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OF THE 46th

Red River Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

MACEDONIA CHURCH, ROSALIE, TEXAS,

August, 28, 29 and 30, A D., 1889.

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MINUTES.



THE Red River Baptist Association met with the Macedonia Church at Rosalie Texas, on the 28th day of August, 1889, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Introductory sermon preached by Eld. T. C. Holt from the Text: "Behold the Lamb of God."

Letters from the churches being called for, the Moderator appointed Elds. A. Moore, A. B. Kirk and J. E. Horner reading clerks.

The following churches presented letters and delegates enrolled, to-wit:

ANTIOCH—Wm. Brackeen, J. L. Wright.

ANNONA—Eld. W. P. Beadle

BREWSTER PRAIRIE—W. B. Terry, and A. J. Lowery.

BETHANY—Deacon W. W. Mays and Henry Hutchinson.

CALCEDONIA.

CLAIRMONT—Elds. J. M. Bell, Robt. Blanchard and Bro J. N. Miller.

CLARKSVILLE—Eld. A. D. Brooks and J. A. Moore, and Bro, S. W. Harman.

CONCORD—E. R. Hodges, J. T. Pace.

DETROIT—J. C. Carter, Nolen Norris and sisters Mell Crittenden, Lena Lewis and Daisy Moodie.

ENON—J. W. Scoggin and John A. Smith.

LIBERTY—Eld. N. B. Terry, Bro. P. H. Blanton.

MACEDONIA—S. E. Hammon, T. J. Covington, J. P. Sale and J. R. Vickers.

MIDWAY—S. H. Lindsay and J. F. Cagle.

MOUNT PLEASANT—W. H. Lee and J. W. Ray.

OAK GROVE—George Messec and L. B. Petty.

PILGRIM'S REST—P. H. Senter and W. W. Lawson.

PROVIDENCE NO. 1—E. D. Latimer and T. A. Icenhower.

PROVIDENCE NO. 2—J. E. Horner and O. R. Woods.

SALEM—W. R. Preston and John C. Cook.

SAVANNA SPRINGS—Eld. T. C. Holt and Bros. D. P. Mace and T. A. Honeycutt.

SHAMROCK—Eld. A. B. Kirk and Bros. F. M. Glazner and N. B. Duncan.

WHITE OAK—Elder C. A. Worley, and Bros. John Dickson, Joe Evans and Lem Smith.

Adjourned to 2:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION—FIRST DAY.

Prayer by Elder A. D. Brooks.

S. W. Harman was elected Moderator, J. E. Horner, Clerk and W. B. Terry, Treasury.

Moderator appointed the pastor and deacons of Macedonia church, with W. B. Terry and P. H. Blanton a committee on Divine Service.

Committee appointed Elder Thomas Potts to preach at night.

By motion that visitors of our faith and order be invited to sit with us in council, Elders T. A. Potts of Bonham church, A. B. Veteto of Mt. Pleasant church, and C. A. Worley of White Oak church were invited to take seats with us.

On motion Moderator appointed Elders A. D. Brooks, R. Blanchard and W. B. Beadle a committee on Foreign Missions with instructions to report at this session.

On motion, this body meet at 8:30 a. m., adjourn at 12 m., meet at 2:30 p. m., adjourn at 5 p. m., and meet and adjourn at night at will.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder R. Blanchard.

NIGHT SESSION—August 28.

Prayer.

Motion to discuss report on Foreign Missions. Motion discussed by A. D. Brooks, Thomas Potts and others.

Report adopted.

Adjourned.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Report of former Treasurer received and adopted.

Elder A. B. Kirk was elected to preach the next introductory sermon; Elder J. A. Moore alternate.

By motion State School Church be allowed a letter of dismissal.

By motion Elder J. A. McDaniels account be referred to executive Committee of this association, with instructions to the committee to pay the same as soon as possible, and that all the money in the treasury be appropriated to the payment of said debt after paying the clerk and for printing said minutes.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30 P. M.

Prayer by Bro. A. B. Kirk.

By motion order of business be suspended to allow Treasurer more time to report.

Resolution to change the time of meeting adopted.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock p. m.

Association convened according to appointment.

Prayer by Elder A. D. Brooks.

Resolution to print minutes adopted.

By motion Articles of faith be printed in minutes.

By motion White Oak church be received as a member of this body and its delegates be enrolled.

By motion Midway Church be received as a member of this body and delegates enrolled.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder A. D. Brooks.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Prayer by Elder A. D. Brooks.

By motion any brother or sister whose name occurs in these minutes, shall be considered a correspondent to any body with whom we correspond by presenting a copy of our minutes.

By motion the clerk have minutes printed as cheaply as possible; and that we take advertisements and have them printed on outside fly leaves to help defray said expenses.

By motion, the clerk send minutes to churches not represented in this body, who are within our bounds.

By motion this body adjourn to meet with Baptist church at Detroit, Texas, on Friday, at 8 o'clock p. m., before the second Sunday in October, 1890.

J. E. HORNER, Clerk.

S. W. HARMAN, Moderator.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to Report :

That the work of Foreign Missions is the work of the age, and should arrest the attention of every christian. Millions of people are going to hell for want of the gospel, and Baptists claim that they are the only people who preach a pure gospel. Action is demanded immediately in the way of cash and pledges for the support of our foreign missionaries in the field. Therefore, Resolved, That we proceed at once to take up a collection both in cash and pledges for the support of the same. Respectfully Submitted,

A. D. BROOKS,
R. BLANCHARD,
W. P. BEADLE,
Committee

Cash for Foreign Missions	-	-	-	-	-	\$10.00
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STATE MISSIONS.

We your Committee on State Missions beg leave to make the following report :

We find from the minutes of the general association of our state, that there have been in the employ of the State Board, something over one hundred missionaries in the destitute places of our great State, during the past general associ-

tional year. There has been baptized 3,689. Received into the churches, 4,682. Miles traveled, 171,525. Now brethren, these figures show for themselves, and you see the magnitude of the work done. We commend the State Board to this association. We urge upon the pastors and churches of Red River Association that they faithfully present the claims of the State Board.

Respectfully Submitted,
THOS. C. HOLT,
S. E. HARMAN,
J. F. CAGLE,
Committee.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located in Atlanta, Ga., has been helping in the preaching of the gospel in Texas, from the time of the Texas Republic, and is still helping us, expending the sum of \$600.00 within our state in destitute fields during the past conventional year. A large majority of the first churches in the center of influence in the state have been organized and pushed into prominence under the fostering care of this Board. Under its lead the Baptists of the South have become the leading religious denomination, the progress by far exceeding that of the Northern States under their methods of work. Texas, during all her history, has mainly been a beneficiary of this Board, and the benefits derived, no finite mind can conceive, and of the grand results eternity alone will reveal. Therefore, we your Committee recommend that this association lend a helping hand in this grand work, and that every church within its bounds be requested and urged to take up a collection for the same at least once a year and forward to the corresponding secretary of the State Convention to be applied in the cause of Christ for the up-building of His Zion

in the waste places, that they may be made to blossom as the rose, and to produce abundant fruit to the honor and glory of God.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. A. MOORE,

P. H. SENTER,

J. C. CARTER,

Committee.

LOCAL MISSIONS.

“Brethern the field is white unto harvest, lift up your eyes and see.” The laborers are few and the urgent necessity in view of the situation demands that good, active and faithful missionaries be employed at once and be put in the field to labor in destitute places and in declining churches. But the question confronts us, how can they go unless they be sent and supported? It takes three things to make a successful missionary—grace, energy and money. Grace must come from God, energy from the missionary and money from the people. Therefore, in view of the urgent demand, we recommend that the association authorize the Executive Board to devise a plan of support and to employ as early as possible a missionary and put him in the field. We recommend that we co-operate with the Home Mission Board.

W. P. BEADLE,

J. N. MILLER,

W. B. TERRY,

Committee.

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF. .

Your committee to whom was assigned the duty to report upon the above, submit the following: This work was begun by our State Convention about three

years ago. They have a regular board for the management of its matters, with an efficient secretary, Rev. H. M. Burroughs, of Waco, Tex. They are now aiding about thirty-five beneficiaries, who are either the old, infirm ministers or their widows. These men bore the heat and burden of the day; doing faithful work for Christ in Texas, until they became so enfeebled that they could work no longer, but who in their life of labor had not looked to worldly matters, and as old age drew on found themselves without anything for support. Our object is to aid them now, for work long since performed. In our judgment there is nothing that has stronger claims upon us than those old veterans. Shall we see them suffer? or shall we show our appreciation of their work by a regular divide of our means, that their last days may not be passed in squallid misery. Brethren, let us be faithful and aid them. Respectfully Submitted.

A. D. BROOKS,

W. B. TERRY,

N. B. TERRY,

Committee.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

It is the duty of the churches to fully support their pastors; to look after their temporal wants, while they look after their spiritual necessities. The Scriptures tell us that "They that preach the gospel, shall live of the gospel;" also that the "laborer is worth of his hire." Respectfully Submitted.

J. M. BELL,

P. M. GLAZNER,

WM. BRACKEEN,

Committee.

EDUCATION.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Education would submit the following :

There is nothing in this age that is of such importance as education. The common school system has been elevated and our normals and higher schools so improved as to put an education within the reach of every one, and very commendably are the masses availing themselves of these facilities. But as Baptists we feel a deep interest in the the welfare of our own denominational schools. The Baylor University at Waco, and the Baylor Female College at Belton and the Female institute at Sherman—believing that they are the schools we ought to patronize, when we can send to others than the common schools. We wish to recommend these especially, and for ministerial education we would recommend the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky. One thing further we wish especially to suggest to our brethren : We should not patronize Catholic schools when we have better schools, where poisonous doctrines will not be instilled into their minds, that would eventually ruin them.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. H. BLANTON.

J. C. CARTER,

A. D. BROOKS,

Committee.

SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF CHURCHES.

We your Committee on the Spiritual Condition of Churches beg leave to make the following report :

We find through the reports by the letters from the churches of our associa-

tional bounds that the majority of the churches have recently enjoyed refreshing revivals, and have had a large number of accessions to the churches, and the army of the Lord has been strengthened in our midst, for which we should be humble and thankful, and dedicate ourselves afresh to His work, that in the next associational year there may be many souls converted to Christ. In all, we regard the cause of Christ as being in a prosperous condition, and the churches are daily receiving such as shall be saved in Heaven. Respectfully Submitted.

THOMAS C. HOLT,
Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to make the following report :

It is our belief that next to the preaching of the gospel by the ministry, that the Sunday School in the work of evangelization and sowing the seeds of gospel truth, occupies a position only second to it. The great benefits of Bible education derived from personal contact in the Sunday School is simply unbounded. Preaching is teaching, and teaching is preaching, and the only difference from the church preaching from the pulpit, and the teacher in the pew, is, that the preacher preaches the gospel to the grown people and the Sunday School teacher preaches it direct to the children. Brethren, we believe that every church should have a Sunday School, and in a personal way teach the gospel to the children and youth of the land

Respectfully Submitted.

W. W. LAWSON,
N. M. HACKNEY,
S. H. LINDSAY,
Committee.

COLORED POPULATION.

We your committee on colored population beg leave to report :

That we should not only consider it our duty but a great privilege under God to render them every available help in the propagation of a pure gospel among them. Therefore would we recommend that every preacher within the bounds of this association, whenever expedient tender them such aid as would be of benefit and advance them in the cause. Respectfully Submitted.

D. P. MACE,
W. W. LAWSON,
J. J. FORTNER,
Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance would ask to make the following report :

Intemperance is and has been the greatest evil among us, and we are thankful to God that there are many brethren, sisters and churches that are exerting their influence against it, thereby shaking it to its very foundation ; that the star of hope in the success of the prohibition cause is gradually but certainly gaining ground and we hope the accursed thing will soon be driven from among us. We recommend that it shall be deemed an offense for any brother to use intoxicating liquors as a beverage and that the churches deal with them for the same.

Respectfully Submitted,
R BLANCHARD,
Chairman.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We your committee on Religious Literature beg leave to submit the following report :

One of the grandest means which Almighty God has ever instituted for the spread of the gospel is the Christian press. It becomes our duty as followers of Christ and the exponents of the grand truths He taught, to use every means at our command to make those truths known to the world. We find that in our homes there is a want of that interest in our denominational work which alone can be secured by the information respecting the same which is contained in our denominational publications, in consequence of which our churches are dead to the great work which our people are pressing at home and in foreign fields. We therefore recommend 1st, that as far as possible our people patronize our American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia, Pa., from which all the books, tracts and bibles needed can be secured at the very lowest prices. 2d, That every family subscribe for our State paper the Baptist and Herald, published at Dallas, Texas, price \$2.00 in advance—ministers half price. 3d, Our Home Field published at Atlanta, Ga., under control of the Home Mission Board. 4th, The Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., under control of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. 5th, Ford's Christian Repository and Home Circle, by S. H. Ford, St. Louis, Mo. Price \$2.00 when paid in advance. Respectfully Submitted.

A B. KIRK,
Chairman.

FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance would report the following :

Received of former treasurer	\$24.65
Received for minutes	15.50
Received by S. W. Harman per A. B. Kirk	2.20
Foreign Missions	10.00
State	6.45
Total	\$58.80
Amount paid to T. S. Potts	\$10.00
Amount paid to A. D. Brooks	6.45
Total	\$6.45
Balance on hand	42.35
For Home Missions	1.00
Received pledges	51.00

P. H. BLANTON,
T. B. PETTY,
W. H. MAZE, Committee.

PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

Rev. R. Blanchard, Fulbright.	1.00
E. D. Latimer, Detroit.	1.00
Rev. T. C. Holt, Annona,	1.00
J. N. Miller, Fulbright,	1.00
S. W. Harman, Clarksville,	1.00
Euon Church, Lydia,	5.00
Providence Church No. 2, Bogart,	10.00
Clarksville Church, Clarksville,	2.00
Bethany	4.00
Annona Church, Annona,	5.00
Macedonia Church, Rosalie,	1.00
Brewster Prairie, Clarksville, pd	1.00
Oak Grove,	10.00
Pilgrim's Rest, Annona,	1.00
E. R. Hodges, Clarksville,	5.00
White Oak, Cuthand,	1.00
	51.00
Cash on above	1.00
	50.00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received for Foreign Missions	\$10.00
Received for State Missions	6.45
Received from Finance Committee,	42.35
Received from O. R. Woods Local Missions,	1.00

Total amount received,	59.80
Paid for Eoreign Missions to T. S. Potts	10.00
Paid for State Missions to A. D. Brooks	6.45

Total paid out 16.45

Balance in Treasurer's hands 42.35

Respectfully Submitted, W. B. TERRY, Treasurer.

BUCKNER ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your committee on Buckner Orphans' Home, beg leave to submit the following report:

That the institution known as Buckner's Orphans' Home provided for the care of needy orphans, both temporally and mentally, is worthy of the sympathy and support of every Baptist and Christian within the bounds of this association. We therefore recommend that the churches composing this association take up a collection during the month of December for the benefit of the Home and forward the same to Dr. R. C. Buckner at Dallas, Texas. Respectfully Submitted.

J. A. MOORE,

R. N. EDWARDS,

Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were passed by this body :

Resolved, That the Executive Board shall consist of the following Brethren :
1st, P H. Senter of Pilgrim's Rest Church, S. W. Harman of Clarksville church, F. M. Glazner of Shamrock Church, Dr. Nicks of Detroit Church, and W. B. Terry of Brewster Prairie Church, as a regular board, three of whom may constitute a quorum and transact business.

2nd, And one member from each of the remaining churches in the association, provided such member be elected by the church, and attend the various meetings of the board.

Resolved, That any church of this association wishing to join another association be hereby granted a letter of dismissal from us, and such church bearing a copy of our minutes containing this resolution has our endorsement.

A. B. KIRK

Resolution recinding above resolution :

Whereas, Our beloved brother, Eld. A. B. Kirk on yesterday introduced a resolution granting privileges to an indefinite number of churches and without naming the churches or intimating that such was the desire of any of our churches Therefore

Resolved, That upon reflection, we feel it is best that such resolution be and is hereby recinded.

Resolution changing time of meeting :

Resolved, That this association meet hereafter on Friday at 8 o'clock p. m., before the second Sunday in October of each year.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association have 250 copies of the minutes of this Association published with the essential parts of the minutes of this body

for the year 1888, and distributed to the churches composing this body, and that he be allowed five dollars for his services.

Resolved, That we the members of this association return our heartfelt thanks to Macedonia Church and the citizens of Rosalie and surrounding county for their kindness and hospitality in taking care of us during the sitting of this body.

CORRESPONDENTS TO OTHER BODIES.

S. W. Harman—to our next Sunday School Convention at Palestine, in July, 1890.

Eld. J. M. Bell, correspondent to Lamar county association.

Elds. N. B. Terry and A. B. Kirk, and Bro. F. Glazner, and Eld. J. A. Moore correspondents to the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Eld. J. E. Horner as correspondent to Southern Baptist Convention in 1890.



ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Reading Letters and enrolling the names of Messengers.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Invite and return Correspondents.
5. Appoint the following committees.
 - a. On Divine Service.
 - b. On Foreign Missions.
 - c. On Home Missions.
 - d. On State Missions.
 - e. On Local Missions.
 - f. On Education.
 - g. Temperance.
 - h. Religious Literature.
 - i. Sunday Schools.
 - j. On Ministers' Relief.
 - k. On Finance.
 - l. On Nominations.
- m. Special Committees.
 6. Hearing Report of Treasurer.
 7. Hearing Report of Executive Board.
 8. Hearing Report of Committees in their order.
 9. Miscellaneous Business.

STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE.	PASTORS.	CLERKS	Received by Letter	Experience & Baptism	Relation	Restored	Dismission by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Day of Meeting	Amount fo Minutes
Annona	Annona	W P Beadle	G Anderson	0	3	0	1	3	2	1	45		0.25
Antiochr	Mosley	None	J L Wright		2	1	1	0	2	3	47	3	00
Bethany	Clarksville	R Blanchard	H Hutchinson	4	22	3	2	5	0	0	54	0	1.50
Brewster Prairie	Clarksville	N B Terry	E L Terry	3	1	0	0	0	4	0	33		1.00
Calcedonia	Manchester	W P Beadle	S B Davis	6	0	0	1	0	1	0	78	3	00
Clairmount	Fulbright	A B Kirk	J J Fortner	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	42	3	1.00
Clarksville	Clarksville	J A Moore		15	31	0	2	12	0	0	100	1	2.50
Concord	Annona	N B Terry	J M Sivley	5	13	0	0	8	0	0	130	2	2.00
Detroit	Detroit	Jno McDaniel	J M Nix	1	15	0	0	4		1	50	2	00
Enon	Lydia	E F Waltman	J W Clifton	4	0	0	0	5	2	1	65	1	0.50
Liberty	Detroit	N B Terry	L C Taylor	5	0	0	0	19	2	3	85	4	00
Macedonia	Rosalie	J E Horner	T J Covington	1	2	3	0	2	2	0	61	1	1.00
Midway	Bagwells'	A B Kirk	J R Richerson	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	13	2	0.75
Mount Pleasant	Manchester	N B Terry	J P Martin	6	4	0	0	5	0	0	33	1	0.60
Oak Grove	Clarksville	R Blanchard	V B Petty	7	3	0	2	0	0	0	30	4	00
Pilgrim's Rest	Annona	J A Moore	W W Lawson*	5	12	0	1	2	0	1	84	1	00
Providence No. 1	Detroit	R Blanchard	B J Crews	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	23		0.50
Providence No. 2	Bogata	G B Ferguson	I J McCulloch	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	52	4	1.50
Salem	Box Elder	S H Walker	J B Upchurch	9	7	1	1	0	0	0	38	2	1.00
Savannah Springs	Anona	J A McDaniel	David Hudson	5	9	0	1	4	4		43	3	00
Shamrock,	Bagwells	Charley Hoover	G W Thompson	3	2	0	3	5	1	2	42	4	00
White Oak	Rosalie	C A Worley	J A Dickson	17	17	0	0	5	0	2	88	2	00
				120	154	8	16	87	20	14	1236		14.10

* 3 days in month.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

I. OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe that 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 without any mixture of error for its matter ; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us ; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct creeds, and opinions should be tried.

II. OF THE TRUE GOD.

We believe that there is one, and only one living and true God, an infinite, intelligent spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth ; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love ; that in the unity of the God-head there are three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. OF THE FALL OF MAN.

We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker ; but by voluntary transgression fell from the holy and happy state ; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice ; being of nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil ; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediational offices of the Son of God; who by appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement of our sins; that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections. He is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and an all-sufficient Savior.

V. OF JUSTIFICATION.

We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secured to such as believe in Him is justification; that justification includes the pardon of sin, and promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, by virtue of which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needfull for time and eternity

VI. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them all by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

VII. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born

again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with Divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith, and newness of life.

VIII. OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

IX. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

We believe that election is the external purpose of God, according to which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man; it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the Gospel; that it is the foundation of christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

X. OF SANCTIFICATION.

We believe that sanctification is the process by which, according to the will

wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVIII. OF THE WORLD TO COME

We believe that the end of this world is approaching; that at the Last Day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, or principles on righteousness.

