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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1910.

The Association convened with the Sidney Church at the stand.

The Song, "Brethern we have met to worship" was sung, prayer by Elder Monroe Fannin.

Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. A. S. Maynard, Text, Psalms 37 Chapter, 39 verse.

The delegation then met at the church house and after prayer, organized by electing Eld. A. L. Dempsey Moderator, A. S. Maynard Assistant and Hi Maynard Clerk and John Kazee Assistant.

Rules of decorum read.

Newly organized churches called for and received one called Beulah at the hands of Eld. Henry Hensley and Hiram Justice. Received one called Wolf Creek at the hands of J. M. Howard, Jacob Hale and Joseph Cline.

Robt. Maynard and Andy Jude were appointed to see that the stand be occupied by Ministers.

Letters from sister Associations called for and received as follows:

ZION—at the hands of Eld. Elias Stepp, Monroe Fanin, Aaron Stepp and Martin Preece.

BETHLEHEM—at the hands of Elds. Obe Tomlin and Jessie Nelson.

Transient Ministers called for and Elds. John Kazee, W. B. Estep, Thos. Muncy, Joshua West, James Fredrick, W. J. Fields, Chas. Fredrick, Floyd Kirk, Henry Preece Mont Williamson, A. S. Maynard, Sherman Jude and David Stepp came

forward and received the right hand of fellowship.

Committee on ministry appointed who reported for preaching as follows: First Jesse Nelson. Second Monroe Fanin. Third David Stepp. Fourth Elias Stepp.

Ordered that we correspond with Zion, New Zion, New Salem, Bethlehem and Pineville District Associations.

The following Brethern appointed to write corresponding letters:

To Zion—W. B. Estep, to New Zion—T. J. Muncy, to New Salem—John Kazee, to Bethlehem—W. A. Hurley, to Pineville Dist—Hi Maynard.

Committee on arrangement appointed as follows: Eld. W. B. Estep, G. W. Maynard, J. W. Smith, A. S. Maynard, and W. A. Hurley with moderator and clerk. Visiting Brethren invited.

Moved to adjourn.

Prayer by Eld. David Stepp.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

The Association met in pursuant to adjournment.

Song, "Twelve Months More," was sung.

Prayer by Eld. G. W. Maynard.

Rules of Decorum read.

Committee on arrangements made their report. Report received and Committee discharged.

Eld. W. B. Estep and John Blackubrn appoint-

ed finance commnttee. They reported \$31.40 from the different churches.

Report received and committee discharged.

Treasurer reported \$5.00 on hand. Report accepted and Treasurer retained.

Brethern appointed in Associations and Union meetings last year made their report and those that had failed to attend such were excused by the Association.

Letters to Associations called for and read and received and delegates appointed to bear the same as follows:

ZION—Elds. W. A. Hurley, H. M. Runyon, W. B. Estep, John Kazee and F. M. Preece when convened with the New Friendship Church, Martin County, Ky., on Friday before second Saturday in September, 1911.

NEW ZION—Elds. G. W. Maynard, A. L. Dempsey and Henry May when convened with the Jones Chapel Church, Wayne County, W. Va., on Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1910.

NEW SALEM—Bro. Granville Smith, Wm. Lowe and A. H. Scott when convened with New Salem Church, on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1910.

BETHLEHEM—Eld. Hi Maynard, W. A. Hurley and H. M. Runyon when convened with the Lick Creek Church, Wayne County, W. Va., on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1911.

PINEVILLE DISTRICT—Eld. Hi Maynard, Muss Davis, John Kazee and John Blackburn when con-

vened with the Sulphur Spring Church, Buchanan County, Va., on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1910.

Committee on Ministry reported for to-morrow.—The Lord's Day. First, Aaron Stepp; second, Hi Maynard; third, A. L. Dempsey; fourth, W. B. Estep.

Ordered that following Churches have Union Meetings:

SARDIS—Fourth Saturday in July, 1911. Elds. A. L. Dempsey, Hi Maynard and J. Estep attend.

BETHLEHEM — Friday before third Saturday in July, 1911. Elds. G. W. Maynard, J. West and Hi Maynard attend.

ENON—First Saturday in August, 1911. Elds. Robt. Elswick, H. M. Runyon, A. S. Maynard and Hi Maynard attend.

ELK FORK—Friday before third Saturday in August, 1911. Elds. W. B. Estep, W. A. Hurley, Hi Maynard and J. West.

SIDNEY—Second Saturday in August, 1911. Elds. W. B. Estep, John Hazee and W. A. Hurley attend.

MT. PLEASANT—Second Saturday in August, 1911. Elds. A. L. Dempsey, G. W. Maynard and J. W. Smith attend.

WOLF CREEK—Second Saturday in September, 1911. Elds. W. A. Hurley, A. S. Maynard, Wm. Preece and J. W. Smith attend.

PLEASANT HOME—Fourth Saturday in Sep-

tember, 1911. Elds. W. A. Hurley, Muss Davis and Hi Maynard attend.

BEULAH—Second Saturday in September, 1911. Elds. G. W. Maynard, A. L. Dempsey and Hi Maynard attend.

REBECCA—Friday before second Saturday in August, 1911. Elds. David Stepp, W. A. Hurley, A. S. Maynard, W. B. Estep and Hi Maynard attend.

BIG BRANCH—Third Saturday in August, 1911. Elds. W. A. Hurley, H. M. Runyon, A. L. Dempsey and Hi Maynard attend.

LITTLE DOVE—First Saturday in September, 1911. Elds. J. West, W. A. Hurley, W. B. Estep, G. W. Maynard, Henry Hensley, Mordecia Maynard and A. L. Dempsey attend.

BENT BRANCH—Third Saturday in August, 1911. Elds. A. L. Dempsey, Josh West, Mont Williamson and W. J. Fields attend.

Ordered that Bro. Clerk superintend the printing of Minutes and distribution of same and have 1000 copies printed.

Ordered that our next Association be held with the Brushy Fork Church, Pike County, Ky., on Friday before third Saturday in September, 1911.

Ordered that Eld. W. J. Fields preach the Introductory Sermon and Eld. A. L. Dempsey be his Alternate.

Moved that we tender our thanks to the Brethern and friends of this vicinity for their kind hospitality during this Association.

Ordered that we also thank Hon. John Fletcher, sheriff of Martin county, Ky., for his interest in maintaining order during our Association.

Moved that we adjourn to the time and place mentioned.

By order of the Association.

ELD. A. L. DEMPSEY, Mod.

ELD. HI MAYNARD, Clerk.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

On Sunday morning a large and well ordered audience gathered at the stand and after a few of the old songs of Zion were sung services were introduced by Eld. Aaron Stepp, then Eld. Hi Maynard delivered a discourse from John 14 ch. 282.

Eld. A. L. Dempsey preached from Isaiah 35 ch. first v.

Eld. W. B. Estep closed the service with a discourse from Math. 28 ch. The services closed with that manifestation of consolation that belong to the children of God. May our labors be crowned with good results, and may God bless his servants to blow the Gospel trumpet.

HI MAYNARD, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

From a long series of experience, we the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon our profession of faith in Jesus Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of

churches, in arder to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve, maintain and keep the rules and orders of an association, according to the following plan or form of government:

ARTICLE 1 The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches, and only sent to represent in the association who shall be members whom they shall think qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment shall be entitled to a seat.

ART. 2 In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, their baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last association.

ART. 3 The members thus chosen and convened 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 on the eternal rights of any church in the union.

ART 4 The association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

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

ART. 6 New churches shall be admitted into our union who shall petition by letter and delegate, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the associa-

tion and manifested by the Moderator giving the hand of fellowship.

ART. 7 Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the association.

ART. 8 Every query presented by any church to the association being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the association.

ART. 9 Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

ART. 10 The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the association.

ART. 11 The churches shall send money by the delegates of each church to pay for printing the minutes of the association.

ART. 12 There shall be a record book kept wherein the proceedings of each association shall be regularly recorded by the Secretary appointed for that purpose.

ART. 13 The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the association rises.

ART. 14 Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

ART. 15 All matters coming before the association shall be decided by the will of the majority.

ART. 16 The association shall have power:

1—To provide for the general union of the churches; 2—To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; 3—To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4—To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves in the association; 5—To appoint any member or members, by and with their consent, to transact any business which they may think 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 religion; 7—To admit any any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us in the association; 8—To adjourn to any future time and place most convenient to the church or union; 9—No minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by a church and it shall require two or more ordinary ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, of Regular Baptists, are constituted on the following faith, viz:

ART. 1 We believe in one only true and living God, the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth and all things that are therein contained.

ART. 2 We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is Head and King of His church.

ART. 3 We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Sealer and Applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

ART. 4 We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

ART. 5 We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the infallible word of God, take it for our only rule of faith and practice, and nothing is to be added to it or taken from it.

ART. 6 We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ, and that He tasted death for every man and that salvation is offered to all men and women upon the terms of the gospel.

ART. 7 We believe that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are necessary previous to baptism and that immersion is the only right way of administering the ordinance.

ART. 8 We believe that Christ has but one true gospel church and that will finally persevere through grace to glory.

ART. 9 We believe in the communion of the Lord's Supper, that is the taking of the bread and wine by the church of Jesus Christ in commemoration of the death and suffering of the Son of God until His second coming.

ART. 10 We believe that feet washing is an ordinance of Jesus Christ and ought to be observed and kept up by His church until His second coming.

ART. 11 We believe that Jesus Christ is the

first resurrected from the dead and that He lives forever.

ART. 12 We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust.

ART. 13 We believe in the final punishment of the wicked and in the eternal happiness of the righteous.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ART. 1 The association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ART. 2 A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

ART. 3 Only one member shall speak at the same time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

ART. 4 The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech, except by the Moderator, till he is done speaking and shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before or make remarks on his slips or failures and imperfections, but shall verily state the cause and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

ART. 5 No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the association.

ART. 6 No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

ART. 7 No member of the association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

ART. 8 No member of the association shall address another by any other title or appellation than that of brother.

ART. 9 The Moderator shall not interrupt a member until he gives his idea upon the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.

ART. 10 The names of the members of the association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the association requires.

ART. 11 The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, but shall have no vote unless the association be equally divided.

ART. 12 Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any rules shall be reprov'd by the association as it may think proper.

ART. 13 But three members shall take a seat in the association from each church.

ART. 14 No person shall speak more than five minutes at the same time without liberty obtained from the association.

ART. 15 These rules of decorum shall be read by the Clerk at the commencement of every association.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

POST OFFICE

1	A. S. Maynard	Jarad, Ky.
2	John Keezee	Meta, Ky.
3	Robert Elswick	Varney, Ky.
4	Mont Williamson	Varney, Ky.
5	Wayne Cline	Piso, Ky.
6	W. H. Bolden	Piso, Ky.
7	J. E. Taylor	Jarad, Ky.
8	J. W. Smith	Canada, Ky.
9	Joshua West	Canada, Ky.
10	W. J. Fields	McClure, Ky.
11	Chas. Fredrick	McClure, Ky.
12	E. F. Fields	McClure, Ky.
13	Henry Preece	McClure, Ky.
14	Jonathan Estep	Merrimac, W. Va.
15	G. W. Maynard	Burch, W. Va.
16	Henry Hensley	Burch, W. Va.
17	A. L. Dempsey	Eugene, W. Va.
18	W. A. Hurley	Maher, W. Va.
19	H. M. Runyon	Oppy, Ky.
20	Hi Maynard	Myrtle, W. Va.
21	W. B. Estep	Myrtle, W. Va.
22	Epp Ward	Inez, Ky.
23	Moses Maynard	Gulnare, Ky.
24	J. L. Dotson	Jamboree, Ky.
25	Wm Whitlock	Sprigg, W. Va.
26	Isom Sloane	Delorme, W. Va.
27	Evans Sluss	Pilgrim, Ky.
28	P. H. S. Curry	Bias, W. Va.
29	Modecia Maynard	Burch, W. Va.
30	Silas Marcum	Myrtle, W. Va.

Statistical Table of Churches.

Churches	RECD		LOST		Total
	By Ex. & Bapt	By Letter	Letter	Excluded	
SARDIS	8	1	8	2	11
BRUSHY FORK	1	1	4	2	83
BIG BRANCH	1	1	3	3	53
MT. PLEASANT	1	1	3	1	43
REBECCA	20	8	1	1	81
ENON	1	1	1	1	21
BETHLEHEM	4	1	1	1	31
BENT BRANCH	1	1	1	1	68
LITTLE DOVE	2	1	1	1	26
ELK FORK	10	2	1	1	74
SIDNEY	1	6	1	9	54
PLEASANT HOME	1	8	8	8	18
MARY ELIZABETH	2	2	2	2	22
BEULAH	2	2	2	2	28
WOLF CREEK	2	2	2	2	14
TOTALS					70 26 3 1 23 14 97 17

Churches

Messengers

G. W. Maynard, P. A. Farley, S. Vernatta.
 Wm. Lowe, L. Lowe, John Taylor.
 Thos. McCoy, J. E. Taylor, H. McCoy
 J. West, Albert Smith.
 M. Preece, Paul Runyon, W. A. Hurley.
 O. B. Kazez, Muss Davis.
 John Blackburn
 W. H. Bolden, Robt. Elswick, P. G. Blackburn.
 H. Dempsey, L. S. Dempsey, H. May.
 Sam Crum, C. White, H. Sheppard.
 Nathan Jude, A. Scott, Allen Taylor.
 Wm. Runyon, D. White, H. Runyon.
 W. L. Smith, J. W. Smith.
 Hi Justice, Henry Hensley.
 J. M. Howard, J. Hale, J. Cline.

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