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# PROCEEDINGS

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## State Line Association.

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The twenty-fifth annual session of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association, convened with Silver Run church, near Pansy, Houston County, Alabama, on Thursday, October 6, 1910.

The introductory service was conducted by Rev. R. L. Hunter. Text—John, 3: 3. Rev. J. C. Ingram concluded. Dismissed for dinner.

### Thursday Afternoon Session.

In the absence of the moderator, the clerk called the body to order by reading the first Psalm. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Cherry.

Rev. J. I. Hatcher was made temporary moderator.

Letters were called for and read by Rev. R. L. Hunter and Bro. R. G. Hatcher.

Names of churches and delegates as follows:

Silver Run—A. Z. Culbreth and R. E. Johnson.

Pittman Creek—G. R. Faulk.

Springfield—W. H. Hayes, E. Rabon, W. H. Johnson and A. Joyner.

Pleasant Home—W. Chandler, Z. B. Hagans, E. W. Dixon, J. D. Marlow, N. E. Waters, A. L. Brown and L. C. Mixon.

Spring Hill—W. F. Harlow, H. E. Fields, G. W. Robinson and H. D. Robinson.

Hickory Grove—R. G. Hatcher, A. Holland, J. J. Hatcher, J. W. D. Stephens, J. J. White, J. T. Hatcher and Edward Robinson.

Free Will's Rest—J. T. Braswell, L. H. Daniels, E. L. Lawrence and J. B. Kern.

Rocky Grove—J. D. Caloway, Thomas Evans and W. C. Smith.

New Pilgrim—J. F. Thomas.

Howard's Grove—Wesley Toler, A. J. Elmore, J. F. Capps, H. E. Matthews, G. H. Jordan, J. W. Brown, Geo. Smith and Lester Jordan.

New Life—W. J. Rodgers, W. H. Ducker, Travis Evans and Nathan Grice.

New Harmony—A. J. Granger, J. C. Howell and Jas. Exum.

New Hope—C. R. G. Kirkland.

Prospect—J. S. Connor, W. B. Stephens, W. W. Clark, T. C. Newton and W. K. Barber.

Union Springs—W. H. Jenkins, E. F. Jordan and S. E. Anglin.

Shiloh—J. W. Goldon and W. C. Odom.

Long Branch—J. T. Spears.

On motion of A. Holland, that all the letters be received and adopted, except the letter from Rocky Grove. Its adoption was deferred at this juncture.

The body then permanently organized by electing Eld. D. L. Chandler moderator and re-electing Eld. J. W. D. Stephens clerk.

The moderator invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for petitionary letters. One received from Long Branch.

While the body sang, they extended the right hand of fellowship to her delegate.

Adjourned till 8:30 a. m. Friday.

#### Friday Morning Session.

The body was called to order, and the moderator read the 10th chapter of Romans. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Ingram.

The moderator appointed a committee on divine service as follows: A. Z. Culbreth and Geo. Smith.

Renewed call for corresponding and petitionary letters. Called roll.

On motion, a committee was appointed to investigate



the standing of Rocky Grove church whose letter was not adopted on yesterday.

The committe is as follows: G. W. Cherry, R. L. Hunter, J. M. Murdock, J. I. Hatcher, J. C. Ingram, and A. L. Brown.

The various committees were appointed:

Character of Ministers—Z. B. Hagans, R. E. Johnson and G. R. Faulk.

Documents—H. E. Fields, W. K. Barber and W. H. Jenkins.

Education—S. Ely, G. W. Cherry, J. T. Braswell and J. P. Conrad.

Finance—E. Rabon, W. H. Johnson and W. H. Chandler.

Missions—A. Hollond, J. M. Murdock and W. J. Rodgers.

Nominations—C. R. G. Kirkland, J. T. Spears and T. C. Newton.

Obituaries—J. F. Thomas, J. C. Howell and Jas. Exum.

Suggestions—R. G. Hatcher, J. C. Ingram, Wesley Toler, J. C. Eldridge and George Phillips.

Sunday Schools—W. J. Mims, W. S. Cook and S. E. Anglin.

Temperance—G. W. Cherry, J. I. Hatcher, A. Holland and J. D. Pearce.

Called roll and read decorum.

Called for correspondents from sister associations.

Brethren, J. C. Eldridge, J. P. Conrod and George Phillips were present from the Salem Association; Rev. S. Ely from the Midway.

While singing the body extended the right hand of fellowship and welcome to the brethren.

On motion the delegation from Shiloh church was seated without her letter, as they did not have it present.

The moderator appointed correspondents to sister associations:

Salem—Revs. J. I. Hatcher and G. W. Cherry. Convenes with Christian Home church, two miles north of Blountstown, Florida, on Friday at 11 o'clock, before the first Sunday in October, 1911.

Midway—Revs. R. L. Hunter and W. J. Mims.

Liberty—Z. B. Hagans and W. H. Chandler.

South Eastern—Rev. G. W. Cherry, and Bro. W. K. Barber.

Martin—Rev. W. S. Cook and Bro. W. H. Jenkins.

Chattahoochee—By letter.

The committee to investigate the standing of Rocky Grove church make their report:

We, the committee make the following report: That the delegation from Rocky Grove church confesses that they have made a mistake, and have cut loose from Bro. J. T. Knight, until he goes back to his church and gets himself right, hoping that he will not get offended with the committee, and we ask that the Association seat the delegation from Rocky Grove church.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. CHERRY, Chairman.

On motion, the report was adopted and the delegation seated.

Adjourned for 11 o'clock preaching.

Rev. J. C. Eldridge delivered an instructive sermon. Text—Matt. 8: 11. Rev. W. J. Mims concluded.

#### Friday Afternoon Session.

Reassembled. Prayer by Rev. W. S. Cook.

Called for reports.

Report on character of ministers read and adopted.

Report on nominations read and adopted.

The circular letter was called for, but had not been prepared.

On motion, Rev. J. I. Hatcher was given further time

to prepare and furnish the clerk the letter for publication in the minute.

Report on documents read and adopted.

Report on obituaries read and adopted.

Report on missions read and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

Report on education was read and adopted.

Report on suggestions was read and adopted.

A collection of \$7.05 for missions was taken at this juncture, and the following pledges were made for the purpose, viz: A. Holland, \$1.00; J. D. Pearce, \$1.00; T. C. Newton, 50c; J. C. Ingram, 50c; H. E. Fields, 50c; J. I. Hatcher, paid, \$1.00; J. S. Conner, 25c; W. I. Barrett, 50c; J. F. Thomas, \$1.00; J. A. Givins, \$1.00; W. H. Ducker, \$2.00; T. J. Sims, \$1.00; F. M. Wetherington, \$1.00; Total \$11.25.

The chairman, A. Holland, of the Home Mission Board made a verbal report. The board had met twice and had organized "Ladies Aid Societies," at two churches.

On motion, the report was received.

Report on finance was read and adopted.

The chairman of the executive committee reported.

The report was received and adopted.

Report of the treasurer was read and adopted.

Report on temperance was read and adopted.

Took up a collection to add to the funds already in hand to defray the expenses of Rev. J. D. Stephens to Florence, Alabama as delegate to the Triennial Conference.

On motion, adjourn till 8:30 o'clock a. m. Saturday.

Prayer by Rev. R. L. Hunter.

#### Saturday Morning Session.

Reassembled, and joined the moderator in singing, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Prayer by Rev. J. A. Givins and Rev. R. L. Hunter.

On motion there was an addition made to the temperance report by Rev. R. L. Hunter.



## Miscellaneous.

The next Union meeting will convene with Howard's Grove church, Houston county, Alabama, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in May; A. D., 1911. Rev. J. A. Givins to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. W. J. Mims close.

On motion, the executive committee were elected.

They are as follows: R. G. Hatcher, chairman, Wesley Toler, W. H. Jenkins, T. C. Newton and W. H. Chandler.

The following named brethren were elected as the Home Mission Board: A. Hoiland, chairman, E. Rabon, J. W. D. Stephens, Z. B. Hagans and A. C. Cobbs.

On motion, by Eld. G. W. Cherry, that we correspond by delegate with the Alabama State Convention. Rev. R. L. Hunter was appointed delegate.

On motion, that the Association defray his expenses.

On motion, of W. H. Jenkins that the clerk furnish the delegates to sister associations with a letter.

Rev. R. L. Hunter was reelected treasurer.

On motion, a committee was appointed to draft a form of a letter for the various churches, to use when corresponding with the association, and submit the form to the chairman of the executive committee, and if approved, have some published for the next session.

J. C. INGRAM, }  
J. W. D. STEPHENS, } Com.  
G. W. CHERRY, }

On motion, of T. C. Newton, the clerk was paid \$10.00 for his services.

On motion, Rev. J. C. Ingram was paid \$10.00 for organizing and bringing a new church into the association.

On motion, of Bro. H. E. Fields that Rev. J. I. Hatcher represent the State Line Association at the Little River Association.

On motion, of Rev. J. I. Hatcher, the heartfelt thanks

of the association was tendered Silver Run church and community for the kind hospitality shown us during our session.

On motion of A. Holland, the moderator appointed an ordaining council to comply with the report on suggestions composed as follows: Revs. J. C. Ingram, R. L. Hunter and J. I. Hatcher.

On motion of Rev. J. I. Hatcher, adjourned to meet with New Life church, Houston county, Alabama, at 11 o'clock a. m. on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1911. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Eldridge.

The following collections were taken:

For Rev. Sam Ely,	\$8.25
For Bro. Suggs,	4.11
For Rev. J. C. Eldridge,	3.70

ELD. D. L. CHANDLER, Mod.

J. W. D. STEPHENS, Clerk.

#### Reports of Committees.

**CHARACTER OF MINISTERS**—We, your committee on character of ministers submit the following report to wit: So far as your committee can discover, the characters of our ministers are very good.

Z. B. HAGINS, Chairman.

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES**—We, the committee on religious services report as follows: Friday at 11 o'clock a. m., Rev. J. C. Eldridge to preach and Rev. W. J. Mims close; Saturday at 11 o'clock, a. m. preaching by Rev. Sam Ely, Rev. G. W. Cherry close.

A. Z. CULBRETH, Chairman.

**DOCUMENTS**—We, your committee on documents make the following report: We recommend that the Free Will Baptist Literature be used in our Sunday Schools, and also urge our brethren to take the FREE WILL BAPTIST paper, for by so doing, we hold up enterprise for our paper, and of our own denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. FIELDS, Chairman.

**SUGGESTIONS**—We, your committee beg leave to make the following report to wit: We suggest that the State

Line Association appoint an ordaining council, so when any preacher appears for ordination, that he go before this council, be examined and recommended by this council before ordained.

2. We suggest that each church of this association send in five cents per capita annually for Home Missions.

R. G. HATCHER, Chairman.

EDUCATION—We, your committee on education submit the following report:

1. That we as an association devise some plans whereby we may get our people interested in education and try to get them to educate their children, for there is nothing that confronts us so much at this age of the world as the need of an education, and especially do we realize the need of an educated ministry. We hope that every preacher of our association feels the need of it, and that they will try to advance the cause.

Respectfully submitted,  
SAM ELY, Chairman.

MISSIONS—We, your committee on missions make the following report: We see the need of missions in our association as well as other places, and we earnestly recommend that this association put a preacher in the field, in the State Line Association to preach where there are no Free Will Baptist churches, and that each church of said association pay his expenses.

A. H. HOLLAND, Chairman.

OBITUARIES—We, your committee on obituaries make the following report to wit: We find that there has been fifteen deaths in our association, and we your committee ask that their names and church be but in the minutes.

J. C. HOWELL, Chairman.

NOMINATION—We, your committee on nomination, submit the following report: We nominate Eld. G. W. Cherry to preach the next introductory sermon and Rev. W. J. Mims to close. We nominate Rev. J. I. Hatcher to write the next circular letter, we also nominate New Life for the next session of this association.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. R. G. KIRKLAND, Chairman.



**SABBATH SCHOOLS**—We, your committee on Sabbath Schools make the following report: We find only eight schools in the boundary of our association, to wit: Howards Grove, Springfield, Hickory Grove, New Life, Union Springs, New Harmony, Prospect and New Hope. We urge upon each church of our association the duty of Sabbath Schools, and urge that they have longer terms and that we should use the Free Will Baptist literature when obtainable.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. MIMS, Chairman.

**TEMPERANCE**—We, your committee on temperance submit the following: 1. That it is indeed very gratifying to us to report, that during this year some very efficient work has been done along the line of temperance. Measures regulating and restricting the sale of intoxicating liquors, places our State in rank with those States in which the welfare of the masses is of first consideration. The open and licensed sale of whiskey is for the present a thing of the past. Brethren, if we can keep it so with our votes and prayers, let us endeavor to do it, believing that untold good, has come upon us through the workings of the prohibition measure along with all this good, we have to report. However, it behooves us, and also becomes our duty to call your attention to the unmistakable tempest that threatens us. If we are not prepared for it, in its intensity, it may be that we may lose what we now have, so, my brethren, let's fight the liquor traffic as long as we live. We see the blind tigers, and walking tigers that confront us as a roaring lion, and we, as a denomination, do hereby pledge ourselves to fight it in every form.

G. W. CHERRY, Chairman.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**—We, your executive committee make the following report, to wit: We have held two meetings this year. First, we met at Spring Hill, April 2nd, and organized in due form by electing R. G. Hatcher chairman, and R. B. Robinson, clerk, and proceeded to business as follows: We found the names of the delegates to the three State Conventions were not in the minutes. We appointed the same delegates as before, and notified them of the same. Also recommend that the Home Mission Board, do all they could in ed mission work.

We also met at New Harmony, August 13th, but found nothing that claimed our attention, so the chairman called off the meeting for the Home Mission Board to begin their work.

We have drawn on the treasury for money to pay the expenses of Rev. J. D. Stephens, who is our delegate to the Triennial Conference, which is in Florence, Alabama. The amount drawn is \$31.63, and we want enough more to make \$40.00. If there should be a balance left over we will return same to the treasury.

R. G. HATCHER, Chairman.

R. B. ROBINSON, Clerk.

FINANCE—We, your committee on finance submit the following report:

Received for minutes,	\$18.00
Received for associational purposes,	18.18
Received for missions,	4.35
Total,	<u>\$40.53</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
W. H. JOHNSON, Chairman.

#### Treasurer's Report.

Received for minutes,	— — —	\$17.50,
“ “ Associational purposes,	— — —	16.55,
“ “ Missions,	— — —	6 35,
Total,		<u>\$40.40.</u>
Paid out for printing minutes,	— — —	\$17.50
“ express on minutes,	— — —	2.25
“ postage on minutes,	— — —	2.87
“ J. W. D. Stephens, clerk,	— — —	10.00
“ by order of Exec. Com. and H. M. B.		31.63
Total paid out,	— — — — —	<u>\$64.35</u>

Being the total amount held by treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. HUNTER, Treasurer.



# ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAME.	CHURCH.	POST OFFICE.
Chandler, D. L.....	Springfield.....	Ashford..... Ala.
Cherry, G. W.....	Prospect.....	Dothan..... "
Cook, W. S.....	Union Springs.....	Pansey..... "
Givens, J. A. ....	Springfield.....	Webb..... "
Granger A. L.....	New Life.....	Crosby..... "
Hatcher, J. I.....	Hickory Grove.....	Bascom..... Fla.
Hunter, R. L.....	New Pilgrim.....	Columbia... Ala.
Ingram, J. C.....	Pleasant Home.....	Ashford..... "
Mims, W. J.....	Silver Run.....	Ashford..... "
Murdock, J. M.....	Howard Grove.....	Ashford..... "
Pearce, J. D.....	New Harmony.....	Cottonwood "
Ray, G. C.....	New Harmony.....	Cottonwood "
Sowell, J. D.....	Pittman Creek.....	Black..... "
Stephens, J. D.....	Hickory Grove.....	Marianna... Fla.
Swails, F. M.....	Pleasant Home.....	Hartford.... "
Thompson, J. E.....	Shiloh.....	Columbia... Ala.
Whitaker, Joseph....	Howards Grove....	Ashford..... "
Whittle, C. M.....	New Hope.....	Ozark..... "

## Licentiates.

Carter, W. T.....	Silver Run.....	Ashford..... "
Cobb, A. C.....	Prospect.....	Dothan..... "
Hunter, I. S.....	New Pilgrim.....	Columbia... "
Lashley, W. H.....	Pilchia Pond.....	Cana..... "
Radney, A. B.....	Prospect.....	Webb..... "
Sellers, Otis.....	New Harmony....	Cottonwood "
Widener, J A.....	Springfield.....	Webb..... "

# CONSTITUTION OF STATE LINE ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This association shall be composed of delegates sent annually from the churches upon which it is based.

ART. 2. Each church shall be entitled to two delegates for every twenty-five members and one delegate for the fractional part of twenty-five. Provided any church having less than twenty-five members it shall be entitled to two delegates.

ART. 3. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their election, to which shall be subjoined a table stating the number baptized, received by con-

fession of faith, by letter, by restoration, dismissed by letter, excluded or died within the last associational year, amount of all contributions, the time of the monthly meeting, the membership, ordained and licentiate ministers with their post office, and signed by the pastor and clerk of the church with their post office.

ART. 4. Newly constituted, or other churches, desiring admission into this union shall petition by delegation and letter, and if upon examination found to be orthodox and orderly they shall be received into the association, and such reception shall be manifested by giving the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 5. It is expected that the churches composing this body will send delegates and contributions every session and that no church withdraw from the association without assigning a reason for the intended withdrawal.

ART. 6. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, clerk, treasurer, executive committee and home mission board. The executive committee and home mission board shall be composed of five members each.

ART. 7. The association shall meet annually, according to adjournment, and shall have power to transact all business pertaining to the general good of the body.

ART. 8. This constitution may be altered or amended by a majority of the delegates present during any session.

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#### DECORUM OF THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The moderator, clerk, treasurer, executive committee and home mission board shall be elected by ballot annually.

ART. 2. The moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the association when in session, preserve order and submit motions or other matters. He shall have the same right to vote as any other member, and, provided the chair is occupied, the same right of speech.

ART. 3. Every motion receiving a second shall be submitted to the body, unless withdrawn.

ART. 4. Only one person shall be allowed to speak at the same time and such speaker shall address the moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking except by the moderator and then only when he departs

from the subject under debate. Provided however, any brother may address the moderator to a point of order.

ART. 5. The clerk shall record the proceedings of the body when in session and superintend the publication of the same, and do all other writing pertaining to the business of the association. He shall also preserve a file of the minutes of the association which he shall deliver to his successor in office.

ART. 6. The treasurer shall keep a correct account of all funds received and disbursed by him showing balance, if any, on hand. He shall only pay out money on the order of the association or the executive committee.

ART. 7. The executive committee shall have power to execute the laws and regulations of the association, when the association is not in session. And to make rules for their own government, provided such rules are not repugnant to the constitution or decorum of the association.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the home mission board to work for church extension and church preservation, for which purpose they shall draw on the executive committee and various churches for the necessary funds when the association is not in session. The board may make rules and regulations for their own government that are not conflictive with the constitution or decorum of the association.

ART. 9. The association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. 10. The name of the delegates shall be enrolled and called as often as the association may deem proper.

ART. 11. No church nor minister shall be received into this association that refuses to comply with this decorum or the ordinances which are given us in the Gospel.

ART. 12. This decorum may be altered or amended by a majority of the delegates present during any session.

### **CHURCH DECORUM.**

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



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

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

4. The pastor of each church shall have power to form a presbytery and ordain deacons for the church; also examine preachers who may apply for such; also to examine ordained ministers who make application to our order, and if found sound shall be set apart in rank but not reordained.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13. Conference, after prayer or divine services, shall be opened and conducted as follows: 1. Inviting visiting brethren to seats. 2. Opening the door of the church for the reception of members. 3. Calling for the reading of the minutes of the last conference. 4. Calling for absentees. 5. For acknowledgments. 6. For references or deferred business. 7. For new matters of dealing which are to come before the body. 8. For miscellaneous business.

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

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

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

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

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

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



20. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgment shall be minuted in the church book.

21. Members dismissed from the church by letter who become disorderly, or continue to hold their letters without a good reason, shall be cited to the conference to answer for their conduct.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29. When the moderator speaks in debate he must nominate some brother moderator in his stead.

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

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

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

33. Feet washing shall be attended to as the church sees proper.

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

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

### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. OF GOD.—We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, infinite in all His attributes, the Creator, Preserver and Governor of the universe, revealed to us in the Scriptures as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.—Tim. 1: 17; Isaiah 45: 22: St. John 17: 2.

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.—We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are binding on all as our infallible rule of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3: 16; Romans 15: 4; and 4: 23 44; Peter 1: 21

3. OF CHRIST —We believe he is God manifest in the flesh; being in his divine nature the true God, in human nature the true man, uniting in person of the Messiah and the Mediator for the redemption of the world.—Luke 2: 4-12 inclus v ; Matt. 1: 18 21.

4. OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.—We believe that He is the third person in the Holy Trinity and possesses all personal divine attributes, being the Reprover, Comforter and Sanctifier.—St. John 14: 25; 15: 26; and 16: 7-15 inclusive.

5. OF SALVATION.—That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to receive it by cordial and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of any, so long as the Spirit continues to strive with them, but their own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ.—Rom. 1: 16; Phil. 2: 12; Heb. 2: 3.

6. THE FALL OF MAN —We believe that man was created sinless, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. All his posterity inherited this fallen nature, and all who come to years of accountability will sin and come short of the glory of God except that they receive salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ —Gen. 3: 6, 1: 26, 5: 1 and 9: 6; Cor. 1: 7; Rom. 3: 28; Mark 16: 16, Acts 10: 43.

7. THE ATONEMENT.—We believe that Christ in His

great compassion offered Himself as a sacrifice in our stead; therefore God desires the salvation of all; and the Gospel invites all, and whosoever will may come and partake of the word of life freely.—1. Cor. 1: 7; Eph. 5: 2; Heb. 2: 9-26; Rom. 5: 15; Rev. 22: 17.

8. OF ELECTION.—We believe that God has not fixed the future state of man by any unconstitutional decree delivered from the beginning, except to save all who comply with the terms of salvation.—John 8: 31; Luke 11: 28; Acts 10: 35; Deut. 11: 26-28.

9. OF PERSEVERENCE.—We believe that none will be finally saved but those who through grace persevere in holiness to the end.—John 8: 31; Tim. 1: 19; Peter 2: 21-22.

10. GOSPEL ORDINANCES —We believe that baptism or the burial of believers in water and the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel of universal salvation, and to be observed by all true believers. Reference for baptism, John 3: 5; Rom. 6: 4. Reference for the Lord's Supper, Matt. 26: 26-28. Reference for washing the saints' feet, John 13: 5-17 inclusive.

11. THE LORD'S SUPPER.—We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance, that the bread and wine represent His body and blood; that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in performing the sacred service, regardless of name, denomination or distinction.—Gal 6: 4; Matt. 7: 10; Rom 4: 3-4.

12. OF THE RESURRECTION.—We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; and when the resurrection takes place the soul and body will reunite and form an immortal being, that the righteous will be received into everlasting happiness, and the wicked will be driven into everlasting darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.—John 5: 29 Acts 14: 16, Isa. 17; Heb. 9: 27.

## STATISTICS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association was organized at Howard's Grove church, Nov. 20th, 1886.

YEAR	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	CHURCH.	No. Mem.
1886	D. L. Chandler	Calvin Dykes	Howard Grove	449
1887	D. L. Chandler	Calvin Dykes	Beulah	577
1888	R. M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Macedonia	403
1889	R. M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Friendship	516
1890	R. M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Lovewood	443
1891	R. M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Prospect	339
1892	R. M. Gray	Calvin Dykes	Silver Run	444
1893	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	Hickory Grove	450
1894	R. M. Gray	J. D. Stephens	Spring Hill	422
1895	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	Pittman Creek	53
1896	Calvin Dykes	J. D. Stephens	Howard Grove	568
1897	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	New Hope	653
1898	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	Rocky Grove	633
1899	D. L. Chandler	J. D. Stephens	Prospect	671
1900	G. W. Cherry	J. D. Stephens	Freewill's Rest	803
1901	Calvin Dykes	J. W. D. Stephens	Antioch	916
1902	Calvin Dykes	J. W. D. Stephens	Union Springs	947
1903	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	Hickory Grove	827
1904	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	Howard Grove	786
1905	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	New Pilgrim	745
1906	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	Springfield	958
1907	R. L. Hunter	J. W. D. Stephens	Rocky Grove	1099
1908	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	Pleasant Home	1199
1909	J. D. Stephens	J. W. D. Stephens	Freewill's Rest	1315
1910	D. L. Chandler	J. W. D. Stephens	Silver Run	1365

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Organization.
2. Calling for letters from the different churches.
3. Electing officers.
4. Inviting visiting brethren to seats with us.
5. Calling for petitionary letters.
6. Appointing committees.
7. Calling the roll and reading the decorum.
8. Calling for correspondents from sister associations.
9. Appointing correspondents to sister associations.
10. Calling for reports of committees.
11. Calling for Circular Letter.
12. Calling for treasurer's report.
13. Calling for miscellaneous business.
14. Adjournment.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES	PASTORS	Membership last reported	Increase by				Decrease			Membership in 1910	Meeting days	Minutes	Associational purposes	Missions	Paid Pastor	Value of churches	Value church property	Sunday School	
				Baptism	Confession	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Deaths									Pupils enrol'd	Superintendent
Freewills Rest.....	L. E. Powell, Bascom, Fla. R. 3 .....	Sam Ely.....	40	4	9	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	42	1	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$	\$65.00	\$100	\$25.00	.....	.....
Hickory Grove.....	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla. R. 1..	Sam Ely.....	136	1	1	..	1	5	.....	2	132	4	1.50	1.50	.....	36.75	500	100	.....	J. W. D. Stephens..
Howards Grove....	G. H. Jordan, Cottonwood, Ala. ....	J. C. Eldridge.....	165	11	7	.....	.....	2	4	.....	175	4	1.50	1.50	.....	60.00	2500	100	.....	.....
Long Branch.....	J. T. Spears, Geneva, Ala. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.50	.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Harmony.....	A. J. Granger, Cottonwood, Ala.....	J. M. Murdock.....	82	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	84	2	1.25	1.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	J. C. Howell.....
New Hope.....	J. T. Ward, Midland City, Ala.....	J. C. Ingram.....	35	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	40	3	1.00	1.68	.50	.....	.....	.....	15	A. M. Kirkland....
New Lite.....	A. L. Granger, Crosley, Ala.....	J. M. Murdock.....	106	20	3	..3	2	1	1	3	106	1	1.00	1.00	.50	25.20	200	.....	45	W. J. Henderson...
New Pilgrim.....	J. F. Thomas, Ashford, Ala.....	J. A. Givins.....	.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	2	1	14	1	.50	.50	.....	9.55	200	30.00	.....	.....
Pittman's Creek...	G. R. Faulk, Black, Ala.....	J. D. Sowell.....	64	3	1	.....	1	.....	.....	2	66	1	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	100	50.00	.....	.....
Pleasant Home.....	C. C. Brown, Geneva, Ala.....	J. C. Eldridge.....	121	.....	1	2	1	5	1	.....	121	3	1.50	1.50	.....	61.55	400	100	.....	.....
Prospect .....	J. S. Conner, Dothan, Ala., R. 5.....	R. L. Hunter.....	193	7	.....	2	2	2	1	4	192	3	1.50	1.50	.....	.....	500	250	20	J. S. Con'r, T. C. Newt
Rocky Grove.....	M. C. Smith, Bascom, Fla.....	Jno T. Knight.....	74	8	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	78	3	.50	1.00	.....	11.15	100	10.00	.....	.....
Shiloh.....	K. F. Jones, Columbia, Ala.....	J. M. Murdock .....	26	5	.....	7	.....	.....	1	.....	37	4	.50	.50	35	.....	200	25.00	47	J. W. Golden.....
Silver Run.....	W. T. Riley, Ashford Ala., R. 3.....	J. M. Murdock.....	27	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	3	.50	.50	.....	.....	250	50.00	.....	.....
Springfield.....	J. D. Oliver, Ashford, Ala.....	R. L. Hunter.....	75	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	68	2	1.00	1.00	.....	37.00	.....	.....	45	W. J. Mims.....
Spring Hill .....	H. D. Robinson, Gordon, Ala.....	J. C. Ingram.....	32	1	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	33	1	.95	.50	.75	17.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Springs .....	W. E. Glass, Pansey, Ala.....	J. C. Eldridge.....	139	9	2	.....	1	5	.....	.....	146	2	1.50	1.50	.....	75.00	1400	150	35	W. J. Mims.....
Totals,			1315	81	28	15	16	30	10	14	1365	...	17.20	18.68	2.10	398.20	4200	890	207	.....