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Minutes

OF THE
EIGHTIETH SESSION
OF THE

Red River Missionary Baptist Association

Held with the Liberty Church, beginning
on Wednesday night before the first
Sunday in September, 1923.

OFFICERS:

W. F. BROOKS Moderator
A. S. CROW Clerk
W. M. THRASHER Treasurer

Next Session Will be Held With

Maple Creek Church

Ten Miles Southeast of Carkeville,
Beginning on Wednesday Night Before the
First Sunday in September, 1924.

Note: Trains will be met Wednesday evening
and Thursday.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Reading letters and enrolling messengers.
3. Election of officers.
4. Petitionary letters.
5. Miscellaneous Business.
6. Appointment of Following Committees:
 1. Divine Services.
 2. On County Missions.
 3. On Resolutions.
 4. On State Missions.
 5. On Foreign Missions.
 6. On Christian Education.
 7. On Denominational Literature.
 8. On Temperance.
 9. On Orphans' Home.
 10. On Home Missions.
 11. On Sunday Schools.
 12. On Aged Ministers.
 13. On Finance.

OPENING SESSION.

August 29th, 1923.

PROCEEDINGS

The Eightieth Annual Session of the Red River County Baptist Association, Assembled According to Previous Arrangements, on Wednesday Night Before the First Sunday in September, A. D. 1923.

House called to order by Moderator W. F. Brooks. The clerk being absent, the Moderator appointed O. W. Davis, Clerk, pro tem.

After devotional services, Elder J. E. Watson preached the Introductory sermon.

Subject—"Security of the Saints."

Text—John 10:3, 4, 5.

After preaching Association adjourned, to meet at 9:00 o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY—Morning Session.

According to previous adjournment, the Association met at 9:00 o'clock a. m., Thursday.

House called to order by the Moderator. After devotional service, all visiting brethren were invited to sit with us, after which the Moderator appointed Bro. L. A. Walker and Bro. Alton Hill as Reading Clerks. Letters from the various churches were read, and the names of the Messengers enrolled, as follows:

Rehoboth Church:—Eld. B. J. Devinney, A. S. Crow, Sister Veda Nelson; alternates—Sisters Ollie Bearden, Verna Conner, Pert Smith.

Damascus Church:—Eld. A. H. Watson, Arthur Bond, Garth Garmon; Alternates—W. S. McConnell, Sister Fannie Williams, Oliver White.

Bethlehem Church:—J. C. Hicks, H. E. Duffey.

Avery Church:—Eld. W. N. Colston, Eld. J. C. Dodd,

Eld. W. F. Brooks; Alternates—Henry Body, L. H.

Walker; Sister Mattie Burden.

Liberty Church:—G. H. Hollingsworth, F. W. String-

er, W. A. Patterson; Alternates—Sister G. H. Hollingsworth, Sister W. F. Stringer, W. M. Harvey.

Cross Roads Church:—E. A. Sanders, J. S. Turner; Alternates—J. W. Lee, Pete Hargis.

Maple Creek Church:—W. H. Askew, H. S. Murphy, Sister Nellie Wharton; Alternates—J. M. Moore, C. A. Hill, Melvin Stewart.

Hopewell Church:—W. E. Roberts and wife, A. F. Gamble and wife.

New Haven Church:—E. L. O'Daniel, Will Huddleston, J. D. Ralston; Alternates—Ollie O'Daniell, Mattie Huddleston, Mrs. J. D. Ralston.

Bakenev Church:—J. L. Terry, W. S. Pitman, Sister Bertie Marshall; Alternates—Sisters Jane Spragins, Hattie Pittman.

Downing Church:—Ed Watson, Eld. Berry Watson, Bro. Crow; Alternates—Ada Watson, Lue Watson.

Starksville Church:—J. M. Parks, E. T. Nations, and B. J. Nations.

Pleasant Valley Church:—W. A. Wheeler, J. C. Booth, C. S. Bridges; Alternates—Graddon Cass, Joe Patterson.

Collier Springs Church:—Sisters Annie Talley, Elba Price, Nannie Quarles; Alternates—A. C. Quarles, Mat Talley, Sister Berta Westbrooks.

Limekiln Church:—C. A. Owens, W. M. Thrasher, Berry McFadden; Alternates—Sisters Gertrude Hill Jewel Lamb, Minnie Thrasher.

Akins' Grove Church:—E. A. Watters, D. S. Stroud, Z. C. Humphrey.

Lydia Church:—R. P. Coffman, C. W. Shackelford, Eld. O. W. Davis; Alternates—May Taylor, Sister Shackelford, Pearl Taylor.

Lone Pine Church:—Culley Parker, Alvin Widner, J. S. Parker; Alternates—Calvin Parker, A. S. Terry.

On motion, the body went into election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Eld. W. F. Brooks, Moderator; A. S. Crow, Clerk; W. M. Thrasher, Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed following committee:
Committee on Divine Service:—F. W. Stringer, W. A. Patterson, Eld. B. J. Deviney, after which this committee announced that Dr. Pender would preach at

11:00 o'clock

Petitionary letters called for. Received as follows: Downing and Lone Pine Churches—The messengers were given the right hand of fellowship, and seated in the body.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

After preaching, amid hand-shaking for closer fellowship and better service, the Moderator appointed the various committees, as follows:

Committee:

On State Mission—Elder H. E. Duffee, G. R. Meadows, J. C. Hicks.

Denominational Literature—Alton Hill, J. C. Dodd, Berry Watson

On Obituaries—C. A. Owens, Sister W. M. Thrasher, J. E. Houston.

Foreign Missions—H. B. Pender, W. A. Wheeler, W. M. Colston.

Sunday School—B. J. Deviney, L. E. Walker, Sister S. F. Williams.

On Resolutions—E. A. Watters, A. H. Watson, H. L. Murphy.

Home Missions—F. W. Stringer, W. A. Wheeler, E. A. Watters, B. J. Deviney.

Old Ministers' Relief—J. L. Turner, W. A. Patterson.

On Temperance—Z. C. Humphrey, J. E. Watson. On Finance—W. L. McConnell, R. R. Coffman, J. B. McFadden.

Adjourned, to meet at 2:30 o'clock.

THURSDAY—Afternoon Session.

Association called to order by the Moderator, after a service of song and devotional services; and Moderator called for Reports:

Report on Christian Education:—Report was read and discussed by Elds. J. W. Brewer, Dr. Pender, then pledges and a cash collection was taken for the Boys' Dormitory at Jacksonville College. Pledges: O. W. Davis, 1,000 bricks; L. E. Walker, 1,000 bricks; cash, \$10.39. The report was adopted.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Association proceeded to select the place for the next annual session, which was unanimously carried in favor of Maple Creek, ten miles southeast of Charksville, with Eld. W. F. Brooks to preach the introductory sermon, Bro. Turner, alternate.

Report on Orphans' Home read, and after being discussed a collection was taken for the Home, after which the report was adopted.

Committee on Divine Service announced that Bro. L. O. Meadows would preach at 7:30 p. m., after which the Association adjourned.

THURSDAY—Night Session.

Called to order by the Moderator. After song and prayer, the services were turned over to Bro. Meadows. After preaching, the report on State and Foreign Missions was read, and after being discussed a collection was taken for State and Foreign Missions: cash, \$22.00; pledges as follows: R. P. Coffman, \$5.00; Lydia Church, \$10.00; Lone Pine Church, \$10.00; Bro. Terry, \$5.00; Damascus Church, \$5.00; Bro. Harvey and wife, \$2.00; Pleasant Valley Church, \$5.00; Sister Jewell Lamb, \$5.00, after which the report was adopted and then the Association adjourned until 8:00 a. m., Friday.

FRIDAY—Morning Session.

Called to order at 8:00 a. m., by the Moderator after song and praise service.

Report of Executive Committee—The report of the Executive Board was read, and on motion, duly seconded, that Bro. W. F. Brock and W. M. Thrasher be paid in full for their labor as County Missionaries; and, also, that Bro. W. A. Wheeler be paid balance due him for county mission work done in 1920; carried, after which the report was adopted. A prayer of thanks was offered to God for His blessings upon the Association to enable it to pay off its indebtedness in full.

Denominational Literature—Report read and discussed, after which the report was adopted.

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Report on Temperance—read, discussed and was adopted.

Report on Obituaries—read and adopted.

Report on Resolutions—read and adopted. Dr. H. B. Pender offered a resolution against "Evolution," which was unanimously adopted by the Association, after which the Moderator announced five minutes' recess. Re-assembled with song, after which Bro. J. W. Brewer preached. Text, John 17:16.

After preaching the Association adjourned, to meet at 2:30 p. m.

FRIDAY—Afternoon Session.

The Association met according to previous adjournment, and called to order by the Moderator, and after song and prayer, proceeded to present their messengers from Pleasant Valley Church seated. letter, which was read and messengers seated.

County Missionary—Report by W. F. Brooks as County Missionary read and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools—read and adopted.

Report on Finance—read and adopted.

Report on Old Ministers' Relief, read and adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions—read, and after discussion was adopted.

Report on County Missions—read and discussed, after which the report was adopted.

By vote of the body the next fifth Sunday meeting will convene with Collier Springs Church.

Report of Treasurer—read and adopted.

Bro. W. M. Thrasher read his report as County Missionary, which was adopted as read.

On motion, duly seconded, the money for printing of Minutes was turned over to the clerk and he was to receive all that was left after printing expense was paid.

A collection for Home Missions was taken to the amount of \$3.50. There being no further business claiming the attention of the body, this the Highlieth

Annual Session of the Red River Missionary Baptist Association adjourned, to meet on Wednesday night before the vrsst Sunday in September, A. D. 1924, with Maple Creek Church.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

On Resolutions—We, the messengers and visitors of Red River Association, take this mode of expressing our heartfelt thanks to the Liberty Church and community for their loving kindness and good treatment shown to us while with them, and we pray God's blessings on you all.

E. A. WATTERS,
A. H. WATSON,
H. L. MURPHY,

Committee.

A Resolution:

WHEREAS, The word of God as set forth in the Bible is being viciously assailed by so-called "higher criticism," and organized modernism having permeated our systems of education; and,

WHEREAS, The faith of many of our young people in the divine inspiration of The Book is being undermined and destroyed, and is a serious menace to our civilization; therefore,

BETTER RESOLVED: That it is the sense of this body that the teaching of such dogmatic heresy as "Evolution" in all of its forms should have the unqualified condemnation of our people, and we hereby express our full endorsement of the Bible as being a full and complete revelation of truth without mixture, as opposed to the organized infidelity of "German Culture," of Evolution, the Romish doctrine of heathenism, and the error and false unionism of the various units of heretical protestantism.

H. B. PENDER,
W. A. WHEELER,
Z. C. HUMPHREY,

Committee.

County Missions:

We, your Committee on County Missions, submit the following report: We now have in our Association 5 churches, and from the best we can find out, many of the churches are without a pastor, we feel that the church should look on the field and see that the laborers are few and great need of every church and member of the church co-operating in the work of the Red River Association. We have had two missionaries on the field for one-fourth time each, since April, and we believe they have done a great work, but feel like there is still a great work to do. We mean by this a great spiritual work, as well as financial work. We, therefore, recommend that the churches composing this Association put a missionary on the field for full time, or two for one-half time each. The missionary needs your prayers, as well as money,

W. M. THRASHER,
J. L. TURNER,
J. L. PARKER,

Committee.

State Missions:

State Missions are the bases of all our work. We should enlarge our state work, as Christ commands it and expects it. The field in the state is white and ready to harvest. This is our day in Texas—while others are busy and fighting among themselves, let us go into this ripe harvest field with the pure gospel of Jesus Christ. The results obtained in the past are enough to encourage us to press on. We have more than twenty missionaries on the field, some for full and some for part-time. We have debts carried over three years. We must pay these debts, or we will suffer for it. We recommend (1st) That we give ourselves to much praying; (2nd) that our pastors put the work before the churches; (3rd) that

the churches be urged to make the very best offering possible and that it be made as early as is convenient.

H. E. DUFFA,
C. R. MEADOWS,
J. C. HICKS,
Committee.

Foreign Missions:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would state: That the carrying of the last great commission of our King and Savior is of supreme importance. The word "missionary" means one sent. In that great prayer recorded in the 17th Chapter of John, He said, "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I sent them into the world." We believe He created His church to carry the gospel of salvation to the lost nations of the whole world, and has promised the blessings of His presence all the way, even to the end of the world. The antission spirit is out of line with the spirit of Christ, and the purpose of His kingdom, not only every church, but every member of every church, is under divinely imposed obligation to mission work. Every pastor should teach and lead His flock in cultivating the spirit and practice of mission work. If all can not go and preach, all can by prayer and substance help support those who make the sacrifice of going. Therefore, each church would do well to adopt a plan or system of every member contributing for this purpose. That would cause many of the unfortunate conditions of which some complain to cease. We would recommend that a call for offerings, at least once a year, to be made by the churches of this body, and thus put God's word to a test, wherein He has said, "prove me therewith, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room to contain."

H. B. PENDELER,
W. A. WHEELER,
W. W. COLSTON,
Committee.

Report Sunday School Committee.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following: We find by reading God's Holy Word that the Lord says, "Go, teach all nations." We believe the Sunday School is the "teaching" department of the church. We find that God's Word says, in Eph. 4:11, "and he gave some apostles and some prophets and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers." In as much as God gave us teachers, and we are taught by Solomon to train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it; and the Sunday School is the main channel through which the children, as well as the older ones, are trained. We recommend that each church in the Association maintain a Sunday School. We furthermore recommend, where possible, that the Sunday School be organized by the church in conference; also, that the teachers be selected from godly men and women, for we are taught in Math. 15:14, "If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall in the ditch." Respectfully submitted,

B. J. DEVINNEY,
L. E. WALKER,
MRS. S. F. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

Orphans' Home.

We, your Committee on this noble Christian work, would report, that we have at Waxahachie an ideal Christian asylum for penniless orphan children. There are 34 acres of land in cultivation. The main building consists of 18 rooms, well furnished, heated and lighted. We are sheltering, feeding and educating 100 children. They are entirely dependent on the voluntary offerings of the people. Sister D. C. Dove is superintendent of the Home. It costs about \$500 per month to feed and clothe these children. Therefore, we urge each church in our Association to do all they can to maintain and enlarge the Home.

B. J. DEVINNEY, and others, Committee.

Home Missions:—Whereas, The work which means more than associational or state missions work, has been dropped from our roll, we recommend that this work be taken up again, and also recommend that as the B. M. A. of Texas has no channel through which we can do Home Mission work, that we co-operate with the Baptist General Association in Home Mission work. Respectfully submitted,

F. W. STRINGER,
A. W. WHEELER,
E. A. WALTERS,
B. J. DEVINNEY,

Committee.

Denominational Literature:—We, your Committee on Denominational Literature recommend Baptist literature in all homes, that our children may have sound literature to read and by so doing show ourselves workmen that needeth not be ashamed. We also desire all Baptists to do this. We know no literature any safer than that published by Baptist Publishing Co., at Texarkana. We also ask that the Bible be read and taught in every Baptist home.

ALTON HILL,
J. C. TODD,
BERRY WATSON,

Committee.

Obituary Committee Report:—We, your Committee on Obituaries, wish to make the following report: The great enemy of death has come into our midst and taken several of our beloved. They have departed from the walks of men, and are gone to Paradise to await the coming of Jesus Christ and the resurrection of the just. We beg to say that we neglect the respect to be shown them by publishing in some religious paper, sketches of the lives of those who have worked so faithfully in the Master's cause. We should always remember them for the good deeds they have done. Among those who have died are: Bro. Lewis Pittman, who was a deacon of Blakney Church, whom the church and the community missed, who has gone to his reward. Respectfully submitted,

C. A. OWENS,
MRS. W. M. THRASHER,
J. H. HOUSTON, Committee.

Old Ministers' Relief Committee Report:—We, your Committee on Old Ministers' Relief, submit the following: We believe we, as Baptists, should look after the old Soldiers of the Cross, and aid them in the time of need, while they live and, also, the widows of the dead. Respectfully submitted,

W. A. PATTERSON,
J. L. TURNER,
Committee.

Committee on Temperance Report:—We, your Committee on Temperance, beg to report the following: The subject of Temperance is a very important subject. First, we do not think that anyone under the influence of whiskey is fit to attend to any kind of business. And, second, we think that God's people should help to see that the laws regulating and suppressing the sale of whiskey are enforced; not only this, but there are many things God's people indulge in that are as dangerous. The Bible teaches us to be temperate in all things. Touch not, handle not the unclean things. Respectfully submitted,

Z. C. HUMPHREY,
J. E. WATSON,
C. E. WATSON,

Committee.

Finance Committee Report:—We your Committee on Finance submit the following report of amt raised:

Orphans' Home	\$16.25
County Missions	59.91
State Missions	11.00
Foreign Missions	11.00
Old Ministers' Relief	2.00
Minutes	34.75
Jacksonville Baptist College	10.35
Total	\$146.26

All of which was turned over to Treasurer W. M. Thrasher. Respectfully submitted,

W. L. McConnell,
J. B. McFADDEN,
R. P. COFFMAN,
Committee.

Report of Treasurer:

I submit the following report as Treasurer of Red River Baptist Missionary Association:

Received for and paid to G. C. Starrett.....	\$176.87
Received for and paid to J. C. Dodson.....	12.39
Received for and paid out to State Missions.....	14.43
Received for and paid out to Orphans' Home.....	62.36
Rec'd subs. to The Progress and paid out.....	12.50
Received for and paid for Minutes.....	28.91

Total - - - - - \$307.46
Respectfully submitted,

W. M. THRASHER, Treasurer.

Report of Missionary W. M. Thrasher:

I, W. M. Thrasher, make the following report as Missionary for Red River Missionary Baptist Association, for one-fourth time:

Number of churches visited, 10; number of sermons preached, 29; Sunday Schools visited, 6; prayer meetings visited, 7; young people's work visited, 5; Sunday Schools conducted, 5; homes visited, 24; sick people visited, 5; Mod. conference, 5; church call, pastor, 4; board meetings visited, 2; miles traveled, about 700; days labored, 21; funerals conducted, 2; visited ordination preacher, 1, number conversions, 12; number baptized, 9; number joining church, 14.

I have collected my salary in full, which is \$34.00
Rec'd for and p'd to W. A. Wheeler for dep. on missions..... 30.00
Rec'd for and p'd to W. F. Brooks as missionary..... 2.40

Rec'd while here \$10.90 and after paying difference I have on hand..... 48.37

Brothers and Sisters, I have done what I could by the help of God, and my heart's desire, and I pray God that all may be saved. See Rom. 10:1. I remain a brother in Christ, doing all I can for the Master.
Respectfully submitted,

W. M. THRASHER, R. 4, Paris, Texas.

Report of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Red River Baptist Association met at Alkin's Grove Church, with the fifth Sunday meeting, as instructed by the Association when in session at Pleasant Valley Church, and was called to order by the Moderator. Motion made, seconded and carried, that the Association pay Eld. G. C. Starrett in full for the amount he claimed against the Association, and Treasurer W. M. Thrasher was authorized by the committee to turn all the money received over to the one to whom it was to go to as soon as received. Committee then adjourned to meet at Clarksville on Dec. 1, 1922.

The Committee met at Clarksville, Friday, Dec. 1, 1922, at 1, p. m., and was called to order by Moderator W. F. Brooks; and board members were present from the following churches: Z. C. Humphrey, Alkin Grove church; B. J. Deviney, Rehoboth church; G. G. Gorman, Damascus church; Berry Watson, Whiteman's Chapel; L. H. Walker, Avery church; O. W. Davis, Lybia church; A. F. Gamble, Hopewell church; J. A. Bramlett, Pleasant Valley church; G. A. Lyons, Cross Roads church; Alton Hill, Limekiln church.

They paid Eld. G. C. Starrett \$21.50, with the \$33.50 raised at the fifth Sunday meeting at Alkin's Grove, which made \$55.00 paid on old debts.

Eld. J. C. Dodson was elected as County Missionary for one-half time at two and two-thirds dollars a day. Adjourned to meet at the 5th Sunday meeting at Damascus Church in December.

Met, Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in Dec., 1922, at Damascus Church. Board members from the following churches were present: W. F. Brooks, Moderator; Alton Hill, Lime Kiln church; L. H. Walker, Avery church; G. G. Gorman, Damascus church; H. L. Murphy, Maple Creek church; H. E. Duffee, Johnstown church. The report and resignation of Eld. J. C. Dodson read and accepted. He reported 7 days' work done, at two & 2-3 dollars a day, amounting to \$18.67, and he collected \$6.28, leaving bal. due him \$12.39 which was paid in by those present and turned over to Treasurer W. M. Thrasher and he was authorized to send same to Eld. J. C. Dodson for settlement of same. Each member present was instructed to notify each church to send

a member to the Fifth Sunday, and to say whether they wanted another missionary on the field, which met at Maple Creek church on Saturday at 11 a. m., before the fifth Sunday in Apr., '23, W. F. Brooks, Moderator, and messengers from the following churches: Avery, Maple Creek, Lime Kiln, Johnstown, Damascus and Whiteman Chapel; and they elected Elders W. M. Thrasher and W. F. Brooks for one-fourth time each at \$4.00 a day for the time put in and they were requested to take up collections on the field and apply the same to their salary.

Adjourned to meet at Clarksville, Tex., June 15, 1923. Met according to adjournment, June 15, 1923. Called to order by Moderator W. F. Brooks. Messengers present from the following churches. Lin:ekih, Maple Creek, Whiteman Chapel, Lydia, Hopewell, Starksville, Midway and Avery.

Raised \$65.00, the balance due Elder G. C. Starrett, and the treasurer, Elder W. M. Thrasher, was authorized to pay same, which paid him for his work as missionary. Report of work done by W. F. Brooks up to date: Days labored four, at \$4 a day.....\$16.00 Amt. Collected and received.....16.00

Balance due him for work.....nothing.

Report of Work done by W. M. Thrasher:

21 days labored at \$4 a day.....\$84.00

Amt collected and received.....84.00

Balance due him—None.

Collected and paid Eld. W. A. Wheeler for work done in 1920, the balance due him, \$30, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$1.18.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. BROOKS, Mod.

ALTON HILL, Clerk.

Report of W. F. Brooks—Missionary.

Avery, Texas, Aug. 30, 1923.

I beg to report as follows:—Owing to circumstances which I could not control, I labored as missionary only four days, preached three sermons, helped ordain one minister of the gospel, assisted in reclaiming or getting one church that had quit meeting

as a church to call a pastor and begin work again; assisted two other churches in getting pastors.

Homes visited, 6, miles traveled 91, collected on the field \$6.10, of Maple Creek Church \$1.00, Whitemans Chapel church \$6.50, rec'd from preaching \$2.40;

Total received,.....\$16.00

Four days' work at \$4 a day16.00

Balance due—None.

When Elder W. M. Thrasher and myself began work, there were several churches in the association without pastors, but by the assistance of him and others, nearly all the churches in the association have called pastors, so you see that the work I did was to help the various churches without pastors. I pray and trust that this next year will not find us in that condition, but that every church will have a live pastor, so that whoever is selected as Missionary, that they can go out where there are no churches and preach the gospel in those places where there is no gospel preached. Brethren, we need to put on the whole armor of God, so that we will be able to stand against the wiles of the devil praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, that God will lead us to victory, always giving God the glory. Amen!

W. F. BROOKS, Missionary.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Red River Missionary Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this body shall be to awaken a deeper interest in the welfare of the denomination, to cultivate a closer union among the churches and to produce and perpetuate the very greatest activity as to missionary and educational enterprises and to widen the scope of denominational benevolence.

Article 3. This body shall be composed of such regular Baptist churches as may agree to unite with this Association by means of messengers to carry out the objects set forth in Article 2 of this constitution; such messengers to present letters of petition for admission from their respective churches.

Article 4. The messengers holding the annual sessions of this body shall be chosen by their respective churches, such action being certified by the churches in their letters to this Association.

Article 5. Each church composing this body shall be entitled to three messengers.

Article 6. This Association shall be, in nature, a joint auxiliary to the churches composing it. It is not formed for any ecclesiastical end, but for purely benevolent purposes, but reserves the right to withdraw from any church which becomes heretodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

Article 7. Each church shall be the sole judge of the qualification of her messengers.

Article 8. This Association shall recognize freedom of speech as essential to the highest achievements of its work.

Officers.

Article 9. The officers of this body shall be a moderator, a clerk and a treasure, who shall be chosen annually by ballot from the messengers composing the body, and shall hold office one year, or until their successors are chosen.

Article 10. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over the body, to keep order and discharge

such other duties as belong to the office.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a correct record of each session of the body, and have same published and distributed to the churches as the report of the Association to the churches.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep a correct account of all money received and disbursed and he shall make a report of same to the Association during its annual sessions.

Article 13. The Association shall have an executive committee, composed of one member from each church in the Association, to be chosen by their respective churches at the time the church elects its messengers to the Association's annual meeting, to report at the next annual session of the Association, and 5 members of said committee shall compose a quorum, the moderator to be chairman of said committee, to have charge of the work outlined by the messengers at the annual meeting of the body.

Article 14. In order to change or amend this constitution, the amendment or amendments must be offered in writing and presented in open session on the first day of the session, and said amendment or amendments must lie over until the second day's meeting, and then it shall take a two-thirds vote of the messengers present to change or amend the constitution.

Article 15. This constitution shall become effective and be in full force from and after its adoption.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Rule 1. This body shall be opened with song and prayer.

Rule 2. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the moderator and await his recognition.

Rule 3. When a member has been recognized by the moderator, he shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or uses personal or indecorous language.

Rule 4. No one shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any one subject.

Rule 5. No one shall be allowed to speak more than 10 minutes on any one subject unless granted an extension of time by the body.

Adopted by the Association Sept. 2, A. D. 1921.