

## PROCEEDINGS.

The 12th annual session of the Vernon Freewill Baptist Association was held with New Centre Point Church, Monroe county, Miss., October 16th and 17th, 1891. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. T. W. Spring. After preaching, a recess was taken for one hour, after which the delegates and ministers were requested to meet in the house to organize and proceed to business.

At the close of the recess, the Association come together by singing, and prayer by the Moderator. The Association then proceeded to business in the following order:

1st. Letters from the churches were called for, handed in and read, and the names of delegates enrolled as per alphabetical table.

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The committee on preaching report that Rev. D. W. G. Hollis preach at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. A. Brown preach at 2 o'clock, Rev. T. C. Reese preach at night. Rev. J. P. Lewis preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock, Rev. L. M. Skelton preach at 9 o'clock, on the prodigal son by request.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow morning 8 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. R. Holladay.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 17th, 1891.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Singing by the congregation, prayer by Rev. D. W. G. Hollis. Call to order by the Moderator. Roll is called and the ministers and delegates answer to their names.

On motion, the proceedings of yesterday are read and adopted.

Invited ministers of sister Associations, and other denominations to take seats with us. Rev. J. P. Lewis, of the Tupelo, and Rev. L. M. Skelton, of the South Eastern Associations came forward and accepted seats with us.

Called for correspondence from Rev. J. P. Lewis came forward and gave a talk which was kindly received by the brethren.

Reports of committees follows, viz:

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ceedings of these meetings be appended to our minutes. We further recommend that the time of holding our next session be changed so as to meet on Saturday instead of Friday. That the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, and that the work be done at THE BAPTIST REVIEW Job Office, Goldsboro, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. FLIPPO, Chairman.

On motion, the report is received, adopted, and the committee discharged.

### ON DECEASED MEMBERS.

We your committee on deceased members beg leave to report that 9 of our worthy members have died since our last Association, 5 males and 4 females. And we recommend that their names be published in our church paper, THE BAPTIST REVIEW.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. TAYLOR, Chairman.

On motion, the report is received, adopted, and the committee discharged.

### ON FINANCE

We find the total amount of cash on hand as minute funds to be \$17 85.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MCMURRY, Chairman

On motion, the report is received, adopted, and the committee discharged.

On motion, it is agreed to return corresponding delegates to sister Associations and the following are appointed: viz.,

To the Mount Moriah Association, Rev. T. W. Springfield, D. W. G. Hollis and J. A. Brown.

To the Jasper Association, Rev. T. W. Springfield, L. L. Holladay.

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Rev. J. T. Black preach the introductory sermon, Rev. T. J. Harris, alternate.

On motion, it was agreed that Barnesville Association convene on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1892. That Rev. J. M. Stacks preach the introductory sermon.

On motion, it is agreed to hold a District meeting with Shady Grove Church, Marion county, on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in August. Rev. J. W. Owen to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. J. W. Taylor, alternate.

There was a District meeting held in the bounds of the Association, which was poorly attended, but the few faithful brethren who did meet returned an encouraging report.

Committee on preaching report that Rev. L. M. Skelton preach to-morrow at 9 o'clock ; Rev. J. P. Lewis preach at 11 o'clock, and Rev. T. W. Springfield conclude.

On motion, a vote of thanks is given to New Point Church and the citizens of this community for their kindness and hospitality shown to members of the Association during our session.

On motion, the Association adjourn to the same time and place previous meeting. A hymn was sung in prayer. A hymn was taken, while tea was served. The meeting closed.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

- Rev. T. W. SPRINGFIELD, Vernon, Lamar county, Ala.  
“ D. W. G. HOLLIS, Vernon, Lamar county, Ala.  
“ J. A. BROWN, Blowhorn, Lamar county, Ala.  
“ J. R. HOLLADAY, Barnesville, Marion co. Ala.  
“ T. C. REESE, Guin, Marion county, Ala.  
“ G. B. TAYLOR, Vernon, Lamar county, Ala.  
“ J. W. TAYLOR, Vernon, Lamar county, Ala.  
“ R. GUYTON, Moscow, Lamar county, Ala.  
“ J. W. LAWRENCE, Vernon Lamar county, Ala.  
“ J. T. BLACK, Splunge, Monroe county, Miss.  
“ L. L. NICKOLDS, Hamilton, Marion county, Ala.  
“ T. J. SPRINGFIELD, Guin, Marion county,  
“ S. B. GOSEY, Jewel, Lamar county, Ala.  
“ R. C. FLIPPO, Guin, Marion county, Ala.  
“ P. CRUMBIC, Hamilton, Marion county, Ala.

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## RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. The Association shall be called to order by the Moderator who presided at the last session. Former Clerk shall also officiate until the body is fully organized.

2. The Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

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

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

5. A majority of the delegates present shall rule in all cases, except in the reception of churches into our body, then it must be unanimous.

6. The Moderator shall not be entitled to vote, except in case of a tie ; and then he shall give the deciding vote. He shall be entitled to speak on any question after others have spoken, providing he appoint some one to the chair while he is speaking.

7. Only one person shall speak at the time. He shall arise and address the Moderator.

8. No brother shall be interrupted. He shall not depart from the subject of debate, nor indulge in personal reflection.

9. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject, nor more than five minutes.

10. No person shall debate more than one question at a time.



## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 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 distinctions of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and existing in distinct 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, Salvation for its end, and Truth for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of this world, the centre 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 his Maker but from voluntary transgression fell from that happy state, in consequence of which, all mankind are now depraved, and wholly unable of their own free will and ability to recover themselves from the fallen state in which they are by nature.

ART. 4. We believe that God has not fixed the future state of mankind by an absolute and unconditional 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 sufferings made an atonement for the sins of all 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 faculties and powers, or from the force and operation of free will, since this natural corruption is incapable either of thinking or of doing good.

The general application of the Grace of God to fallen man, and actually to obey the requirements of the Gospel, is by faith. John 1c., 9v.: how-  
ever, those who are in Christ will be saved thereby.

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... flesh, he shall die, but if  
... shall live, and therefore  
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# STATISTICAL TABLE.

GATES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Restored	Died	Excluded	Days of Meeting	No. of Members	Paid for Minutes
Manus.	T W Springfield	G B Taylor, Vernon, Ala.....	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	20	\$ 50
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	J W Taylor.....	G C Estes, Pikeville .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	75
	G B Taylor.....	C C Bickerstaff, Vernon.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	30	1 00
	J A Brown.....	James A McMurry, Oatman.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77	1 00
	R Holladay.....	S P Brown, Spunge, Miss.....	42	1	...	23	...	...	...	105	1 00
	Lewis.....	J D Horner, Barnesville .....	7	...	...	...	...	3	...	64	1 00
	Taylor.....	T B Palmer, Spunge Miss.....	21	4	5	...	...	...	...	52	2 00
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