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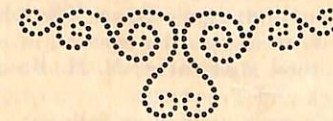


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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Intermission.
3. Association called to order by Moderator.
4. Appointment of Committees on Digest of Letters and Finance.
5. Committees on Nomination.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Reading Rules of Decorum.
8. Report of Nomination Committee.
9. Committee on Missions Sunday School, Education and Bible Institute Work, Temperance and Lawlessness, Orphanage, Publication, Queries and Requests.
10. Music.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Adjournment.
13. Called to order by Moderator.
14. Reports Called for in Regular Order.
15. New and Miscellaneous Business and Resolutions.

### FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

According to previous arrangement the Association met with Hickory Grove Baptist Church. At 11 O'clock the House was called to order. Rev. W. S. Wade preached the Introductory Sermon.

On motion the Moderator appointed Jas. F. Dew, F. H. Bush and J. C. Rogers as a Press Committee.

### FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION

At one O'clock the House was called to order. The following Committees were appointed: Committee on Digest of Letters and Finance, J. Alvin Rester, F. H. Bush, C. H. Warren, J. C. Rogers, W. P. O'Neil.

Committee on Nomination, Charlie Herring, M. Walters and J. H. F. Shows with the Deacons of Hickory Grove Church.

On motion the Body went into the election of officers which resulted in the election of M. Walters, Moderator; M. H. Broadus, Asst.-Moderator; and D. H. Valentine, Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion Missions were divided as follows: Home and Foreign, State and Domestic. The following Committees were then appointed:

Home and Foreign Mission, Jas. F. Dew, V. B. Hill, M. W. Mathews, W. P. O'Neil, M. C. Thomas.

State and Domestic Mission G. W. Boyd, F. N. Flynt, N. Walker, A. B. Morgan, G. W. Smith, Jr., D. C. Driskel, Ely Brown.

Sunday School G. W. Smith, Jr., S. A. Shoemaker, W. A. Ball, J. M. Stewart, J. L. Bryant.

Education and Bible Institute Work, T. C. King, J. A. Davis, D. J. Davis, Charlie Cochran, W. S. Wade, R. J. Loper, W. D. Howell.

Intemperance and Lawlessness, S. M. Crocker, D. Pitts, J. Alvin Rester, J. A. Holifield, J. B. Wade, R. L. Craft.

Orphanage, F. H. Bush, C. H. Warren, G. A. Brealand, Jerry Bond, J. W. Holloway, L. J. Frye, E. S. Frye.

Publication J. W. Toler, M. H. Broadus, G. W. Boyd, W. S. Wade, G. W. Smith, Jr., T. C. King, M. W. Mathews, Marcus Hinton, J. W. Lott, Charlie Herring.

Queries and Requests, A. B. Morgan, D. W. Carter, S. M. Sullivan, Billey Lee.

Music, J. Alvin Rester, D. R. Brown, R. J. Loper, M. W. Mathews, D. H. Valentine.

Missionary Committee, W. D. Howell, G. W. Smith, Jr., J. A. Davis, Ely Brown, J. C. Rogers, D. C. Driskel, S. F. Thigpen, T. C. King, F. N. Flynt, N. Walker, W. P. O'Neil, Charlie Cochran, J. W. Lott, J. W. Toler, M. W. Mathews, M. C. Thomas, J. M. Stewart, V. B. Hill, M. Walters.

Motion to adjourn to meet at 9 O'clock Sunday morning.

### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

House called to order and after Devotional Exercises the following business was transacted:

Motion to receive the Missionary report and that they be paid the balance due them. Report of S. A. Shoemaker. This report was read by him and adopted.

To the Mississippi General Association of Baptist Churches assembled at Hickory Grove Church at Laurel, Miss. Dear Brethren: I submit the following as my report. I have traveled 1048 miles, preached 15 sermons. Time put in 11 days Collected from Ten Miles Church, \$1.90 Ebenezer, \$5.00; Cypress Creek, \$5.00; received from Treasurer of the Association, \$16.00, making a total of \$27.90; balance due, \$16.10.

Brethren, from my report you can see I have done but little work, as I was already pastoring at the time, and only agreed to give idle time to this work. The work is great and really needs our immediate attention. We should see to it here before this meeting closes that we have one good man or two in this State to work in this enlistment work, thereby enlisting all the Churches possible in this co-operation work. May the Lord bless and guide us in this work is my prayer.

S. A. SHOEMAKE.

M. H. Broadus' Report. This report was read by him and adopted. Dear Brethren: I submit this as my report for the Associational Year ending November 18, 1922. I have preached at the following places and collected as listed. Liberty (Covington County), 2 days, collected \$1.70; Smyrna, 2 days, \$1.40. New Hebron, 1 day \$1.75; Military, 2 days. Pine Ridge, 1 day, \$2.00; Rock Hill, 1 day; Mt. Zion, 1 day; Oak Grove, 1 day, \$1.00; Midway Church, \$3.70. Total amount collected, \$14.38. Balance due, \$9.62. I find all the churches in favor of our co-operative plan.



This report covers my last Quarter's work. I have already reported to our Treasurer for the first three quarters and have been paid for same.  
(Respectfully) M. H. BROADUS.

Report on Sunday School. This report was read by G. W. Smith, Jr. and adopted.

A live Sunday School is a Church at work. We are commanded to teach, being implied that we are to teach God's word. Therefore, we are glad that the day has passed when communities as a whole object to Sunday School. Jesus was in Sunday School as His custom was when that great proclamation was made by Him, in fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah. "Luke 4-18-23". A Church without a Sunday School is failing to utilize the precious time God has given them, to teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. Both old and young should be students of God's word, and there is no better place than the Church, and no better time than the Lord's Day for God's people to come together and study and teach God's word. God speed the day when every Church, both in town and country have a sure-enough Sabbath School. Until they do this, God will withhold His blessings. Of course, we know each Church should control her Sunday School. In the selection of Teachers and Literature, we would insist on our Churches using the Landmark Baptist Literature, published at Texarkana, Ark. Texas.

God bless Sunday Schools and Sunday School Teachers, that they may be more efficient in the discharge of their duties.

Respectfully,

G. W. SMITH, Jr.  
J. M. STEWART.  
S. A. SHOEMAKE.  
W. A. BELL.  
J. L. BRYANT.

Report on Home and Domestic Missions. This report was read by G. W. Boyd and adopted.

Your committee hardly understands just the territory to be considered as the home field. However, we would say that Home Mission is the first and most important to us just now. It has been so long neglected and to such an extent and so much needs to be done at once. In view of the needs, we would urgently insist that efficient men be put on the field as soon as possible, and that the Churches be called upon by the Pastors to come to their rescue and support them, taking collections every service so that there will be no lack of funds for the work. We shall urge upon the members of all the Churches working through this Association to lay by on the first day of the week as the Lord has prospered them, and be ready for the day of contribution each monthly or weekly service. It seems that the Lord is with us in this meeting, so let us arise and repossess this Home Field as once we did. The Lord will bless us if we will do His work. Let us talk less, quit disputing and in humility work more.

Respectfully,

G. W. BOYD.  
F. N. FLYNT.  
N. WALKER.  
A. B. MORGAN.  
DeWITT DRISCEL.  
ELY BROWN.

At 11 a. m. Rev. Jas. F. Dew preached a very interesting sermon.  
The Body adjourned for one hour.

### SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

House called to order.

Report on Home and Foreign Mission. This report was read by Jas. F. Dew and adopted.

We, your Committee, beg to report as follows: In view of the great destitution and the activity of all the sins throughout the world—we recommend the following:

First. That earnest prayer be made for Missionaries on the field. Second. That we pray for the salvation of the lost. Third. That we pray that our Churches be awakened to this task. Fourth. That our pastors preach and teach our people to follow the Scriptural Commands, "to give" as the Lord has prospered "him" upon the first day of the week. (Cor. 16-2.) and that regular offerings be taken. Fifth. That the offerings taken be turned over to our State Treasurer, Bro. D. H. Valentine, 1021 Front Street, Laurel, Miss., to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the General Association.

Respectfully,

JAS. F. DEW.  
VAN B. HILL.  
M. W. MATTHEWS.  
W. P. O'NEIL.  
M. C. THOMAS.

Final report of Nominating Committee. This report was read by J. H. F. Shows and adopted.

Your Committee reports as follows: Rev. T. C. King to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Rev. J. L. Bryant, Alternate.

Respectfully,

M. WALTERS.  
J. H. F. SHOWS.  
R. C. JOHNSTON.  
CHARLIE HERRING.

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

House called to order. After Devotional Exercises the following



business was transacted.

Report on Music. This report was read by J. Alvin Rester and adopted.

We, your Committee report as follows: That music has been in use in the Church from its very foundation. It is perfectly clear that we have in the New Testament (Mat.-26-3) "and when they had sung a hymn they went out into the Mount of Olives," (Acts-16-25) "and at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God." (Col.-3-16) "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms and Hymns and Spiritual songs singing with grace in your heart to the Lord." Jas.-5-13) "Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms." Music is one of the greatest talents that God ever gave the human race, and should be well cultivated. For, through music we express God's Word, Love and Glory, through which souls may be inspired with the thought and love of God. We know very little of the character of the music used in the early days, but regardless of its character, we know full well that it was intended to praise and honor our God, just as music of the present day should honor God. And as we know of no better way to praise His Holy Name than in song. We urge the messengers that compose that Association to bring this important matter to the attention of their respective Churches, and see to it that each Church has at least one ten or fifteen days Singing School taught by a Godly man, as we believe no other should teach. And we further suggest that the Churches composing this Association co-operate in the selection of song books to be used in the respective Churches, and that all singing teachers and song leaders stress the importance of singing in the Spirit, as so much of our present day singing is done in a colorless and unconcerned manner, without any thought of the real meaning of the words.

Respectfully,

J. ALVIN RESTER.  
D. H. VALENTINE.  
M. W. MATTHEWS.  
R. J. LOPER.  
D. R. BROWN.

Report on Intemperance and Lawlessness. This report was read by S. M. Crocker and adopted.

We, your Committee report as follows: That we view intemperance and lawlessness as one of the most hurtful things that confront the Christian area. That it is debasing more and points to more Heathenism, than any other thing. Therefore we urge our ministers to preach the Word, and our people to live and practice the Word. We further recommend that our Churches select christian men and women to teach our public schools, thereby giving our children the true morals of God's word. (John-12-32) "And

if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me.

Respectfully,

S. M. CROCKER.  
J. B. WADE.  
JOHN HOLIFIELD, Jr.

Report on Education and Bible Institute Work. Report read by T. C. King and adopted.

We believe that education trains the mind and is an important factor in the development and progress of our people; that as christians we should be alert to every opportunity to see that only christian teachers are employed in our schools. That Education and Christian Education are at opposites, and emanate from opposing forces, and that as parents, we are to the measure of our ability, responsible to our own and our neighbor's children for the kind they receive. That as a system we endorse our public schools, but we do not approve present-day schemes of Atheistic Evolutionist in their attempt to inject their dogmas and poison into our children by and through text books, and this is being done today in some ancient Historys that teach the earth to be millions of years old, and an antignity of man anti-dating the Genesis account of the creation by thousands of years. That we as Bible Baptists do all we can to elect in office such men and women as will not permit any text books to be used in our schools not in harmony with the Bible.

As to Bible Institutes, no report seems to have been made by the Committee appointed by this Association at its last meeting, and your Committee is not informed as to what if anything, has been done. However until some passable, workable and definite plan has been worked out, we recommend Institutes be held wherever and whenever same can be arranged for throughout the State under the auspices of any Church willing and able to assume the burden of careing for the preachers and any others who might attend, and that such Churches invite instructors and arrange the program accordingly, inviting the assistance and co-operation of any sister Church as they might choose. In conclusion we definitely declare for a God called Ministry, and we believe he calls whom he chooses and that we may attain valuable information and helpful instruction from man. We do not believe that any school or seminary can make a preacher.

Respectfully,

T. C. KING.  
D. J. DAVIS.

Report on Orphanage. This report was read by J. J. Bond and adopted.

We, your Committee report as follows: We believe that all orphans should be looked after both in a Spiritual and financial way because we are taught in the Bible to give of our means to the support of widows and orphans, and we that have children should think within ourselves how we would like for someone to act as father and mother to our child should



they be left in like circumstances, so we recommend that our people support the orphans whether at Texarkana, Ark., Texas, or at Jackson, Miss., and thereby do our bit in helping the cause. Now of course we should look after this at home as much as possible, but when they are sent to an orphanage we should not cease to help to support them.

Respectfully,

C. H. WARREN.  
J. J. BOND.  
G. A. BRELAND.  
E. S. FRYE.  
L. J. FRYE.

Report on Publication. This report was read by W. M. Mathews and adopted.

We, your Committee report as follows: The press being an important factor in our Christian Development, we recommend that our people themselves with such books and publications as are in accord with Bible teaching such as are offered for sale by our publishing house at Little Rock, Ark. We recommend above all things the study of the Bible; next that our people subscribe for one or more of our Denominational Papers, viz—"The Baptist and Commoner" and "The Baptist Flag." We also recommend the use in our Sunday School of Landmark Literature, published at Texarkana, Ark, Texas, by the Baptist Sunday School Committee. We recommend the establishing of a Denominational Paper in our own State, owned and controlled by Landmark Baptists, as our own official organ. We recommend the appointment of a Committee at this meeting to begin its labor immediately to formulate a plan for establishing such a publication.

Respectfully,

M. W. MATHEWS.  
W. S. WADE.  
T. C. KING.  
M. H. BROADUS.  
G. W. BOYD.  
G. W. SMITH, Jr.

Report of Missionary Committee. We, your Committee report as follows: We find great destitution in the State and recommend that Bro's. T. C. King, W. S. Wade and J. M. Stewart be put on the field for all the time that they can put in, and for same we agree to pay them \$4.00 per day. We also endorse Bro. V. B. Hill as Missionary, who has agreed to take the work on its merits. We recommend that each Missionary take an offering each time he preaches and make a report Quarterly to the Executive Committee of this Association.

M. H. BROADUS, Chairman.  
W. P. O'NEAL, Secretary.

On motion T. C. King, W. S. Wade, J. M. Stewart and V. B. Hill were recommended to their respective Churches as Missionarys for all time they can put in. T. C. King's W. S. Wade's, and J. M. Stewart's salary was fixed at \$4.00 per day for the time put in. V. B. Hill preferred the work on its merits.

Report on Queries and Requests. Read by A. B. Morgan and adopted.

We, your Committee report as follows: We find one Query: Is it right for a Landmark Church to have a Convention pastor? First. Its un-Scriptural. Second. Its inexpedient for a regular Baptist Church to call a man as pastor who is not in full accord with the constitution of our Association.

We find one Request for the next session of this Body. We recommend that it be held with Tabernacle Baptist Church, Purvis, Miss., and that T. C. King preach the Introductory Sermon and J. L. Bryant, Alternate.

Respectfully,

A. B. MORGAN.  
J. M. SULLIVAN.  
W. F. LEE.

Treasurer's Report. This Report was read by D. H. Valentine and adopted.

Dear Brethren: I submit the following report of the funds passed through my hands during the Associational year ending November 18, 1922.

Rec. from Finance Committee for Associational purposes-----	\$ 31.00
Bal. in Treas.-----	\$ 4.48

TOTAL-----	\$ 35.48
Received for State Missions:-----	\$ 42.87
Landmark Association-----	\$ 10.00
Mt. Vernon Church-----	\$ 3.00
Shilo-----	\$ 9.63
Forwarded-----	

TOTAL-----	\$ 65.50
Rec. for Orphanage Landmark Association-----	\$ 5.75
Home Mission Landmark Association-----	\$ 49.18

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Clerk for his service-----	\$ 10.00
Printing-----	\$ 25.00
Postage-----	\$ 3.75

TOTAL-----	\$ 38.75
State Missionarys:-----	
M. H. Broadus-----	\$ 36.07



S. A. Shoemake -----	\$ 16.00
<b>TOTAL -----</b>	<b>\$ 52.07</b>
Home Missionarys:	
J. W. Brewer -----	\$ 48.19
Balance due Clerk for Associational Purposes -----	\$ 3.27
Bal. in Treas. for Orphanage -----	\$ 5.75
Bal. in Treas. for Foreign Mission -----	\$ 6.25
Bal. in Treas. for State Mission -----	\$ 13.43
Total Amount Handled -----	\$162.16
Total Disbursements All Purposes -----	\$130.00
Balance on hand for all Purposes -----	\$ 25.43

Respectfully,  
D. H. VALENTINE, Clerk and Treas.

Report of Committee on Digest of Letters and Finance. This report was read by J. Alvin Rester and adopted.

The following Churches were represented orally and by letter:

Churches	Missions	Asso. Purposes	Copies Minutes	Messengers
Ten Miles	\$ 6.33	\$ 1.00	5	D. J. Davis.
Pleasant Ridge		\$ 1.00	5	J. A. Holifield, J. P. Mitchell, W. D. Carter.
Spring Hill	\$ 3.30	\$ 1.50	10	R. L. Musgrove, W. R. Crocker, J. W. Holloway.
Big Creek		\$ 1.05	5	T. A. Butler, F. L. Davis.
Morris Hill	\$ 5.00			N. Walker.
Hickory Grove		\$ 3.00	15	F. H. Bush, C. H. Warren, D. H. Valentine.
Hickory Spring	\$ 9.86	\$ 2.00	10	J. A. Rester, G. W. Smith, Jr., L. J. Fryer.
Enon	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00	8	W. U. Riley.
Midway		\$ 2.00	8	
Tabernacle	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50	10	T. C. King, M. W. Mathews.
Providence		\$ .90	6	
Cypers Creek		\$ 3.00	15	C. Herring, C. L. Cochran.
Ebenezer	\$ 1.93	\$ 2.00	10	By letter.
Paramount		\$ 2.35	10	W. P. O'Neal J. J. Bond, G. A. Brea-land.
Bushey Creek	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.00	10	J. W. Toler, J. Breakfield.
Mt. Nebo	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	10	B. S. Thigpen, J. C. Rogers.

Churches	Missions	Asso. Purposes	Copies Minutes	Messengers
Bethel		\$ 1.35	9	A. B. Morgan, E. H. Stringer, C. Thrash.
Mt. Pisgah	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.75	8	J. A. Davis, J. A. Denmark, J. H. Alford, D. R. Brown.
Shilo		\$ 1.00	7	J. M. Sullivan, F. N. Flynt, T. J. Clark.
Shady Grove		\$ 1.00	10	H. B. Welborn, W. H. Lowe, C. H. Bush.
State Line				W. J. Crain, D. Broomfield A. Ard.
Liberty				D. Pitts, Dewey Pitts, A. Pitts.
Sunflower				By letter.
Union				J. M. Stewart.
Big Creek (Jones Co.)				H. D. Sumrall, J. H. F. Shows.
Liberty				S. A. Shoemake.
Palistine				D. C. Driskill.
Sand Hill				By letter.
Union Semin'y	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	6	Herby, Childers, W. A. Graham.
Red Creek	\$ 6.50	\$ 5.00	15	G. A. Broadus, W. A. Smith.
Union		\$ .50	3	W. D. Howell, J. W. Warren, J. W. Johnston.
Bay Creek				J. L. Bryant.
Sharon				G. W. Lowe.
Mt. Vernon	\$ 30.83	\$ 1.75	8	J. Boyd, W. T. Grayson, W. C. Boyd.
Pub. Collection	\$ 48.80			
Collection		\$13.01		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$127.00</b>	<b>\$53.26</b>	<b>199</b>	

**Correspondent Messengers**—State Line, P. R. Mitchell, J. L. Lee, C. W. Williamson.

We have also examined the Treasurer's book and find same correct.

Respectfully,  
J. ALVIN RESTER.  
C. H. WARREN.  
W. P. O'NEAL.

Resolved that the Treasurer pay the Missionarys as they report to their Churches and the Churches approve and forward same to him,

Resolved that the Treasurer be paid \$10.00 (ten dollars) for his service, and that he draw on the Treasury for money to have the minutes printed and to pay all expense of same,



Resolved that this Body tender its thanks to this Church and Community for their cordial and whole hearted hospitality in opening their homes and caring for us so royally,

2. And to the Daily Leader for the space given us in reporting the meeting. 3. And to the Pastor, M. Walters for his interest and efforts for our comfort and joy, 4. That a copy of this be spread on the minutes and a copy be furnished the Daily Leader.

On motion the following Committee was named to arrange for the publication of a Baptist Paper in South Mississippi: M. Walters, Chairman, J. A. Davis, J. A. Dixon, G. W. Boyd, F. H. Bush, S. F. Thigpen, T. C. King, A. Q. Broadus, J. Q. Sones, John McNeice, Ely Pigot, Robert Mullin, G. C. Knight, M. C. Thomas, J. Alvin Rester, W. P. O'Neal, D. J. Brown, C. B. Massey, J. R. G. Gregory, Jeff Lott, Dr. R. C. Johnston.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Tabernacle Baptist Church, (Purvis, Miss.) on Saturday before the third Sunday in November, 1923.

N. B. Tabernacle Church is located in Purvis, Miss.

#### RULES OF ORDER.

1. Each session of this Body shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Correspondence may be opened with other Gospel Mission organizations at such time and place as may be deemed proper.
3. Visiting brethren may be invited to seats, who may be invited to speak, but not to vote.
4. The election of officers provided for in the constitution shall take place immediately after the enrollment of messengers.
5. Without a second, no motion shall be discussed, and motions lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.
6. Motions containing two or more points shall be divided at the request of any member voting.
7. Every member desiring to speak must rise and address the Moderator. No one shall speak more than once unless by permission from the body.
8. The Moderator shall be the judge of order. Any brother may appeal from the Moderator's decision.
9. All committees shall be nominated either be the Moderator or some other member, subject however, to the approval of the body.
10. The rules may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the body, by a majority of the messengers present.

#### STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. This Association shall be known as the General Association of Baptist Churches of Mississippi.
2. The object of this Association shall be to aid in giving the Gospel to all men on the Gospel or New Testament plan as exemplified by the ex-

ample of the Apostolic Churches such as messengers only who are in hearty sympathy are entitled to seats.

3. This Association shall never exercise a particle of authority over the churches of which she is composed, or in any way interfere with their internal rights—always recognizing that to these are committed the glorious work of preaching to every creature the glad tidings of salvation and eternal life. As such, this body shall remain in subordination to the churches, never exercising any power beyond that of an advisory council.

4. This Association shall faithfully apply all funds she may receive from the churches, local Associations or individuals to and designated by the contributors. Also money received not specified as to its disposition shall be given to the support of preaching the gospel.

5. This Association shall be composed of such Baptist churches and associations of Baptist churches as choose to elect messengers to represent its annual meetings, which are in full accord with the principles for which this body stands, and this article shall not be construed to mean that the local associations shall elect messengers, but endorse those elected by the churches.

6. Each church is sole judge as to the qualifications of its Messengers, and each church is entitled to equal privileges in all its business transactions..

7. This Association may hold annual meetings with some sister Church at such times and places as may be suggested by the Messengers of the Churches.

8. That all things may be done in decency and in order, the Messengers of the Co-operative Churches may elect a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and Assistant Clerk, a Treasurer and an Auditor, to perform the duties of such office. For the purpose of service and information a committee of twelve on Finance and information to be distributed over the State as the Messengers best think advisable, as set forth by example in 2 Cor. 8th chap., where the churches jointly chose brethren to travel, collect and dispense funds for a specific purpose, give the Churches information by visiting, preaching, writing letters and encouraging the good work to the Churches. Such committees to have no authority to appoint or otherwise control Missionarys but simply to serve the Churches if the Churches choose to use them.

9. The Committee on Information and Finance will inform the Churches of the needs of the Missionaries, of any Missionaries who may be appointed or endorsed by the Churches, of the amount of funds on hand, and of such Missionaries as may desire to go to the work. But this Committee will in no wise interfere with such Churches and Missionaries as may desire to work independently.

10. Duty of the Treasurer.—The Treasurer will receive and apply funds as designated, conduct such correspondence as his duties may require, render an annual audited report to the Messengers, in annual meeting, keep all accounts and records, turn same over to his successor and receive such



compensation for his services as may be suggested by the Messengers and agreed upon by the Churches.

11. We suggest that all Churches and individuals contributing direct to the Missionaries on the field, report the same to the Treasurer that the amounts may be tabulated in his report.

12. This Association will assist in the support of Home and Foreign Missionaries who have been appointed by one of the co-operating Churches as fully as the funds of these Churches will justify.

13. This statement of principles is submitted to the Churches for their consideration, and such action as in their independence and wisdom they may desire to take, but it is explicitly understood that the meeting of Messengers has no authority to legislate for the Churches, or bind them in any manner, it being the desire of all to secure voluntary co-operation in the work contemplated, and the action and recommendation of the Messengers are subject to the endorsement of the Churches, it being the avowed sentiment of this meeting of Messengers that the Churches are absolutely

14. When a Church desires to aid the Churches of this Association in sending out a missionary to any field, we suggest that said Church free to work as the New Testament directs. correspond with the nearest sister Churches, stating the amount necessary for full support, stating the amount the appointing Church will give and calling on sister Churches to adopt and help the same Missionary until his support is fully provided.

15. We would suggest that it be understood by the Churches co-operating that a sufficiency of the funds contributed be paid to the Treasurer for expenses of the term and in the transmission of the funds. each Missionary is requested to make duplicate reports, one to the Church appointing him to the work, one to the Committee on Information and Finance.

16. This statement of principles may be changed by a majority of the messengers present at any regular meeting of this body, except the 3rd and 4th articles, which shall never be changed.

