but the Association shall rule in all matters of doctrine and general interest.

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

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

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

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

Art. 8. We agree as churches of this Association to use our best influences to promote the interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as the temperate cause, Sabbath Schools, Missionary work, etc.

STATISTICAL TABLE

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MEMORANDA

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