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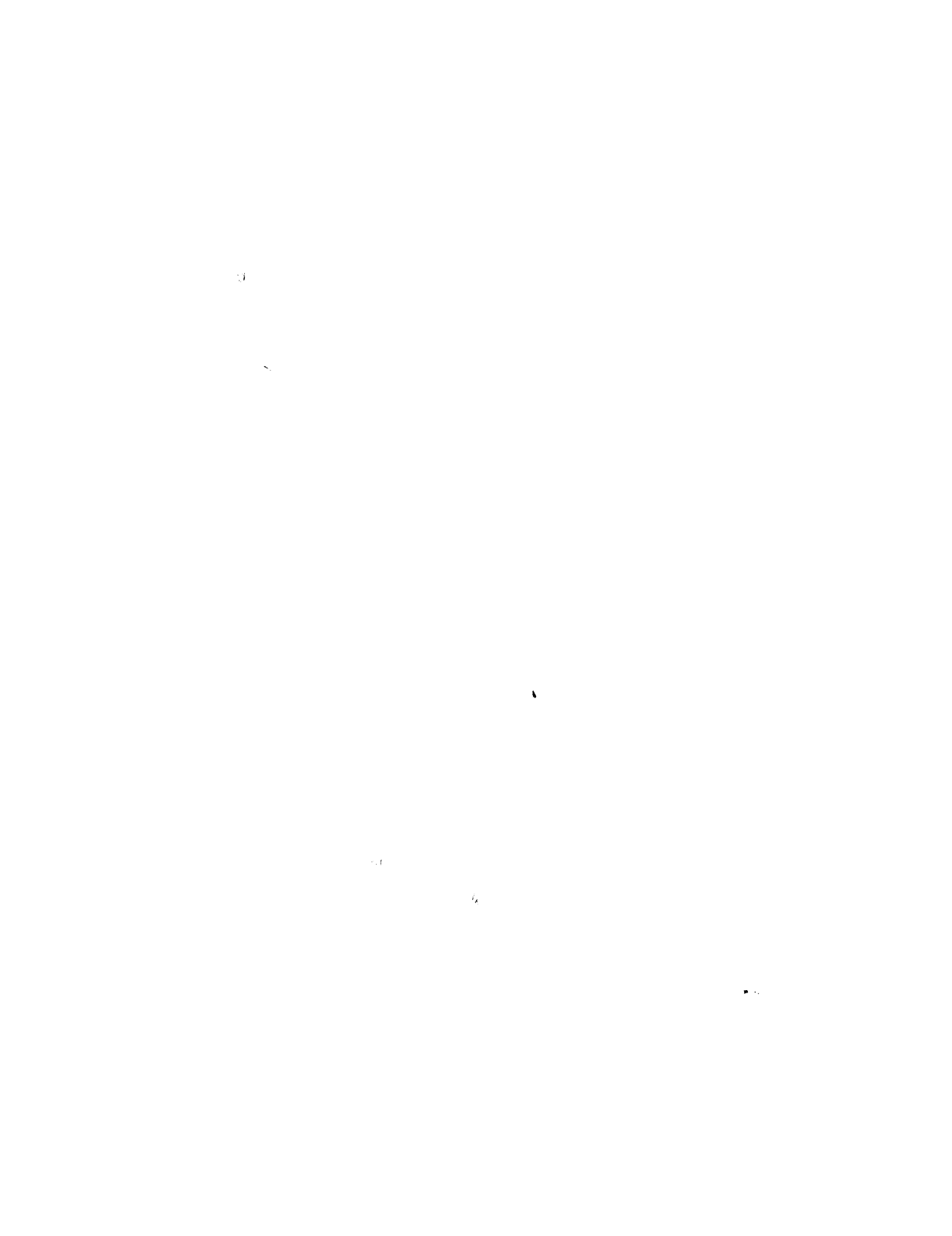
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**THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CUMBERLAND
ASSOCIATION**

Held At

HILLS TABERNACLE, NASHVILLE, TENN.

PROCEEDINGS

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. Z. W. Hill. Devotional service was conducted by Bro. Frank Polk and Bro. Payne, who sang and offered prayer. Scripture lesson by Eld. Z. W. Hill from one hundred and thirty-sixth division of the Psalms. After some timely remarks he introduced Eld. H. Covington, who arose and lined hymn, "Firmly I Stand on Zion Hill" and preached the introductory sermon. Text, Exodus third chapter, fourteenth verse. Many hearts were made to rejoice. Collection, \$3.25. We then adjourned to meet at the house to organize at the house of business.

The house was called to order by Eld. P. H. Weakly, who sang "I am a motherless child." Scripture lesson, 90th division of the Psalms. Song and prayer by Bro. Aaron Taylor. Enrollment of messengers. After which we organized by electing the officers. On motion by Bro. L. Carethers, seconded by Bro. Collier that all the officers retain their office that they held, carried. After some remarks by the different officers, it was motioned by Eld. D. A. Kimbro, seconded by Eld. Covington that the Moderator appoint all committees, carried.

The following were appointed:

On Correspondence—Eld. P. H. Weakly, Bro. Ben Collier and Bro. Ben Haly.

Committee on Arrangement—Bro. A. Taylor, B. H. Harris, L. Lyons, A. W. Watson, Eld. Z. W. Hill.

Committee on Finance—Bro. A. W. Watson, A. Taylor, D. Carethers, T. Cheatham, B. H. Harris, L. Lyons, P. Johnson, W. McGavock, C. Giles.

The Committee on Correspondence reported a messenger from Big Harper in the person of Eld. T. Stratton; one from Indian Creek in the person of Eld. H. Ferrel from Pilgrim Rest, Eld. D. D. Word.

Committee on Arrangements made the following arrangements: Saturday night 7:30 at the tent, Eld. P. H. Weakly and Eld. D. D. Word.

Sunday morning at 10:00 A. M. Eld. T. Stratton and Eld. D. A. Kimbro, at 2:00 P. M. Eld. H. Ferrel and Eld. Z. W. Hill, at 7:30 P. M. Eld. M. Mabry and Eld. Raymon Gardner. On motion it was agreed that we adjourn to meet Monday morning at 9:00 A. M.

SATURDAY NIGHT, 7:30 P. M.

Devotional service was conducted by Bro. A. Jones and Bro. Tom Cheatham. The Moderator, Eld. Z. W. Hill sang "Of All the Themes

We Mortals Know"; prayer by Bro. E. Braden. Collection, \$10.09. Eld. P. H. Weakly was introduced, who lined hymn, "Amazing Grace How Sweet it Sounds," and preached a soul-stirring sermon. Text Isaiah the forty-seventh chapter, eleventh verse, followed by Eld. D. D. Word, who preached from Psalm second chapter, sixth verse. After which the people were assigned to the different homes; then we were dismissed by the Moderator to meet Sunday morning at ten-thirty A. M.

SUNDAY MORNING—SECOND DAY

Devotional service was conducted by Bro. Ben Collier and Bro. A. Taylor, who sang and offered prayer. Eld. Z. W. Hill sang, "On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand," prayer was offered by Bro. E. Camel. Eld. Hill sang, "I Know the Bible Right."

Eld. T. Stratten, the messenger from Big Harper, was introduced, who arose, lined hymn, "Lord Teach Me How to Pray," and preached a soul-stirring sermon, using for his text, Luke eighth chapter, twenty-fifth verse. An offering was taken, raised \$32.03. Then the Moderator made some remarks and introduced Eld. D. A. Kimbro, who sang "God did not dread to undertake or fear to risk his arms;" he then preached a soul-stirring sermon from Ephesians 2:19. Next we had recess for thirty minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional service was conducted by Bro. Walter Amos. Next an offering was taken, raised \$11.75. Next Eld. H. Ferrel was introduced who lined hymn No. 353, Primitive Book. Text, Psalm eighty-ninth chapter, thirty-fourth verse. Eld. Z. W. Hill was presented, who arose and sang "Of All the Themes We Mortals Know"; text, one hundred and nineteenth verse of the Psalm and Ecclesiastes third chapter, fourteenth verse; then we adjourned until seven-thirty P. M. Sunday night.

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION

Devotional service was conducted by Bro. Winder McGavock, who sang "Father I stretch my hand to Thee," and offered prayer. Scripture lesson by Bro. R. Vaughter, Hebrews thirteenth. Eld. Hill sang, "Sweet rivers of redeeming love." An offering was taken, raised twenty-two dollars, thirteen cents.

Eld. M. Mabry was introduced, who arose and sang, "Lord teach me how to pray"; text, Matthew first chapter, twenty-first verse. Eld. Z. W. Hill sang, "Swing low sweet chariot," which was enjoyed by all. Next Elder Raymon Gardner was introduced, who arose and sang, "Lord I would come to thee." Text, Isaiah forty-seventh chapter, sixth verse, and preached a soul-stirring sermon; then we adjourned until Monday morning at nine A. M.

MONDAY MORNING—THIRD DAY

The house was called to order by the assistant moderator, Eld. P. H. Weakley, who sang, "A few more years shall roll," then read for morning lesson, sixty-third chapter of Isaiah, then by request of the Moderator, Bro. Harris lead in song and prayer.

Eld. D. Word made some timely remarks, next the letters from the churches composing the Association were called for. All reported except Holly Grove. Petitionary letters were called for. One offered and received. Next the letters from the corresponding association were called for. A letter from Big Harper by her messenger, Eld. Timothy Stratten, a letter from Pilgrim Rest by her messenger, Eld. D. D. Word, one from Indian Creek by her messenger, Eld. H. Ferrel. Next the Elders and messengers and corresponding messengers were given the right hand of fellowship.

The different committees were called for; first the committee on correspondence was called for and made their report. They advised us of the correspondence and to continue to keep up correspondence. The report of the committee was received and the committee discharged. The Committee on Arrangements was called for. The committee reported all appointments filled according to arrangements. The report of the committee was received and the committee discharged. The Committee on Finance was called for. The committee on Finance made the following report:

From congregation	\$71.52
From churches	106.75
From Treasure	63.52

Expenses of the Association

Printing 800 minutes and distributing	\$25.00
Moderator	25.00
Clerk	25.00
Assistant Moderator	15.00
Assistant Clerk	15.00
For Tent	40.00
Treasurer	5.00
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Total expenses	\$150.00

Disbursements

Eld. P. H. Weakly for representing	\$5.00
Eld. Z. W. Hill for representing	8.50
Donated to Sister Sophia Hays	2.00
Donated Eld. D. D. Word	5.00
Donated Eld. T. Stratten	3.00
Donated Eld. H. Ferrel	5.00
Donated Eld. Ramond Gardner	3.00

Donated each messenger (one dollar each)	14.00
Donated Eld. Mabry	3.00
	\$48.50
Grand Total	\$198.50

Balance in Treasure 54.52

The following were elected to bear letters to the sister associations: to Big Harper, Eld. Z. W. Hill, Mt. Pleasant, to Indian Creek, D. A. Kimbro, Tony, Ala., to Pilgrim Rest Z. W. Hill at Fayetteville, Tenn.

On motion by Bro. Major Fortune, seconded by Bro. P. Johnson that the next session of the Cumberland Association be held with the St. Luke Primitive Baptist Church of Christ at Nashville, Tenn., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1931. Eld. M. Mabry to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. J. H. Lee, alternate. On motion by Eld. D. A. Kimbro, seconded by Bro. Taylor that we extend to Eld. Hill and the people of Nashville their heart-felt thanks for their hospitality shown them while being here, carried.

On motion the Moderator and Clerk were empowered to wind up all unfinished business to attend to things too hastily done.

Next, on motion by Eld. P. H. Weakly, seconded by Bro. L. W. Leath that the fiftieth session of the Cumberland Association adjourn. Carried.

ELD. Z. W. HILL, Moderator.

ELD. P. H. WEAKLY, Assistant Moderator.

ELD. D. A. KIMBRO, Clerk.

ELD. H. COVINGTON, Assistant Clerk

BRO. L. W. LEATH, Treasurer.

LIST OF ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder D. A. Kimbro, 505 Highland Ave., Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Elder H. Covington, 1229 First Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Elder Z. W. Hill, 1306 South Street, Nashville, Tenn.

Elder P. H. Weakly, 1908 Cartwright St., Nashville, Tenn.

Elder M. Mabry, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Elder R. Webb, McMinnville, Tenn.

Elder J. H. Blackman, Flint, Michigan.

LIST OF LICENTIATES

Brothers Willie Watkins, Willie Prime, Tom Hays, Zack Cheatham, Thomas Butler, R. Vaughter, Oliver Roberts, Richard Owens, C. Howard.

LIST OF DEAD ELDERS

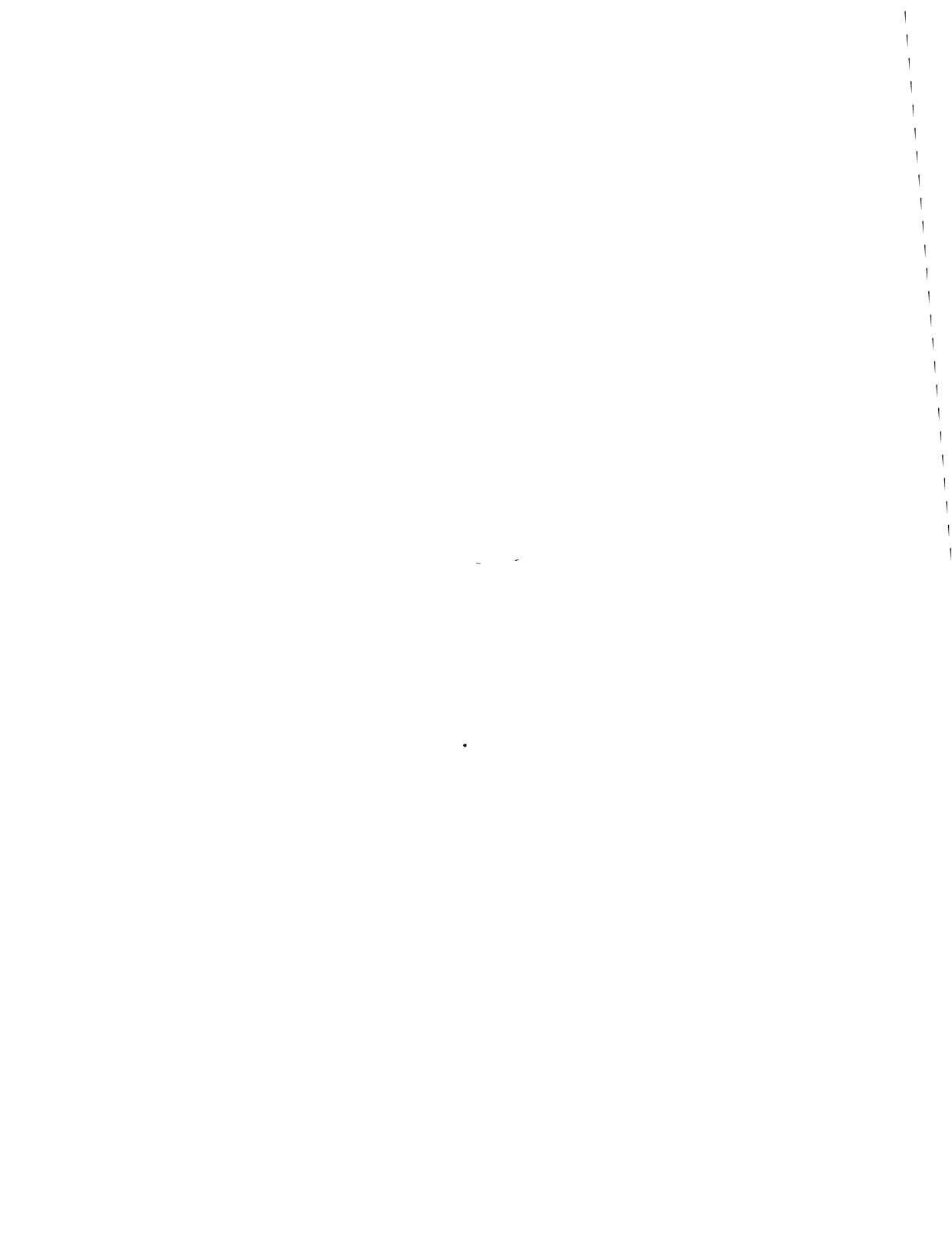
Elder W. M. Clayton, T. E. Crawley, D. Childress, D. D. McNary, R. House, W. M. Scott, H. Kimbro, M. Williams, C. Childress, K. Lillard, L. Mason, T. Blackman, John Nelson, Joe Hays, D. Gooch, Men Lawrence.

FORM OF LETTER

We the Church of Christ of the Primitive order of Baptists at.....
met in council on thefinding ourselves
 in peace and in full fellowship. We chose our beloved brethren
 our messengers to bear this epistle of
 love to you whom we hope you will receive and grant a seat with
 you in your Godly council. Any favor shown them will be appreciated
 by us. Dear brethren, we pray that you may have a glorious session
 and the Holy Spirit will guide you and the dove of peace may hover
 over you. Pray for us. Since the last Association, received by baptism
 by letter dismissed.....
 by letter, restored excluded
 dead total Meeting day.....
 Contribution \$.....

Pastor

Clerk



CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Cumberland Association of the Primitive Order of Baptists.

Article 2. As an Association is a body formed for the purpose of obtaining a more general acquaintance with the state of the churches, maintaining a friendly intercourse with each other, giving advice in cases of difficulty, etc., this Association shall therefore exercise no authority over the several churches of which it is composed, but shall regard them as entirely independent, give full credit to their act, and never pass any censure or animadversion thereon.

Article 3. The churches belonging to this Association shall be such as hold the following doctrines, viz: The unity of God; the existence of three equal powers in the Godhead, the just condemnation and total depravity of all mankind by the fall of our first parents; personal and unconditional election of Christ before the foundation of the world; the proper divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ that is, he is the true elect only; the Lord's Supper, a privilege peculiar to baptized believers regularly admitted to the church fellowship; the resurrection of the body (at last day such of the saints as are found alive shall not sleep, but be changed, and all the dead shall be raised up with the selfsame bodies and none other, although with different qualifications which shall be united again to their souls forever; the bodies of the unjust shall by the power of Christ be raised to dishonor;—the bodies of the just by His Spirit unto honor and be made conformable to His own glorious body); the general judgment, the final happiness of the saints and the misery of the wicked alike interminable; the obligation of every intelligent creature to love God supremely, to believe what God says and practice what God commands; and the Divine inspiration of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the only complete and infallible rule of faith and practice.

Article 4. Any church desiring to be received into this Association shall make application by letter and give an explicit and satisfactory declaration of her faith and practice; and any church departing from the articles of faith expressed in this Constitution, shall be excluded from the privileges of this Association.

Article 5. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to represent herself by these messengers, on producing evidence of their appointment, and it is expected that each church will send a letter to the Association containing the names of the messengers, her number baptized, received, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded, deceased, and number belonging to her communion.

Article 6. The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a

Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, and continue in office until after a new election.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the Association during its session, to preserve order, and propose questions and announce decisions, but except on questions of order he shall never speak himself, unless he orders some other member to fill the chair for the time, and then he shall be governed by the same rules and restrictions as other members.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a true minute of all the proceedings of the Association, and prepare the same for publication as the Association shall direct.

Article 9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep charge of moneys of the Association, to pay the same, or any part thereof, at any and all times, the order of the Association which order shall always be furnished him in writing signed by the clerk; to keep an account of all receipts and disbursements, and present it annually for the examination of the Association.

Article 10. Alterations and amendments to this Constitution may be made by a majority of the Association whenever they may deem it necessary.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election, and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will and power.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the washing of saint's feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subject and that the only true mode of baptism is immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment.

11. We believe in the punishment of the wicked and that the joys of the righteous shall be eternal.

12. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of hands of the Presbytery.

13. We believe that none but regular baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's Table.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve order in the Association, which shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by himself or some brother.

2. The privileges and authority of the Moderator shall be respected by all members; yet he shall not be arbitrary in exercising them. He shall decide questions of order and property, but from this decision an appeal, if seconded, may be made to the Association, and the decision of the Association shall be binding on all parties.

3. The Moderator shall vote no case unless the Association be equally divided, then he shall give the deciding vote. He shall have the same privileges of speaking as other members providing he calls some other member of the body to the chair.

4. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall not be interrupted unless he departs from his subject or makes use of personal reflection. He shall not speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, unless to explain what has not been understood or misrepresented.

5. No member shall vacate his seat without leave of the Moderator.

6. When a question is taken up after allowing time for deliberation, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association, either by yeas or nays, *vivi voci*, or requiring those in the affirmative to rise from their seats, and if necessary, those in the negative also. The Moderator shall announce his decision before he resumes his seat.

7. Motion and amendments to motions, if seconded must be considered unless withdrawn. The usual order of deliberative bodies shall be observed in disposing of them by the Association.

8. The list of names of delegates shall be called over and the Constitution and Rules of Decorum, or any part thereof read as often as the Association may direct.

9. The clerk shall enroll the names of the delegates, record the proceedings of the body, and discharge such other duties as the Association may direct.

10. Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

