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OF THE

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OF THE

BETHLEHEM

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

PENSACOLA BAPTIST CHURCH,

PENSACOLA, FLA.

SEPTEMBER 24, 25, 26, 1881.

OFFICERS:

Elder J. E. BELL.....MODERATOR.....Brewton, Ala.
Y. M. RABB.....CLERK.....Evergreen, Ala.
C. S. RABB.....TREASURER.....Evergreen, Ala.

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MINUTES.

PENSACOLA, September 24, 1881.

The Bethlehem Baptist Association met pursuant to adjournment with the Pensacola Church.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, J. E. Bell, after prayer by A. T. Sims. The Clerk being absent, Y. M. Rabb, on motion, was appointed Clerk, *pro tem*.

It was made known to the Association that Elder L. W. Duke, as well as the alternate, Elder A. J. Lambert, was not present to preach the Introductory Sermon. On motion of Y. M. Rabb, C. E. James was appointed to preach the annual sermon at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

Brethren J. W. Locke, John W. Leslie and John DeLoach were appointed to read the letters from the churches.

Letters read, statistics noted, and delegates enrolled as follows:

Claiborne Church—T. J. Busy and L. R. Carter.

Pleasant Hill—C. Lambert.

Pleasant Ridge—C. W. Hendress

Philadelphia—W. H. Fountain, John Holly and P. M. Dennis.

Monroeville—T. S. Wiggins, T. J. Emmons, John DeLoach and J. W. Leslie.

Zion—R. N. Weston.

Pensacola—W. S. Brown and C. E. McDonald.

Bellville—James Straughn and Thomas C. Robbins.

Bethany—W. J. Murdock.

Catawba Springs—W. J. Jackson and Matthew Crossby.

Brooklyn—C. A. Thames.

Evergreen—Y. M. Rabb, J. W. Locke and C. S. Rabb.

Georgiana—Elders J. E. Bell and J. G. McCasky.

Mount Carmel—Jackson Chancellor.

Old Town—Elder I. Spence and William Lane.

Sepulga—J. C. Travis.

Enon—Elder C. E. James and J. M. Gillespie.

Long Branch—D. J. Forshee.

Montgomery Hill—R. R. Ramey.

Arkadelphia—A. H. Stokes.

The Association then elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Elder J. E. Bell, Moderator; Y. M. Rabb, Clerk; C. S. Rabb, Treasurer.

The Committee on Preaching was appointed for the session, as follows: James Straughn, J. C. Travis and the pastor and deacons of the Pensacola Church.

A petitionary letter from Johnstonville Baptist Church asking to be received into this body, was read, received, and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator to Elder W. M. Rabb, delegate from that church.

Petitionary letter from Fairfield Baptist Church read and received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to John McMillan as the delegate from the church.

Call for correspondence from other bodies made with the following response: T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary State Board.

Pine Barren Association—A. T. Sims, J. R. Hawthorn, A. A. Sims, J. F. Bruner.

Zion Association—W. H. Cheatham.

Elim Association—R. R. Shepherd and J. A. McDavid.

Returned correspondence as follows:

To Zion Association—J. Chancellor and William M. Rabb.

Alabama Association—C. E. James.

Pine Barren Association—J. G. McCasky, I. W. Duke, W. A. Locke and J. Holley.

Elim Association—I. L. Taylor, W. S. Brown, C. E. James and J. G. McCasky.

State Convention—J. G. McCasky, J. E. Bell, I. L. Taylor, W. S. Brown, I. Spence, C. S. Rabb, C. E. McDonald and R. R. Ramey.

The following committees were appointed to report during the session.

Finance—John W. Leslie, T. J. Busy and J. G. McCasky.

Sabbath Schools—C. E. James, J. Holly, W. J. Jackson.

Missions—I. Spence, W. M. Rabb and W. H. Fountain.

State of Religion—John W. Locke, P. M. Dennis and I. Chancellor.

Ministerial Education—B. J. Skinner, C. A. Thames and W. S. Brown

Publications—Thomas S. Wiggins, James Straughn and John McWilliams.

On motion the body agreed to meet at 9 a. m.; adjourn at 12:30 p. m. to 2:30 p. m.; adjourn 5:30 p. m.

On motion, a committee consisting of three from each district, be appointed to apportion the amount desired to be raised by the Association for the different benevolent objects fostered by this body. The following committee was appointed:

1st District—John W. Leslie, T. J. Emmons and L. R. Carter.

2d District—James Straughn, A. H. Stokes and A. F. Johnson.

3d District—J. G. McCasky, I. Spence. C. A. Thames.

The Association then took a recess until 2:30 P. M.

2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment; prayer by Elder Wm. M. Rabb.

Call for committee reports.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made the following report which was received and adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee deem it entirely unnecessary at this time to urge upon this Association the importance of ministerial education. This is no longer a proposition that calls for proof—it is self-evident.

The practical question is, what are we doing? During last year Brother Lorenzo Skipper has been aided in pursuing a course at Greenville Male High School. He gives bright promises of usefulness, and is worthy of your continued support. Another young brother, J. H. Kyser, has been licensed, and intends, we learn, to pursue a course at Howard College. He is a young man of deep piety and studious habits. He has not applied for aid, but we commend him to your liberality.

Brethren, shall we carry the gospel of Christ into the strongholds of earth? Then let us educate our ministry. Shall we carry the glad tidings into all the world, translating the gospel into all tongues, evangelizing the whole earth? Then let us have men, thoroughly furnished unto every good work—men of godliness and power.

Respectfully submitted,

B. J. SKINNER, Chairman.

Judge J. P. Hubbard being announced as present, was recognized as one of the vice-presidents of the State Convention, and invited to a seat with us.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made the following report, which was referred until 9:30 o'clock, a. m., to-morrow :

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report, that the Sunday School work in our bounds is increasing, but it is to be lamented that our churches take so little interest in Sabbath Schools. We feel that this is not as it should be. Come up to the help of the Lord, is heard on every hand.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. JAMES, Chairman.

The following standing committees to report at next session were appointed :

On Sunday Schools—Y. M. Rabb, E. P. Loveless and James Straughn.

On Missions—L. W. Duke, J. W. Leslie, J. M. Gillespie.

Committee on Preaching reported as follows :

At the Baptist Church, 11 a. m.—T. M. Bailey.

At the Baptist Church, 7:30 p. m.—B. J. Skinner.

At the Presbyterian Church, 11 a. m.—B. J. Skinner.

At the Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p. m.—T. M. Bailey.

At the Methodist Church, 11 a. m.—J. E. Bell.

At the Methodist Church, 7:30 p. m.—J. F. Bruner.

Zion Colored Church, 4 p. m.—William M. Rabb.

The Association then adjourned until Monday, 9 o'clock, a. m.

SUNDAY, September 25.

The brethren preached in the order of their appointments to small congregations, owing to the inclemency of the weather. The subject of Sunday Schools was ably discussed by T. M. Bailey, J. E. Bell and W. S. Brown.

MONDAY, September 26, 9 o'clock a. m.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother A. A. Sims.

Minutes of the session read and approved Letter from Mars Hill read and statistics noted.

Letter from Pilgrim's Rest read, statistics noted and A. F. Johnson's name enrolled as a delegate.

On motion of C. E. James, a committee of three on Education, to report at the next meeting of this body, was appointed as follows: C. E. James, T. S. Wiggins and L. W. Duke.

Thomas S. Wiggins, chairman of Committee on Periodicals and Publications, made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Periodicals and Publications, owing to the great number of valuable and efficient publications now available to our denomination, find it difficult to give any one a very great preference over the other. We think, however, that the ALABAMA BAPTIST has claims upon us that cannot be disregarded, not only from the fact that it is our own paper, but also on account of its real worth as a religious paper. We would at the same time urge upon our brethren a more careful, systematic and diligent study of the Bible itself, than we believe is usually observed.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. WIGGINS, Chairman.

John W. Locke made report on the State of Religion, which was received, amended, and adopted as follows:

Your committee beg leave to make the following report. From what we have been able to gather from the letters and brethren we are happy to state that in many respects there has been an advance movement in some of the churches. They are doing more for the support of the ministry than they have in years past; there is more money raised year after year for this purpose. We are sorry however that the importance of this religious duty is not appreciated by all the churches in our bounds. We also find that they contribute more liberally and with a better understanding to the support of the various enterprises fostered by the denomination. There are however several of the churches that are doing comparatively nothing in this direction. We would urge the importance of sticking to the old land marks in the reception of members into the churches. Our cause is continually growing in our bound; new churches being constituted, new fields opened for us to enter.

Let us be faithful to ourselves, to the churches and to God, and he will ever be with us.

JOHN W. LOCKE, Chairman.

Wm. M. Rabb offered the following preamble and resolution which was adopted.

WHEREAS, James A. Garfield, President of the United States, has come to an untimely death by the hand of an assassin: and WHEREAS, the time of his last funeral rites has been appointed from 12 to 3 p. m. to-day, be it therefore resolved; that this body adjourn at 12 to meet at 3 p. m., in honor of the illustrious dead.

The committee appointed to apportion the amount desired to be raised the ensuing year by the churches for the different benevo-

lent objects fostered by this body, and to be sent up by their delegates to our next meeting, reported as follows:

Antioch.....	\$10 00	Brownsville.....	\$ 5 00
Arkadelphia.....	10 00	Brooklyn.....	15 00
Bethel.....	5 00	Brushy Creek.....	5 00
Beulah.....	10 00	Claiborne.....	30 00
Bethany.....	25 00	Catawba Springs.....	10 00
Bellville.....	40 00	Cedar Creek.....	5 00
Damascus.....	5 00	Enon.....	5 00
Evergreen.....	50 00	Fairfield.....	5 00
Georg'ana.....	50 00	Johnstonville.....	10 00
Long Branch.....	10 00	Midway.....	15 00
Mt. Carmel.....	10 00	Montgomery Hill.....	15 00
Monroeville.....	30 00	Mars Hill.....	10 00
New Hope.....	5 00	New Prospect.....	5 00
Olive Branch.....	10 00	Old Town.....	20 00
Philadelphia.....	30 00	Poplar Springs.....	10 00
Pleasant Hill.....	10 00	Pleasant Ridge.....	10 00
Ramah.....	10 00	Salem.....	15 00
Sepulga.....	10 00	Union.....	10 00
Zion.....	25 00	Pilgrims' Rest.....	30 00
Point Pleasant.....	5 00	Pensacola.....	35 00

JOHN W. LESLIE, Chairman.

The Association then adjourned to 3 o'clock, p. m.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

After prayer by P. M. Bruner, the Association was called to order.

On motion of John W. Locke, the Treasurer be instructed to pay over all moneys in his hands for State, Home and Foreign Missions, as well as moneys for Ministerial Education, to T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary of the State Board, and Minute money to the Clerk with instructions to reserve fifteen dollars for his services, and the balance to be used in printing and distributing the Minutes; also the funds on hand for indigent ministers was ordered to be paid over to the standing committee of the Association appointed for that purpose.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING.	Minutes.....	State Missions..	Home Missions..	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education.
Antioch.....	2 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$.....
Arkadelphia.....	3 00	1 35	.....	.....	.....
Bethel.....	1 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....
Bethany.....	1 75	16 55	.....	.....	.....
Bellville.....	3 50	34 05	.....	.....	.....
Brownsville.....	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....
Brooklyn.....	2 10	20 00	.....	.....	.....
Brushy Creek.....	1 20	3 05	.....	.....	.....
Claiborne.....	3 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....
Catawba Springs.....	1 50	10 00	.....	.....	.....
Damascus.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Enon.....	1 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Evergreen.....	3 00	30 70	.....	.....	.....
Fairfield.....	1 00	1 65	.....	.....	.....
Georgiana.....	2 50	30 00	.....	10 00	9 50
Johnstonville.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Branch.....	1 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....
Monroeville.....	3 00	20 00	7 50	7 50	5 00
Montgomery Hill.....	1 00	15 50	.....	.....	.....
Mars Hill.....	1 10	2 70	.....	.....	.....
New Prospect.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch.....	60	2 90	.....	.....	.....
Old Town.....	1 40	3 45	.....	.....	.....
Pilgrims' Rest.....	2 00	15 30	.....	.....	.....
Pensacola.....	2 00	8 50	11 00	16 50	4 00
Point Pleasant.....	.....	4 65	.....	.....	.....
Poplar Springs.....	50	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	1 25	6 75	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Ridge.....	1 35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ramah.....	50	3 50	.....	.....	.....
Salem.....	2 40	7 70	.....	.....	.....
Sepulga.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union.....	1 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....
Zion.....	2 50	12 50	.....	.....	.....
Midway.....	1 45	7 25	.....	.....	.....
Philadelphia.....	2 00	12 00	5 00	5 00	.....
Mt. Carmel.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
	56 35	337 40	24 50	40 00	18 00

J. W. LESLIE, Chairman.

The following resolution was offered by Elder I. Spence:

WHEREAS, our deceased esteemed brother, Elder P. H. Lundy, while engaged in active duty assigned him by this body at this place, (Pensacola) fell a victim to the yellow fever scourge; and, whereas, there is no mark to indicate his grave, be it therefore,

Resolved, That this Association raise a fund sufficient to place a marble slab at the head of his grave with suitable inscription thereon.

On motion of Y. M. Rabb, the resolution was received, ordered to be printed in the minutes and the subject referred to our next Association, with a request that the churches in our union send up a contribution to carry out the resolution.

The Committee on Missions made the following report:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

In this enlightened age no argument is necessary for the defence of Missions. To urge God's people to support them is simply to urge obedience to His command. He who has redeemed us and to whom of right we belong, has enjoined it upon us to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." To neglect this sacred duty is disobedience to Christ. If we love Him, we will show it by doing all in our power that His kingdom may come into the hearts of men, and that His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. The work of our Foreign Mission Board is being carried on in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico. In China we have twelve missionaries, with a number of native assistants; in Africa we have two missionaries and two native assistants; in Italy we have four missionaries and ten native evangelists; in Brazil three; and in Mexico one. For the support of these missions Southern Baptists, numbering over a million and a half, gave last year about \$44,000. Our Home Board is laboring chiefly among the Indians and the Chinese in California. It has also a few missions in the different Southern States. The Southern Baptist Convention has been instructed to send missionaries to New Orleans, but as yet nothing has been done in that direction. Its receipts were about \$15,000. Our State Board has greatly extended its work during the year; besides its usual mission work, a good work has begun among the colored people. The work of disseminating religious literature has also been commenced. Thirty-five men have been in the employ of the Board during the past year for the whole or a part of their time. The work done during the year, is as follows: Sermons and addresses delivered, 3,304; churches constituted, 8; Sunday schools organized, 71; prayer meetings, 70; baptized, 165; baptized in connection with labor of missionaries, 361; received by letter into pastorless churches, 110; restored, 18; preaching stations, 125; religious visits, 3,018; subscribers to Alabama Baptist, 370; miles traveled, 41,363; books sold to the amount of \$1,300. You can easily discover from the statistics as given above, of the progress of each of the missions—Foreign, Home and State; and we recommend that this body give to each of these missions their hearty co-operation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

I. SPENCE, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. S. Rabb in account with the Bethlehem Association—

DEBIT.

To amount cash from Finance Committee.....	\$154 20
“ “ vouchers.....	322 55
“ “ Sabbath collection.....	13 40
“ “ from former Treasurer.....	29 75—\$519 90

CREDIT.

By cash to T. M. Bailey.....	\$136 75
“ vouchers “.....	322 55
“ cash to Clerk.....	56 35
Balance on hand for indigent ministers.....	4 25—\$519 90

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, that the thanks of the Association be tendered to the members of Pensacola church and to other citizens of this place who have so kindly entertained us and have done so much to make our stay among them pleasant and agreeable; also to the Methodist and Presbyterian brethren for the use of their houses of worship.

Evergreen was appointed as the place for the next meeting of this body. Elder L. W Duke was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder A. J. Lambert, alternate

After giving the parting hand, and prayer by Elder A. T. Sims the Association adjourned to meet with the Evergreen church, Evergreen, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1882, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Y. M. RABB, Clerk.

J. E. BELL, Moderator.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. E. Bell, Georgiana.

A. Jay, Jayvilla.

E. Clines, Bellville.

C. E. James, Mt. Pleasant.

R. I. Draughon, Perdue Hill.

John McWilliams, Monroeville.

L. W. Duke, Monroeville.

W. M. Rabb, Evergreen.

J. L. Eddins, Perdue Hill.

I. Spence, Evergreen.

J. H. Higdon, Bellville.

I. L. Taylor, Pensacola.

J. Holly, Ireland.

J. M. Wood, Jayvilla.

J. B. F. Watts, Evergreen

If there should be any omissions in the above list it is for want of information.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE BETHLEHEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. II. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the BETHLEHEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, who shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, or infringe on any of their internal rights, but shall be merely an advisory council in all matters relative to their internal concerns. It, nevertheless, claims authority over its own members, the delegates of the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from, and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact, by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. Its principal business shall be to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, especially with those united in this Association.

ART. III. Every church in our union shall be entitled to delegates, and for every twenty-five (or fractional part) over fifty members an additional delegate. Through them shall be transmitted to every annual session of this Association a letter, specifying the names of their messengers, number in fellowship, excommunicated, restored, deceased, licensed or ordained to preach the Gospel since last session; also post-office; Sabbath meetings, by whom supplied; amount paid pastor, and the amounts contributed for the different benevolent objects fostered by this body, and the number, average and attendance at Sabbath-schools.

ART. IV. New churches may be admitted into our union by messengers bringing petitionary letters. If upon due examination they be found orderly and orthodox, the Moderator shall manifest their admission by giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

ART. V. At every session of the Association a Moderator shall be elected by, and of the members present, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to keep correct record of all the proceedings and discharge such other duties as may pertain to his office.

Also a Treasurer shall be elected whose duty it shall be to secure all money belonging to the Association and disburse it as directed by the body, and present annually for insertion in the Minutes a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. VI. The Association shall furnish the Churches with the Minutes of every session in proportion to the Minute Fund sent up by each individual Church.

ART. VII. Every query sent by a Church must be enclosed in her letter certifying that they have endeavored to solve the same but failed. Nor will it take action on any difficulties between Churches unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew for settlement of personal difficulties, and have not been able to settle them. In such cases the Association shall take it under consideration, but the voice of the body shall be considered an advisory answer.

ART. VIII. The Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of Churches, and all [money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the Churches by their delegates and paid over to the Committee on

Finance. This Committee shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge the Association Fund and pay it over to the Treasurer.

ART. IX. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of printed Minutes of every session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. X. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by proper Rules of Decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

ART. XI. This Constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of the Association by a concurring voice of two-thirds of the members.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN THE BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. At every annual meeting of the Association, immediately after the delegates names are enrolled, tellers shall be appointed by the Chair, and the Association shall proceed to choose from among their number a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall hold their office until new ones are chosen.
3. The Moderator shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the Association shall have adjourned on the preceding day; shall call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum shall cause the Minutes of the preceding day to be read.
4. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by leave of the Association.
5. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.
6. Questions shall be distinctly put. Those voting in the affirmative shall say aye, and those of contrary opinion no. If the Moderator doubts, or division be called for, the delegates shall decide, those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative.
7. The Moderator shall appoint all committees unless otherwise especially directed by the Association.
8. In all cases of an election the Moderator may vote; on other cases he shall not vote unless the body be equally divided; in that event he shall give the casting vote. He may speak to any question provided he calls another member to occupy the chair while he is speaking.
9. When any member is about to speak he shall rise from his seat and shall respectfully address the Moderator, and shall confine himself to the question under debate.
10. If any member in speaking or otherwise transgress the rules of the Association, the Moderator shall, or any member may call him to order, in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Association shall, if appealed to decide on the case, but without debate. If there is no appeal the decision of the chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, he shall not proceed without leave of the Association.
11. When two or more members rise at once, the Moderator shall name the member who is first to speak.
12. No member shall speak more than once to the same question without leave of the Association unless he be the mover, proposer or introducer of the matter pending in the case, he shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member choosing to speak has spoken.

13. Every member who shall be in the house when a question is put shall give his vote, unless the Association, for special reason, excuse him.

14. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the chair, or being in writing, it shall be handed to the Moderator and read aloud before debate.

15. Every motion must be reduced to writing if the chair or any member desire it.

16. After a motion is stated by the chair, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the body, but may be withdrawn by leave of Association at any time before a decision or amendment.

17. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a certain day, to commit, to amend, to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged, and on motion to postpone to a certain day, to commit or to postpone indefinitely being decided, shall again be allowed.

18. Motion to adjourn shall always be in order except the Association be engaged in voting.

19. Motion to lay on the table shall be taken without debate and shall always be in order except a member be speaking or the body engaged in voting.

20. On previous question there shall be no debate, all incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

21. The previous question shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question now be put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; its effect shall be to put an end to all debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

22. A motion for reconsideration may be made by any member voting with the majority on the same or succeeding business day, and such motion shall take precedence of all other questions except a motion to adjourn.

23. No member shall absent himself from the house without leave from the Moderator, nor leave the meeting without leave of the Association.

24. Should any member of the Association absent himself before the close of the session without permission from the body, he shall be marked in the Minutes as absent without leave.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Appoint Committee to Read Letters.
2. Names of Delegates enrolled.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Appoint Committee on Preaching.
5. Admission of New Churches.
6. Recognize Messengers from Corresponding Bodies.
7. Invitation to Ministers of the Gospel present, not accredited to the body, to seats with us.
8. Appointment of Committees to report during the session.
9. Report of Committees appointed at the last session.
10. Appointment of Committee to report at the next session.
11. Report of Committees present session.
12. Motions and Resolutions.
13. Miscellaneous business.
14. Appoint time and place of next meeting.
15. Treasurer's Report.
16. Disbursement of funds on hand.