

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Twenty-Sixth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Union Freewill Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

The Church at Midway, Greene Co., Tenn.,

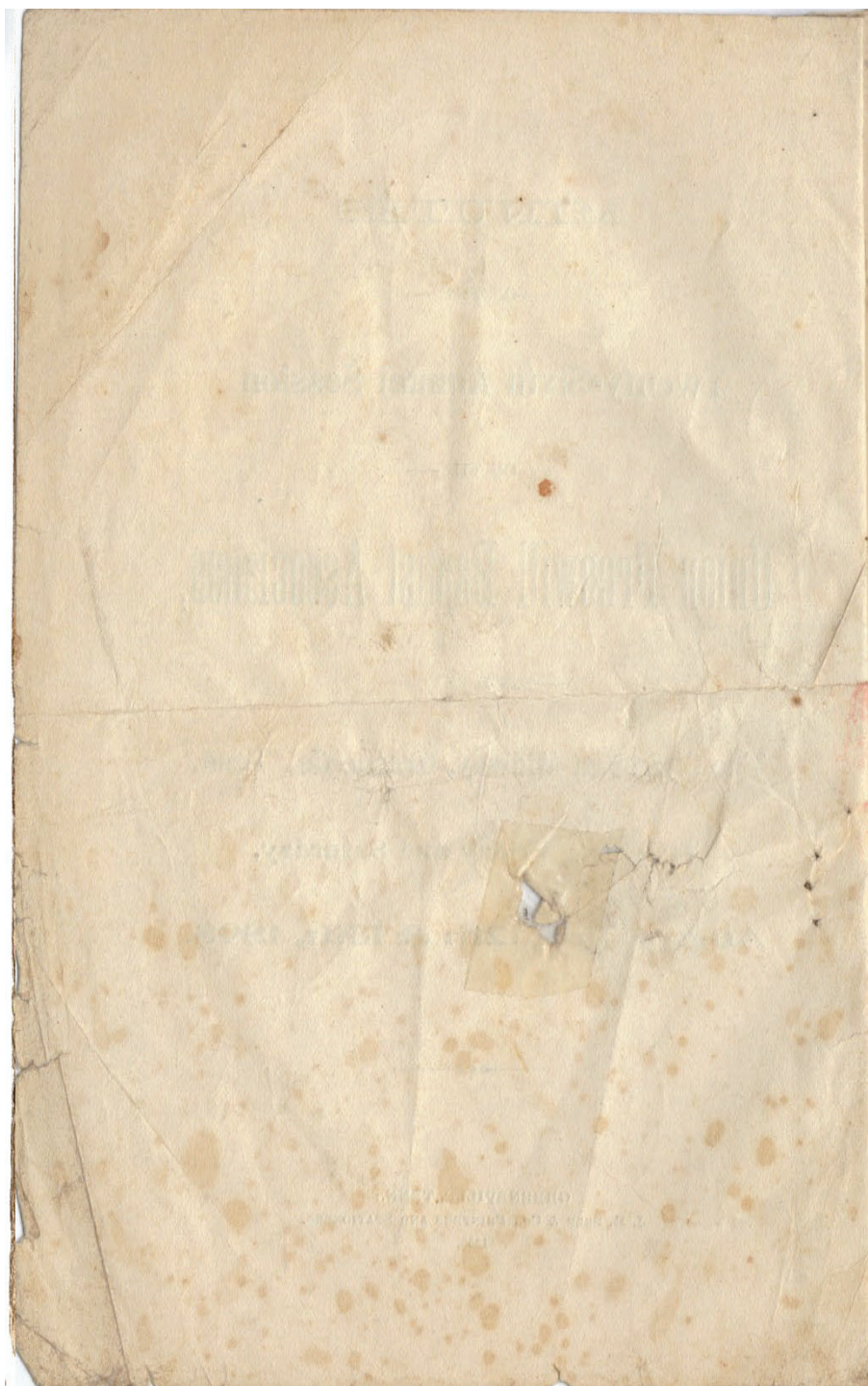
On Friday and Saturday,

August 12th & 13th, 1898.

GREENEVILLE, TENN.:

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PROCEEDINGS.

According to previous appointment, Union Association met with the Midway Church, in Greene Co., Tenn., in its Twenty-sixth Annual Session, August 11th, 1898, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Introductory sermon by Rev. T. H. Collinsworth, text 1st Corinthians, 13:4.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 2 o'clock, P. M. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. H. Johnson.

Ministers enrolled as follows: W. H. Johnson, Wm. Stroup, W. S. Barton, Wm. Skeen, T. H. Collinsworth, A. H. Burgess, J. W. Lucas.

DELEGATES.

Brown's Chapel—G. S. McClain.

Chestnut Hill—H. W. Arnold, J. L. Miller.

Cedar Brook—Wm. Phulps, J. W. Gammons.

Grassey Creek—Pleasant Parker, R. C. Moody.

Liberty—J. S. Burgess, J. E. Dunbar, G. P. Laws.

Midway—Jno. Hurt, A. J. Kesterson, N. L. Pack, Sr., A. J. Lowe.

Woolseys College—T. H. Woolsey.

New Home—Ruben Keasling, J. W. Brady.

Bethany—L. West, W. M. Deatheridge, F. Morrison L. Strong.

The Clerk announced the Association ready to organize by electing its officers.

On motion of A. H. Burgess, J. W. Lucas was elected Moderator by acclamation, and T. H. Woolsey Assistant Clerk.

Called for new churches, and received a petitionary letter from St. Johns' Church which was referred to a committee, viz: Revs. A. H. Burgess, W. S. Barton, Wm. Skeen.

The committee reported favorably, the church was received and delegates seated.

St. John's Church—J. H. Peters, Johnathan Gragg.

Received Rev. J. C. Stallard of the F. B. Clinck Valley Yearly

Meeting of S. W. Va., and Brother Elrod of the Missionary Baptist and Bro. Farley of the Methodist Protestant to a seat with us.

They made short but interesting talks, and were responded to by very appropriate remarks by Revs. Skeen and Collinsworth.

The Moderator appointed the following committees, viz:

Pulpit Supplies—The Delegates of Midway church.

Sunday Schools—John Burgess, W. M. Deatheridge, J. L. Miller.

Education—A. H. Burgess, W. S. Barton, R. C. Fry.

Temperance—W. H. Johnson, Wm. Stroup and Johnathan Gragg.

Literature—T. H. Collinsworth, L. West, J. C. Stallard.

Finance—K. W. Arnold, J. R. Laws.

Next Session—Wm. Phulps, Pleasant Parker, J. E. Dunbar.

Resolutions of Sympathy for afflicted brethren W. B. Woolsey, R. M. Johnson.

T. H. Collinsworth, W. S. Barton, A. H. Burgess.

Hours for Meeting—8 A. M. and 2 P. M.

Pulpit Supplies—7 P. M. W. S. Barton and W. H. Johnson.

Friday at 11 A. M. W. M. Skeen and J. C. Stallard.

Adjourned by prayer by Rev. Farley.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12th, 1898.

Met according to appointment. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. John Elrod.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The names of R. C. Fry and C. G. Gentry were enrolled. The reports of the churches were read. (See Statistical table.)

Recess 10 minutes.

After which Rev. Wm. Skeen and J. C. Stallard preached.

Adjourned until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2 P. M. Devotional services by Rev. Wm. Stroup. Enrolled the names of J. S. Wilson, Licentiate of Midway and Wm. Wolfenbarger, of Ambro, delegate.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE TO J. W. LUCAS DR.

To Board for J. R. Richards with Justice, Pack and Cobble.....	\$ 5.50
To Sundries for J. R. Richards	4.53
To Tuition for J. R. Richards	4.50
Total	\$14.53

CREDIT.

By board from Justice, Pack and Cobble.....	\$ 5.50
By Tuition, J. W. Lucas.....	4.50
By cash from Alex Pierce	5.00
By cash from A. H. Burgess	1.00
By cash from G. P. Laws	1.00
By cash from W. B. Woolsey.....	50
By cash from T. H. Collinsworth	50
Total	\$18.00
By balance on hand.....	\$ 3.47

J. W. LUCAS, *Chairman*.

The following resolution was offered by J. W. Lucas:

Whereas, An organic union of all F. B. bodies in East Tenn. and adjacent parts of Virginia and North Carolina is very desirable for many reasons, therefore be it

Resolved, That this body elect two of its members delegates to any general meeting which may be called to consummate such union, and that these delegates be invested with full power to represent Union Association, and their action shall be final in such case.

W. S. Barton and A. H. Burgess were appointed delegates.

REPORT OF FRATERNAL MESSENGER.

Rev. J. W. Lucas visited the John Wheeler Association and the General Association at Nashville and reported verbally.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools read and approved:

"We your Committee on Sunday Schools after hearing the reading of the different Church Letters find some Sunday School work being done. We find some Churches that are not taking the interest in Sunday School work that they should. We urge our preachers to organize more Sunday Schools, and urge our people to work more in the Sunday School. We felt that without Sabbath Schools we can not prosper."

Committee { J. S. BURGESS, *Chairman*.
J. MILLER.
W. M. DEATHERIDGE.

Report of Committee on Temperance read and adopted:

"We the Committee on Temperance do submit the following: "We are glad that the F. B., as a factor in the religious world have always held high grounds on the subject of Temperance, and in keeping with this position we would earnestly urge the necessity of pushing the temperance question to the front by all means at our command, and

would urge all our ministers and members to abstain from the great evil which leads to such great misery and shame, and we recommend our ministers to move on this evil."

J. H. JOHNSON, *Chairman*.

Committee on Preaching reported as follows:

"Friday, 7 P. M., Rev. J. C. Stallard, and Rev. Wm. Stroup to conclude.

"Saturday, 11 A. M., Rev. W. H. Johnson, at 7 P. M., Rev. A. H. Burgess.

"Sunday, 10 A. M., Rev. R. C. Fry.

The following Resolutions were offered by A. H. Burgess

Resolved, That we recommend to our people to practice F. B. usages in all their church work as laid down in the Treatise, except that pertaining to Quarterly Meetings.

Resolved, That we ask our preachers to get them a F. B. Treatise and Minister's Manual and practice usages as are laid down in them except that pertaining to Quarterly Meeting.

Resolved, That we recommend our people not to send out men as ministers that are not F. B. in doctrine.

The above resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Next Session reported

That the next session of the Union Association be held with the Grassy Creek Church, Hawkins County, Tenn., commencing on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1899.

WM. PHULPS, *Chairman*.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th, 1898.

Met at 8 A. M. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. V. Bell.

Enrolled Brother Thomas Holt, of Bear Creek, delegate, and Rev. W. V. Bell, Bell's Chapel.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Report of Committee on Literature read and approved as follows:

"We your Committee on Literature submit the following; As to literature we consider the Bible as the book of first importance and entitled to greater attention by us all than it usually gets we fear, therefore we recommend and urge our people and ministers to make themselves more familiar by careful and earnest study of its sacred pages with its blessed truths.

"We further recommend to F. B. S. S. to use F. B. S. S. literature.

"We further recommend the *Morning Star* as the standard paper of our denomination.

"We also recommend to our people the *Free Baptist*, a true and consistent exponent of our Church doctrine, and urge them to subscribe for the same.

"We would also suggest that every member of our Church, as near as possible, purchase and make themselves familiar with Dum's Theology, revised edition. 2nd, F. B. Cyclopaedia. 3rd, Treatise and Digest of F. B. laws."

T. H. COLLINSWORTH, *Chairman*.

Report of Committee on Education read and adopted:

We, your Committee on Education submit the following: "We are glad to know that Prof. Lucas is conducting a successful High School at Midway, near the center of the Association. We most heartily recommend this school to all our people, and urge them to patronize it. As a F. B. Training schools are a burning necessity, and as one small Association cannot successfully build and maintain such a school.

"We recommend that this body elect a committee of two who shall co-operate with similar committees from adjacent Association in establishing and maintaining at some convenient point a first-class F. B. training school where our children may have educational advantages at the smallest possible cost under F. B. auspices, and where our young ministers may obtain better equipments to work for God and the F. B. cause."

R. C. FRY, *Chairman*.

J. W. Lucas and R. C. Fry are elected as this educational committee.

FRATERNAL MESSENGERS TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Clinch Valley—A. H. Burgess and L. West.

French Broad Association—Rev. C. G. Gentry.

Adjourned till 2 P. M. Prayer and praise by Rev. C. G. Gentry.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resolutions of Sympathy on Rev. W. B. Woolsey and Rev. R. M. Johnson:

It is with deep regret we learn of the feeble health of the oldest and most respected brethren, viz: Revs. W. B. Woolsey and R. M. Johnson, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Association extend to these, our old fathers in the Lord, our heartfelt sympathy, and again renew our pledge to them that we will remember them in our prayers at a throne of God's grace.

A. H. BURGESS.

Ministerial reports all verbal except A. H. Burgess, Wm. Skeen and C. G. Gentry.

Ministerial characters all passed except T. C. McNabb who was dropped from the roll of ministers of our Association.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows, which was received:

Received for 1898.....	\$ 4.27
Balance from last year	7.00
Total	\$11.27

Motion that the Clerk have as many Minutes printed as possible, and distribute according to amount paid by each Church.

Rev. R. H. Jones was elected to preach the introductory sermon of next session. Rev. T. H. Collensworth alternate.

Resolution of thanks read and adopted:

Resolved, That this Association tender their thanks to the people of Midway and vicinity for their kindness in entertaining and caring for us during this Association.

Motioned to adjourn to meet with Grassey Creek Church on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1899. Prayer by Rev. R. C. Fry.

Grassey Creek is 15 miles east of Rogersville, Hawkins Co., Tennessee.

J. W. LUCAS, *Moderator*.
Midway, Tenn.

T. H. COLLINSWORTH, *Clerk*,
Acuff, Tenn.

T. H. WOOLSEY, *Assistant Clerk*,
Woolseys College.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Restored.	Total Membership.	No. in S. S.	Cash of Ministers.	Paid Pastor.	Time of Meeting.
Ambo.....	T. H. Collinsworth	D. F. Neil	Powder Spring, Tenn.	2	1	1	1	1	32	40	\$ 50	1	1
Bethany.....	W. S. Barton	J. Armstrong	Jerardstown, Pa.	3	1	1	1	1	156	50	1 30	1	1
Bell's Chapel.....	No Pastor	W. V. Bell	Greeneville, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	7	15	1 15	1	1
Beech Hill.....	No Pastor	M. Wright	Rogersville, Tenn.	5	1	1	1	1	35	50	\$ 4 00	1	1
Bradshaw's Chapel.....	R. H. Jones	T. Rice	Wrensburg, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	30	1	1	1	1
Bears' Creek.....	Wm Stroup	S. J. Ball	New Hope	1	1	1	1	1	34	1	1	1	1
Brown's Chapel.....	No Pastor	A. J. Stewart	Yellow Store	1	1	1	1	1	18	1	1	1	1
Chestnut Hill.....	T. H. Collinsworth	Joe Solter	J.....	6	1	1	1	1	118	50	1 40	1	1
Cedar Creek.....	No Pastor	R. Parker	Stacy Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	96	00	1 50	1	1
Cedar Brook.....	W. S. Barton	M. Cop	Pilot Hill, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	23	1	1	1	1
Cedar Creek.....	A. H. Burgess	L. A. Cobble	Midway, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	23	1	1	1	1
Grassy Creek.....	W. W. Lucas	J. A. Jones	Van Hill, Tenn.	12	8	19	3	123	49	40	8 00	4	4
Liberty.....	No Report	R. A. Brady	Driskill, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	44	1	1	1	1
Milway Hill.....	W. S. Barton	W. R. Gray	Newport, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	44	1	1	1	1
Marbletown View.....	W. Skeen	A. Johnson	Wooley's College, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	48	1	1	1	1
New Home.....	No Report	J. R. Sumners	Wooley's Top, Tenn.	18	2	2	1	20	50	1	1	1	1
Pleasant Point.....	No Report	J. M. Cushman	Sumner, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	18	1	1	1	1
Simpson's Chapel.....	A. H. Burgess	T. H. Wright	Slide, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	18	1	1	1	1
St. John's Chapel.....	No Report	T. H. Wright	Wooley's College, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1
Tunnel Hill.....	W. S. Barton	W. B. Woolsey	Wooley's College, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1
Wooley's College.....	W. B. Woolsey	W. B. Woolsey	Wooley's College, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1

Ministers with Address.

W. B. Woolsey, Woolsey College, Tenn.
R. M. Johnson, Limestone Springs, Tenn.
P. H. Vaun, Jeraldstown, Tenn.
J. F. DeWitt, Woolsey College, Tenn.
Wm. Blazer, Jeraldstown, Tenn.
C. L. Ledbetter, Blair's Gap, Tenn.
E. P. Hulce, Locust Springs, Tenn.
H. J. Bailey, Van Hill, Tenn.
Wm. Kyle, Beech Hill, Tenn.
R. H. Darnell, Fairview, Va.
J. L. Case, Middleburg, Ky.
W. V. Bell, Greeneville, Tenn.
T. H. Collinsworth, Acuff, Tenn.
A. H. Burgess, Painter's, Tenn.
R. C. Fry, Milburnton, Tenn.
C. G. Gentry, Bybee, Tenn.
W. S. Barton, Kepler's, Tenn.
Wm. Skeen, Powder Springs, Tenn.
L. J. Stewart, Amis, Tenn.
R. H. Jones, Amis, Tenn.
J. B. Catron, Beech Hill, Tenn.
Wm. Stroup, Stacy, Tenn.
J. W. West, Kepler's, Tenn.
W. B. Jones, Greeneville, Tenn.
W. H. Clendennin, Chestnut Ridge, Tenn.
J. D. Fox, Jeraldstown, Tenn.
J. A. Brown, Milburnton, Tenn.
J. W. Lucas, Midway, Tenn.
W. H. Johnson, Greeneville, Tenn.
J. C. Stallard, Midway, Tenn.

LICENTIATES.

C. G. Richards, J. S. Wilson, Wm. Moorelock and W. M. Rollins.