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P R O C E E D I N G S

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Association called to order by moderator, Eld. W. E. Bland. Song by congregation. Scripture lesson Psalm 27. Prayer by Eld. J. H. P. Jones.

Introductory sermon delivered by Elder Geo. Been. Scripture lesson Timothy 4:1-8. Text, third verse of Jude. Conclusion by Eld. G. C. Bland.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Loyd Bland was called to stand as reading clerk.

Letters were called for and the following churches were represented by letter and delegates:

Mt. Zion—Leonard Morris, Robt. Puryear, Peat Boles.

New Hope—Calvin Knox, Loyd Bland, Cecil Garrison.

Hickory Grove—Isaac Lynch, Willie Lynch, Alvin Cook

Christian Home—Hugh Becker, Atlas Gosvenor, Anna Gosvenor.

Clifty—Lawrence Capps.

Antioch—Represented by letter.

Pilgrim Rest—Theo Johnson, Harry Wright, Garland Barnes.

Rose Hill—Elder J. W. Watson.

Cottage Hill—L. S. Bowlin, Bertie Roles, Pearl Bowlin.

Letters were then called for from sister associations. The following responded:

Union Association, represented by Eld. J. H. P. Jones.

The right hand of Christian fellowship was given and delegates invited to seats in council.

Enrollment of Deacons

Mt. Zion—Loy Archer.

New Hope—J. S. Garrison.

Hickory Grove—Elbert Lynch.

Clifty—T. B. Smith.

Pilgrim Rest—John Barnes.

Cottage Hill—L. S. Bowlin.

Letters were then called for from newly organized churches. None responded.

Motion carried that we seat Elders Lester Cline and R. A. Whitely from Union Association as delegates.

Officers Elected for Ensuing Year:

Moderator,W. E. Bland

Clerk-TreasurerHorace Knox

Moderator appointed the following committees:

Divine Service—Alvin Cook, Calvin Knox, John Barnes.

Resolutions—Eld. Geo. Been, Loy Archer, Eld. J. W. Watson.

Finance—Leonard Morris, Lawrence Capps, Loyd Bland.

Temperance—J. M. Watson, Hugh Becker, Eld. J. H. P. Jones.

Sunday School—Bertie Roles, Anna Gosvenor, Pearl Bowlin.

Obituaries—Elders Elmer Lawson, G. C. Bland, Claude Lynch.

Union of Churches—Eld. J. W. Allred, Willie Capps and Theo Johnson.

Committee on Divine Service announce Brothers Willie Capps and Claude Lynch to fill the stand Friday night.

Motion carried to adjourn until 3:00 o'clock p. m.

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. R. A. Whiteley.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Association called to order by Moderator. Scripture lesson, Psalm 19. Prayer by Eld. J. W. Watson.

Rules of Order and Constitution read by Moderator.

Report of Standing Committee on Non-represented churches composed of J. M. Watson, Elbert Lynch and Ed Parker report that they have done nothing.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Sunday School and discharge the committee.

Motion carried that we receive the report of Committee on Temperance and discharge the committee.

Motion carried that we receive the report of Committee on Union of Churches and discharge the committee.

Motion carried that we receive the report of Committee on Obituaries and discharge the committee.

Committee on Divine Service announce Elders George Been and J. H. P. Jones to fill the stand at 11 o'clock Sat.

Motion carried that we seat Sisters Clara and Elsie Capps as delegates from Clifty church.

Oral reports received from Elders J. W. Allred, Elmer Lawson and J. W. Watson of their year's work.

Motion carried to adjourn until 8:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Adjourning prayer by Eld. Elmer Lawson.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Association called to order by Moderator.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation." Scripture lesson, St. John 11:19-28. Prayer by Eld. J. W. Allred.

Committee on Divine Service announce Elders J. W. Watson and J. W. Allred to fill the stand Saturday night, Elds. G. C. Bland and Elmer Lawson Sunday at 11 o'clock

Motion carried that the retained committee on non-represented churches be discharged.

Motion carried to receive the report of Committee on Resolutions and discharge the committee.

Motion carried that ordained and licensed ministers and deacons and lay members meet at Cottage Hill on Saturday before the second Sunday in October to perfect organization in quarterly conference.

Motion carried that we have three hundred minutes printed and the clerk see to the printing and distribution of the same.

Motion carried that the next session of this Association be held with New Hope church, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1932, at 10 a. m. Elder J. H. P. Jones to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Elmer Lawson alternate.

Motion carried to receive the report of Committee on Finance and discharge the committee.

Motion carried to adjourn until 3:00 o'clock p. m. Dismissed with prayer by Elder G. C. Bland.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Association called to order by Moderator. Scripture lesson, Mark 11:21-27. Prayer by Bro. L. S. Bowlin.

Resolved, That we represent in Indian Creek Association, and that Elder Geo. Been, Elder J. W. Allred and Sister J. W. Allred write and bear the letter.

Resolved, That we represent in Old Union Association, and that Elder J. W. Allred, J. S. Garrison, Charley Moppin and Elbert Lynch write and bear the letter.

Resolution made by Elder J. H. P. Jones that we tender a vote of thanks to Reba Morris for the flowers to decorate the pulpit.

Resolved, That we give a vote of thanks to the people of Hickory Grove community for their kindness shown us during our stay among them.

The ordaining council, composed of Elders George Been, J. H. P. Jones and G. C. Bland, proceeded to ordain

Bro. Claude Lynch and Bro. Willie Capps. Eld. George Been was appointed chairman.. Prayer by Moderator, Eld. W. E. Bland. Ordination was by prayer and laying on hands.

We, your committee, recommend our Free Will Baptist League to all of our churches as a training agency of the church, beneficial to both old and young.

Recommendation adopted.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 10:00 a. m. Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1932.

Closing prayer by Elder G. C. Bland.

Eld. W. E. Bland, Moderator.....La Rue, Ark.

Horace Knox, Clerk,La Rue, Ark.

NOTE—Bro. B. F. Lynch of Utley Villa, Colo, sends \$1.00 to apply on printing of minutes, which shows that he still thinks of Old Mt. Zion Association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Union of Churches—We, your Committee on Union of Churches, heartily believe in union. We further believe this union should exist in each church and in every home, and in every heart. We further believe that union is existing in our churches.

Committee { Theo Johnson
J. W. Allred
Willie Capps.

Finance—We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report:

Mt. Zion	\$3.75
New Hope	4.65
Clifty	3.00
Christian Home	2.45
Cottage Hill	1.60
Pilgrim Rest	2.50
Hickory Grove	2.52
Rose Hill80
Antioch35
Public Donation	1.00

Total \$22.62

Committee { Leonard Morriss
Loyd Bland
Lawrence Capps.

Temperance—We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

We feel that it is the duty of every child of God to support the Eighteenth Amendment to our Federal Constitution. We believe that the evils of strong drink should be taught in the home, in the school, in the Sunday school and from the pulpit.

We believe that God's children should follow the Bible command and be temperate in all things.

We recommend that our churches and Sunday schools set aside one day each year to be devoted to Temperance exercises, recitations, songs, etc.

	J. H. P. Jones
Committee	{ J. M. Watson
	Hugh Becker.

Sunday School—We, your Committee on Sunday School submit the following report:

Since we believe in remembering our Creator in the days of our youth, while the evil days come not, we believe that, as a part of our religious work in which our minds teach us there should be more workers in the days to come than in the days past; we, therefore, recommend and pray that every community support a Sunday school, as we believe the Sunday school work is both spiritual and educational to the rising generation and is of great help to all churches and their moderators, and to the advancement of the cause of Christ.

	Bertie Roles
Committee	{ Pearl Bowlin
	Anna Gosvenor.

Resolutions—Be it Resolved, That we, as churches composing Old Mt. Zion Association, earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, and on the Doctrine of Repentance we demand fruits or evidence of regeneration before church membership and baptism.

Resolution No. 1 adopted.

Obituaries—We, your Committee on Obituaries, find that death has called from our union to reward our beloved brothers and sisters:

Damon Coger of Christian Home church, Aunt Kate Roberts of Mt. Zion church, Bessie Cox of New Hope

church, Sarah Edmonson of Cottage Hill church.

Committee { Elmer Lawson
 G. C. Bland
 Claude Lynch.

Obituaries

Coger—D. A. Coger was born April 18, 1865, died Aug. 31, 1930.

He was united in marriage to Mollie Black September 2, 1890. To this union was born nine children, of whom eight are still living.

He professed a hope in Christ in August, 1912, and united with the Free Will Baptist church at Christian Home and was baptized by W. T. Webb. He remained a Free Will Baptist until God called him away August 31, 1930.

Roberts—Phoebe C. Blackburn Roberts was born at War Eagle, Arkansas September 13, 1853.

She was married to Emsley Roberts January 5, 1871. To this union was born twelve children, seven of which are supposed to be living.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Old Mt. Zion church of Free Will Baptist, and lived a faithful member until her death October 23, 1930, at the age of 77 years and ten days.

She leaves many friends who knew her as Aunt Kate; she is gone, but not forgotten.

Funeral service conducted by Elmer Lawson.

Cox—Mrs. Bessie Cox was born May 7, 1896, died Aug. 21, 1930. She was married to R. A. Cox September 29, 1913. She joined the Free Will Baptist church in Aug., 1919, and has lived a faithful Christian life.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, and four children, mother, brothers and sisters.

Edmondson—Mrs. Sarah Edmondson was born April 6, 1864, near War Eagle Ark., died September 2, 1930.

She was married to P. C. Edmondson January 17, 1885. To this union was born nine children, of which six are still living.

She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church for a number of years.

She was a loving mother devoted to home life.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD—We believe in one true and living, Triune God; composed of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in divine essence, Purpose, Power and Glory. St. John 1:1; 1 Cor. 8:6; St. John 10:30.

2. CHRIST—We believe that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God. Was with the Father and the Holy Spirit at the time of the Creation, left the Courts of Heaven and came to this earth. Took upon Himself the form of humanity, sin excepted, by being born of the virgin Mary, manifested His power, was crucified, placed in Joseph's new tomb, arose from the dead the third day, completing the great plan of salvation, walked and talked with His disciples, publicly ascended up to heaven, and that He will descend again to gather His jewels home. Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26-28; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 15:22-41.

3. HOLY SPIRIT—We believe that the Holy Spirit has visited true believers in all ages, and especially since the ascension of the SON back to the Father, and His coming on the day of Pentecost. Has taken up His office work among all nations of people, as a Divine Reprover, Comforter and Guide. Judges 6:34; 11:29; St. John 16:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Eph. 4:30; Acts 8:17-20.

4. THE BIBLE—We believe the Bible which is composed of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments was given by Inspiration of God, is our waybill from earth to heaven, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. 2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; Daniel 10:21; Acts 1:16-17; Matt. 21:42.

5. THE FALL OF MAN—We believe that GOD created man good, gave him a just law by which he should be governed, with promise of reward for faithfulness and with penalties of punishment for disobedience. Gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong. But our first parents heeded the voice of the great enemy of souls, voluntarily transgressed the law of GOD, fell with all their posterity, under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave to them the hope of salvation through the coming CHRIST. Gen. 1:27; 2:16-17; Rom. 11:11-35; Psalms 37:23-24; 5:18.

6. REDEMPTION, SALVATION, ADOPTION—We believe that Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial, resurrection and ascension, paid the purchase price for the redemption of the whole human

race, arranged a pardon for all who come upon Gospel terms; and a law of adoption into the Kingdom of Heaven, and an eternal inheritance into the glorified Kingdom above. Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; Heb. 1:4; St. John 3:16; Isaiah 45: 22.

7. CONDITIONS OF SALVATION—We believe that all persons dying in infancy and all idiots are saved by the atoning merits of the Son of GOD without any act upon their part; that persons coming to the years of accountability, transgressing the law of God, must upon their part, exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father and by the Holy Spirit they pass through the ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the Lamb and are planted in the Kingdom of Christ. John 3rd chapter; Matt. 19:13-22; Cor. 7:10; Luke 18: 16-17; St. John 4:11-16; Psalms 98:3.

8. SALVATION FREE—We believe that God desires the salvation of all; Christ died for all; the Gospel invites all; the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and be saved upon the terms of the Gospel. 1 Peter 1:9-25; 2:9-25; Rev. 22:17.

9. BAPTISM—We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin, and only those who have come under the presbytery of the elders are qualified to administer the same. Matt. 3:14-16; 3:5-6; 1 Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19.

10. COMMUNION AND FEET WASHING—We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Christ; the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Savior to commemorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him till He comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper and should be invited; "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat."

The washing of feet was instituted by our Lord at the same time that the Supper was instituted as an act of humility to show our love for each other and both ordinances should be perpetuated by all Christians until His second coming. Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-18; Matt. 26:26-29.

11. THE SABBATH—We believe that the Christian Sabbath should be observed as a day of rest and for the worship of God;

that we should abstain from all sinful amusements and secular employments, works of mercy and piety excepted. Exodus 20:11; 31:12-18; Deut. 5:12-15; Ezek. 20:12; Matt. 28:1; Luke 23:56; Acts 13:42-48; Mark 2:27.

12. CALL TO THE MINISTRY—We believe in a divine call of the ministry; that God in His goodness and power of grace, impresses His ministers with the burden of lost souls, to the extent that the call becomes irresistible with personal contentment; that when they yield to the call and exercise their native gifts according to the Scriptures, with a full reliance upon Him, He accompanies them in the person of the Holy Spirit to guide them in the way of truth and to bless their labors according to His purpose. Jonah 1:1; Jer. 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 1:22-26; Matt. 28:19.

13. THE INVISIBLE CHURCH—We believe that the Invisible or Spiritual Church is the redeemed in the aggregate, is the family of God, is composed of all true Christians of every congregation from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation tongue and people. Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22-23; 1 Peter 2:5; Eph. 2:20-22; Acts 2:47; Matt. 16:18.

14. THE VISIBLE CHURCH—We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, having obtained fellowship with the Lord and with each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and doctrine according to the rules of the Gospel. 2 Thes. 1:1; Acts 16:5; 3 John 1:10; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:4-20.

15. PERSEVERANCE—We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace, and in the knowledge of the truth, and that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life, and that all the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on earth and in hell (or in his eternal abode) are not able to pluck them from His hand so long as they walk in the path of duty; but those who sidestep and wilfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty they would backslide and if persistently continued would be eternally lost. Sec. 1:12; 2 Cor. 9:10; 2 Peter 1:4-8; 2 Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy: 2 Peter 1:8-9; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; 1 John 5:16; Heb. 6:1-6; 1 Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matt. 12:31-32.

16. CHRIST THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH—We believe that Christ is the great Head of the Church, and that the government of the local church is with the body. Col. 1:18-19; Matt. 16:18; Heb. 12:23; Matt. 21:42; Eph. 1:22; Acts 16:4-5.

17. **SANCTIFICATION**—Sanctification is a work of God's grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in regeneration, and the Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life, constantly growing in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Thes. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; Sec. Thes. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; 2 Tim. 2:20-21.

18. **THE RESURRECTION**—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and the wicked. When the resurrection shall take place, the soul and body shall be united, the righteous shall be received into everlasting happiness to reign with God forever; but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment. Matt. 28:6; St. John 5:28-29; 1 Cor. 15:51-58.

19. **THE SOUL**—The soul is endless, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the spiritual character here possessed. Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9; Luke 16:19-25; Matt. 10:28.

20. **JUDGMENT**—We believe that there will be a general, universal judgment, when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness. 2 Thes. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; 2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13; Acts 17:31.

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist), being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better associational government.

Art. 1. **MEMBERSHIP**. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and upon producing letters, they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers and deacons of said union shall be regular members, when present, by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. NAME. The members thus chosen and assembled with the ministers and deacons, to be denominated the Old Mount Zion Association of Free Will Baptist, being composed of the several churches of our union, the Association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor having any ecclesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 3. LETTERS. Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship, including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers, the number of members received upon profession of faith, by letters or recommendation, by restoration or denominational choice; the number dismissed by letter, excluded, and those having died since last Association. The churches in sending their letters, may send obituaries of any who have died during the year, that we may keep up the memorial of our dead.

Art. 4. OFFICERS. The Association shall have a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual session by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 5. NEW CHURCHES. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination they are found to be orthodox and orderly they may be received into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

6 QUESTIONS. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first discussed in its own church.

Art. 7. MOTIONS. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration, of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. MINUTES. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the number of members in each church, the distribution to be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 9. CLERK. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for the purpose.

Art. 10. SIGNATURES. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the close of the Association.

Art. 11. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to this Constitution may be made when necessary by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Art. 12. NON-ATTENDANCE. The Association in case of failure of any church to attend, shall enquire into the case.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Association called to order by the Moderator, and in his absence, by the Clerk.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Letters from the churches composing the Association called for, read and messengers invited to seats.
4. Corresponding Associations.
5. Right hand of fellowship.
6. Call for letters from newly organized churches.
7. Election of permanent officers.
8. Reading Constitution and Rules of Order by the Moderator, or the Clerk.
9. Appointment of the following committees:
(a) Resolutions, (b) Finance, (c) Arrangements for preaching, (d) Temperance, (e) Sunday school, (f) Obituary, (g) Condition of non-represented churches, (h) Union of churches.
10. Report of committees appointed at last Association, and other unfinished business.
11. Report of new committees.
12. New Business.
13. Choosing place for our next Association.
14. Who shall preach the Introductory Sermon?
15. Reading and adopting the minutes.
16. Adjournment.

Statistical Table of the Association

CHURCH	Organized	Retiring Pastor	Pastor Elect	Church Clerk	Clerk's Postoffice	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mt. Zion.....	1866	W. E. Bland	W. E. Bland	Berry Luryear	Spr'gvelley, Ark.	0	0	0	0	0	1	57
New Hope.....	1886	W. E. Bland	W. E. Bland	Pearl Garrison	La Rue, Ark.	0	0	0	1	0	1	59
Hickory Grove.	1882	W. E. Bland	W. E. Bland	Lum Lynch	Clifty, Ark., R1	1	0	0	1	0	0	62
Christian Home	1892	Elmer Lawson	Elmer Lawson	Altas Gosvenor	Hindsville, Ark.	1	1	0	2	0	1	80
Clifty.....	1896	Geo. Been	Geo. Been	Geo. Vanhook	Mundell, Ark.	28	1	0	0	0	0	95
Antioch.....	1910			Jane Foster	Marble, Ark., R1	9	0	0	17	0	0	47
Pilgrim Rest...	1911	Geo. Been	Geo. Been	Irene Wright	Spr'gvalley, Ark.	1	2	0	0	2	0	143
Rose Hill.....		J. W. Watson	Lester Cline	Mary Howard	Marble, Ark., R1	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Cottage Hill....	1912	Elmer Lawson	Elmer Lawson	Elsie Miles	Best, Ark.	0	0	0	0	0	1	46
Totals						40	4	0	21	2	4	613

Col. No. 1 Experience and Baptism 40

Col. No. 2 Recommendation4

Col. No. 3 Received by Letter.....0

Col. No. 4 Dismissed by Letter....21

Col. No. 5 Excluded2

Col. No. 6 Died4

Col. No. 7 Total Membership613

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer, by the Moderator or whomever he may request.
2. Ministers present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote.
3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.
5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
9. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.
10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.
11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association, if necessary.
12. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and the chair shall announce just before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.
13. These Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.
14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.