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CHEROKEE COUNTY
Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Liberty Church

October 10 and 11

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AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY

MINUTES.

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH, Tuesday Oct. 10, 1899.

The Cherokee County Baptist Association met with Liberty Baptist church, Cherokee county, Ala., at 10 o'clock a. m.

After song and prayer the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder H. W. Roberts from Text: "And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" 1st Chron., 29: 5.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 1.30 p. m. and was called to order by Moderator H. W. Roberts.

After reading 122d Psalm by the Moderator, the Association was led in prayer by Dr. R. B. Headen, of Floyd county, Ga. Association.

The roll of the churches was called and the following delegates enrolled:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Nazereth—Not represented.

Bethel—E. H. Lindsey, F. M. Lindsey.

Sandy Creek—L. A. McCarley, J. F. Green, J. M. Scroggin.

Pilgrims Rest—A. D. Wilson, W. P. Baker.

Rock Run—John Minton, B. F. Robertson, I. F. Mitchell and Elders W. H. Stephens and A. Pope.

Liberty—George D. Hanks, E. Burns, T. N. White.

Philadelphia—H. H. Howell, W. G. Goss.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Friendship—J. K. Abernathy, C. F. Furgerson.

Providence—H. E. Jordan, Elder Thos. Blair.

Pine Grove—J. W. Gentry, George Angle, Elder W. W. Grogan.

Chalcedonia—James I. Davis, Elder W. W. Singleton.

Mt. Zion—J. T. Ellis, W. W. Rosser, Elder L. R. Wood.

Mt. Carmel—Not represented.

New Bethel—J. B. Green.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Centre—John G. Moon, J. W. Whorton.

Melrose—Elder W. H. Moon.

Pleasant Valley—Not represented.

Tates Chapel—R. T. Ewing, John G. Snead.

Friendship—Letter.

Unity—Not represented.

Pisgah—W. D. Bartlett, H. T. Little.

Elder R. B. Headen, of Floyd county, Ga. Association and Bro. D. W. Thornton, of Cedar Bluff Association, were appointed tellers and the Association went into the election of officers for ensuing year.

The tellers reported the following officers elected: H. W. Roberts, Moderator, and J. W. Whorton, Clerk.

A letter was presented by Elder O. A. Alden, of Salem church from Harmony Association, of Ga., dismissing Salem church from Harmony Association and recommending her for membership in this Association.

On motion Salem church was unanimously received and the moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to Bro. Alden as her representative.

Called for correspondents.

Received and welcomed Elder R. B. Headen, of Floyd Co. Association of Georgia, and D. W. Thornton from Cedar Bluff Association.

Appointed following committees to report this session:

On Preaching—J. K. Abernathy, R. T. Ewing, with the deacons of Liberty church.

On Deceased Ministers—Geo. D. Hanks, Barney Howell, J. B. Green.

On Finance—E. Burns, J. T. Ellis, J. I. Davis.

On Nominations—J. M. Richardson, E. H. Lindsey, C. F. Furgerson.

On Delegates to State Convention—L. A. McCarley, J. M. Scroggin, John G. Moon.

At the request of Elder A. Pope, who was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon for this session, Elder R. B. Headen, of Floyd county Association, was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion, adjourned to 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

After reading some scripture from 2nd chapter of Phillippians, by the Moderator the Association was led in prayer by Elder A. Pope.

Renewed call for correspondence.

Received and welcomed Elder J. W. Sandlin, representing State Mission Board, and Elder G. D. Harris from Calhoun Co. Association.

On motion the reports on Foreign, Home and State Missions was made a special order for 9 o'clock a. m.

Called for report on Religious Literature.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

W. W. Grogan read his report on Religious Literature.

Your Committee on Religious Literature beg leave to make the following report: Some one has said: "Show me your associates and I will show you who you are like." We reflect the life of our associates. We associate with those whose writings we read. Therefore, in a great measure, we imbibe the character of those whom we read. How important then that we should read and put into the hands of others the very best of literature. The Bible first and then religious papers.

We think that every Baptist in the Association should read the Alabama Baptist, Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal, the Texas Baptist Standard, and Sunday School literature published by the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn. Also the works of The American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa. Respectfully,
W. W. GROGAN, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by Grogan, Sandlin and Headen and then adopted.

The following reports on Foreign, Home and State Missions were submitted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Board began work in China in 1845. We now have in China 1,251 members. Our work in Africa began in 1850. We have 341 members there. In Italy the work commenced in 1870, resulting in 518 members now. In 1880 we began the work in Mexico and now have 1,091 members there. In Brazil we began in 1882 and now have 1,574 members there. The work began in Japan in 1889, giving us 71 members there.

We baptised 845 converts in our Foreign field last year. We closed the year out of debt. God is giving us victory in a way that should cheer and strengthen every heart.

We have sent out ten new missionaries since last May and many others, men and women, are ready and anxious to go. What stands in the way of their going? God's people who have the means do not give enough to send them. More than two-thirds of the earth's inhabitants are yet without the knowledge of Christ and are heathens. Practically all nations are now open to the Gospel Missionaries. The work in our Foreign fields has shown wonderful progress. Nations have been searched out. Languages have been mastered and God's word translated into them. Three hundred and sixty tongues and dialects are made to shine forth with God's truth. Superstition and ignorance have been discarded. Prejudice and hate have given way to light and love. Our marching orders come from the Great Head of the Church. Shall we falter?

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. SINGLETON, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

It seems there is no question of more vital importance to us than the work of our Home Mission Board, whose field covers the entire South,

Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Cuba. While we find that the contributions of Southern Baptists have increased greatly. In 1846 we gave for Home Missions \$11,293.81. We gave this year \$88,561.40, an increase of \$77,267.59 for 1899 over 1846. Yet, when we think of the great increase of our population by immigration and by natural means, we find that the increase in our necessities have kept pace with our contributions. When we think of the thousands of our own people living in our own beautiful Southland who seldom, if ever, hear the simple yet beautiful and glorious story of the Cross and the love of God to the world, it is enough to cause us to loosen our purse strings and empty our purses into the treasury of the Lord that men who are called of God may be fed and clothed and their families cared for while they are going into the slums of the cities and destitute places in the mountain regions preaching the glad news of salvation by grace.

The summary of the work of the Home Board as reported at the convention last May at Louisville, Ky., is as follows: Missionaries employed, 653, an increase over last year of 186. Weeks of labor, 17,424, an increase for the year of 6,017.

Churches and stations, 2,580; increase 620. Sermons and addresses made, 64,718; increase 15,412. Religious visits made, 108,336; increase, 48,495. Baptisms, 6,552; increase, 1,813. Received by letter, 6,431; increase, 1,661. Total additions, 12,983; increase, 3,474. Churches constituted, 194; increase, 91.

Some objections have been made to the plans of work, but when we put the problem in figures, we find that our home missionaries received last year about \$135.62 each, so the cry of high salaries cannot be raised. The baptisms cost us just a little over \$13.50, so we must say cheap preachers and cheap souls. With these figures and facts before us we ask every church to do all they can in this great cause hereafter. We also ask the Association to suspend regular order of business and join in a prayer of thanks to God for his blessings upon our mission work for the past year.

W. W. GROGAN, Chairman.

The Association was led in a prayer of thanks by Eld. R. B. Headen.

The three reports on Missions were discussed jointly and at length by Pope, Grogan, Moon, Blair, Harris, Sandlin and Headen. After discussion the reports were adopted.

The Association adjourned to 1:30 o'clock p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

During an intermission of one hour and thirty minutes, Eld. R. B. Headen delivered a very able sermon in the cause of Missions, after which a public collection for Missions was taken amounting to \$15.70.

The following delegates to State Convention were reported: H. W. Roberts, J. W. Whorton, W. H. Moon, A. Pope, Thos. Blair, R. T. Ewing, W. W. Grogan, J. E. Roberts, E. Burns, and W. W. Singleton. The report was confirmed.

Bro. J. I. Davis submitted his

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We hold that the dram-shop is the great curse of humanity, that murder, arson, wretchedness, poverty and woe are but the fruits of this traffic, that the protection of our churches, our sons and daughters, our fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters rests upon the downfall of this demon intemperance.

We are glad to report that this evil is not so great with us as has been.

We ask all to unite in an earnest effort to remove this great curse from among us. We should feel that God is with us, for it is a noble work and one that God will approve.

Then I say, courage brother, sister, on to the fight, for God is with us.

Respectfully,

J. I. DAVIS, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Davis and Harris and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We have no statistical figures before us to give any definite report on the work of this Board, but will write in the spirit of Mission. We often hear preached from the stand this duty, and as children of God we feel a pressure to do something. We know not what. But having a soul within us that is freed from the law of sin and death, we begin to inquire "what is the duty that is enjoined upon us to perform?" We find in Holy writ these words: "Ye are not your own. Ye are bought with a price, even the blood of Christ." Then we begin to excuse ourselves and say as Moses did before the burning bush when God called to him to lead His children out from under the oppressor's hand. He said: "Lord I am of a stammering tongue. I can not be understocd." But the Lord said: "Not so; I will give you Aaron. He can explain it. Go forth; ye are sent on a Mission." Now we are sent to help the Mission Board.

Now, dear Brethren, let us take from our pockets that surplus treasure and pay our debts we owe to the Lord with cheerfulness and we think we can do it no better than through the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. BLAIR, Chairman.

The following was submitted:

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your Committee rejoices to report that none of our ministers have died since our last meeting, for which we should be humbly and truly thankful to our Heavenly Father for His mercy in sparing the lives of all our ministers for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. D. HANKS, Chairman.

REPORT ON REVIVALS.

Your Committee makes the following report:

After visiting several of our churches and noting the letters from them, we regret to say that some of our churches have had no revivals, while others have been considerably blessed, for which we should be thankful.

Brethren, we have found that a great many times the church stays at home and waits for the preacher to get up a revival, and it is always a failure. We find that this is not the case with all our churches. Some are live churches whose members take bold with the preacher and a revival is sure to follow, and the church blessed, sinners convicted and saved and God glorified.

A. D. WILSON, Chairman.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following appointments for next session: Eld. W. W. Grogan to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Eld. H. W. Roberts to preach the Missionary Sermon.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The following report was read by R. T. Ewing:

Believing that in the Sabbath school the minds of the young are directed in the right channel and their hearts touched and impressed with the truths of the Gospel, we earnestly urge each church in this Association that is without a Sunday school to organize one at once.

We further favor their organization, for the reason that it opens up a work for every member of the church, and is a nursery for the children. Knowing that among Baptists the Sabbath school is an almost universal acknowledged factor in the work of the church and an indispensable auxiliary towards its advancement and success, we therefore deem it unnecessary to dwell upon the advantages to be gained by it. But there are a few points which we desire to impress on the minds of all.

1. We believe the school should be under the control of the church; The officers, or at least the Superintendent, appointed by the church.

2. We believe it is the duty of all church members, and especially parents, to cooperate in the work, and give all the aid and assistance in their power to advance its interests. We most earnestly insist on every church member making this a personal question.

We recommend the use of lesson helps in our schools strictly Baptist-ic. We recommend Kind Words lesson helps publications of our own Southland. Believing that more advanced and systematic methods for carrying on the Sabbath school work in our Association are needed, we therefore recommend the appointment of a Sabbath school convention by the body now in session, to be known as the Sabbath School Convention of the Cherokee County Baptist Association, the business of which, as the creature of this Association, shall be to meet annually and discuss the questions pertaining to the Sabbath school work.

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN T. EWING, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by Alden, Pope, Grogan, Singleton and the Moderator.

Pending this discussion a motion prevailed striking out that part of the report which provides for the organization of a Sunday school convention by this Association, after which the report was adopted.

The next session of the Association was appointed to meet with Tates Chapel church on Tuesday before the third Sunday in October, 1900.

On motion the old Executive Committee, composed of Geo. D. Hanks, Chairman, and James Roberts, were retained to serve for ensuing year.

The following committees, to report next session, were appointed:

Foreign Missions—W. W. Grogan, George Angle, J. I. Davis.

Home Missions—A. Pope, F. M. Lindsey, E. H. Hardin.

State Missions—E. Burns, Geo. D. Hanks, W. P. Baker.

Sunday Schools—Thomas Blair, J. T. Ellis, John Moon.

Temperance—W. W. Singleton, Arthur Ashburn, J. K. Abernathy.

Education—R. T. Ewing, W. H. Moon, John Snead.

Orphans' Home—J. W. Whorton, J. T. Bartlett, O. A. Alden.

The following report was submitted and adopted:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

RECEIPTS.

By cash and vouchers received for Home Missions.....	\$17 62
By cash and vouchers received for State ".....	19 69
By cash and vouchers received for Foreign ".....	42 72
By cash and vouchers received for Orphans' Home.....	3 75
By cash (Applied to State M. Fund) rec. for Public Collections.....	15 70
By cash received for Minutes.....	17 75
Total.....	<u>\$117 23</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to J. W. Sandlin, State Evangelist, by order of the Association, for all the boards and Orphans' Home.....	\$99 48
Paid to J. W. Whorton, Clerk, for Minutes.....	17 75

\$117 23

E. BURNS, Chairman.

On motion the money raised by public collections was applied to State Missions.

On motion the Committee on Education was not required to make report this session and that report was omitted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to Liberty church and the surrounding community for their kindness and hospitality during our stay in their midst.

The Association sang a hymn and extended to each other the parting hand and adjourned to meet with Tates Chapel church on Tuesday before the third Sunday in October, 1900.

J. W. WHORTON, Clerk.

H. W. ROBERTS, Moderator.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

M. D. Keener, Centre,	Ala.	J. T. Bartlett, Sand Rock,	Ala.
Thomas Blair,	"	W. H. Moon, Coloma,	"
W. W. Grogan,	"	J. R. Trotter, Rock Run,	"
W. V. Monroe,	"	W. H. Stephens, Rock Run,	"
W. W. Singleton,	"	J. M. Smith, Bomar,	"
L. R. Wood, Exie,	"	N. G. Geswick, Tecumseh,	"
A. Pope, Rock Run,	"	H. W. Roberts, Maple Grove,	"
J. C. Holden, Reeyes,	"	J. T. White, Spring Garden,	"
I. N. Hale, Sand Rock,	"	O. A. Alden, Borden Springs,	"
T. R. Hanson, Haynie, Ga.			

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association must be composed of members chosen from the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, who, on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

2. In the letters from the churches in our Union shall be expressed their numbers in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, restored and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Cherokee County Baptist Association, and shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any church or churches of the Union.

4. The Association, when convened shall be governed by a proper rule of decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this Union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by this Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

7. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to three representatives in the Association.

8. No query shall come into the Association without first being debated in the churches from whence it came, when, if it still remains a difficulty with the church, it shall be received by the Association; such queries excepted which concern our Union.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who gave it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings, being furnished with money by the churches for that purpose.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected if need be) and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

12. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union when they deem it necessary.

13. The Association shall have power—1. To provide for the general

union of the churches. 2 To preserve inviolate a chain of communication among the churches. 3. To give the churches advice in different cases. 4. To inquire why any church fails to represent herself at any time in the Association. 5. To appoint any member or members, by and with his or her consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary. 6. To withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of government. 7. To adjourn themselves to such further time and place as they may think most convenient for the churches.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and these three are one.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and are, therefore, the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.
4. We believe the doctrine of original sin.
5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own ability.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the merits of Christ by imputation.
7. We believe the saints will persevere in grace and never finally fall away.
8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects, and that baptism is immersion.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment.
10. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.
11. We believe that no person has a right to the administration of the ordinances but those who are regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.
12. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.
3. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order and shall have the right to call to order at any time.
4. Any member not satisfied with his decision on any point of order may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

5. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet, and, on obtaining leave, proceed to speak, not exceeding fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the Association.

6. The Moderator when addressed for leave to speak, shall signify the same by naming him or otherwise.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in hand, or use words of personal reflection; and every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by him who made it.

8. Every case taken up by the Association shall be first decided on or withdrawn before others are offered.

9. When anything is taken up by the Association, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays.

10. The Moderator shall pronounce the decision of the body immediately after it is decided.

11. No person shall depart the service of the Association without leave.

12. The appellation of brother shall be used in our addresses one to another.

13. The names of the members shall be used as often as the Association may direct.

14. No member shall be allowed to indulge in any practice that has a tendency to interrupt in time of a public speech.

15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided he appoints some other to his seat while he is speaking; but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

16. Any member breaking this decorum shall be reprov'd at the discretion of the Association, but only on the day on which the breach is made.

17. All cases coming before the Association shall be decided by a majority of the members present, except the reception of churches into our Union, which shall be unanimous.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

E. H. Hardin, Forney, Ala.

L. T. Stone, Bid, Ala.

L. B. Cornelius, Centre, Ala.

E. H. Lindsey, Forney, Ala.

J. E. Roberts, Pleasant Gap, Ala.

Wm. Vaughn, Gustville, Ala.

Henry Green, Centre, Ala.

R. T. Ewing, Centre, Ala.

P. S.—Sandy Creek church, decrease by erasure, 22.

STATISTICS CHEROKEE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1899.

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership		Inc by		Dec by		Present	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Preach'g Sabbaths	Reports Prayer Meetings	Reports Revivals	For Missions	For Minutes	
				Last Reported	Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion									Death
Bethel	H. W. Roberts	G. R. Murdock	Forney, Alabama.	129	7	50	5	1	1	\$13.60	\$ 1.00							
Chalcedonia	J. M. Smith	W. S. Cochran	How's X Rds, Ala	90	4	43	4	1	1	6 15	1 00							
Centre	J. A. Glenn	J. W. Whorton	Centre, Ala.	29	6	70	1	1	1	7 18	1 10							
Friendship, 2d dist.	J. R. Hanson	J. W. Abernathy	Whorton, Ala.	110	3	50	3	1	1	10 00	1 50							
Friendship, 3d dist.	M. D. Keener	J. H. M. Sims	Sandrock, Ala.	50	5	50	3	1	1	7 25	1 75							
Liberty	Geo. D. Harris	J. E. Roberts	Pleasant Gap, Ala.	121	6	60	3	1	1	7 25	1 65							
Melrose	Not represented			49	4	123	4	1	1	3 35	1 25							
Mount Zion	W. W. Grogan	J. T. Ellis	Exie, Ala.	62	2	62	3	1	1	3 35	1 25							
Mount Carmel	Not represented			25	2	25	2	1	1	2 70	1 30							
Mount Willard	Not represented			28	2	28	2	1	1	1 00	1 00							
Nazerath	T. R. Hanson	G. W. Lindsey	Forney, Ala.	84	2	84	1	1	1	1 00	1 00							
New Bethel	T. R. Hanson	J. J. Lambert	Noah, Ala.	80	8	79	2	1	1	3 00	75							
Pisgah	Thomas Blair	J. B. Collins	Alsup, Ala.	56	8	64	2	1	1	3 00	75							
Pleasant Valley	Not represented			13	1	13	2	1	1	2 50	1 25							
Pilgrim's Rest	J. R. Trotter	A. D. Wilson	Forney, Ala.	107	7	100	3	2	1	2 50	1 25							
Philadelphia	S. L. Cross	B. H. Howell	Spring Gard'n, Ala.	66	4	62	2	2	1	5 00	1 00							
Providence	W. W. Grogan	T. W. Moon	Goloma, Ala.	42	7	48	4	2	1	5 00	1 50							
Pine Grove	W. W. Grogan	W. Z. Duke	Blaire, Ala.	112	2	93	1	8	2	5 20	1 25							
Rock Run	A. Pope	J. W. Stephens	Rock Run, Ala.	47	2	48	2	1	2	3 00	1 50							
Sandy Creek	W. H. Stephens	J. H. Wood	Forney, Alabama.	70	1	45	1	1	1	6 50	1 00							
Salem	J. R. Trotter	P. J. Garner	Bluffton, Ala.	46	1	51	2	2	2	5 65	75							
Tates Chapel	H. W. Roberts	R. T. Ewing	Centre, Ala.	42	3	38	3	2	2	5 65	75							
Unity	Not represented			28	3	28	3	2	2	15 70	3 75							
Amount of public collections applied to State Missions																		
Aml. contributed by Bethel c. \$2.05—Tates Chp. c. \$1.70 for Orphans' Home.																		
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Order of Business.

ORGANIC.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Recess.
3. Call to order, singing and prayer.
4. Call for letters of churches by districts.
5. Read letters and record delegates' names.
6. Elect Moderator and Clerk.

REGULAR ORDER—NEW ORGANIZATION.

1. Invite visiting brethren and welcome them.
2. Call for petitionary letters.
3. Call for correspondents and appoint the same.
4. Appoint committees to report at this session.
5. Name home for friends.
6. Adjourn for Christian Sabbath.

THIRD DAY.

1. Call to order, prayer, renew call for correspondents.
2. Call roll of churches and correct errors.
3. Read Constitution, Abstract of Principles and Decorum.
4. Call for reports of Standing Committees.
5. Appoint Standing Committees.
6. Appoint time and place for next session.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Attend to Corresponding Letters.
9. Hear resolutions.
10. Read and correct the Minutes and adjourn to time and place appointed.

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