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Constitution of East Union Association.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be called East Union Association of United Baptists, and shall be composed of churches of the United Baptist faith and order.

ART. 2. Each church composing this body shall be entitled to representation, with one vote for every twenty members, or fraction thereof.

ART. 3. This body shall meet annually according to adjournment.

ART. 4. This body, at each annual meeting, shall elect, by private ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, whose duties shall be such as custom imposes on such officers.

ART. 5. The business of this body shall be for the advancement and growth of Christ's Kingdom among all the churches of this body or elsewhere. Planning and advising and using all lawful and necessary means in our power to build up new churches and building them up in the most Holy faith.

ART. 6. This body shall exercise no ecclesiastical authority.

ART. 7. This body may appoint a committee to carry out or perform any business under Article 5.

ART. 8. This body shall be constituted by and with messengers and delegates from the different churches belonging to this Association.

ART. 9. New churches will be received by a vote of the delegates present, upon approved evidence of their United Baptist faith and principles. A majority rules.

ART. 10. Visiting brethren of same faith and order will be invited to seats with us, and allowed the liberty of speech, but not to vote.

ART. 11. The Constitution may be altered or amended, except Article 6, by concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, after notice having been given at its previous annual meeting.

ART. 12. No member shall speak more than twice upon any one subject without leave of the Association. Chairmen of committees are given ten minutes, all others five, unless time is extended by the Association.

ART. 13. Members wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator with brotherly respect, and await recognition from him, and then speak. Any brother, having received recognition from the chair, is entitled to the floor, undisturbed, while his five minutes lasts, if he does not digress from the subject on which he is speaking. Members shall call no brother by any other appellation than that of Brother.

ART. 14. Any brother may arise to a point of order, if any brother digress from the subject on which he is speaking, question of privilege.

ART. 15. A motion with a second is before the Association for action, unless another is made to amend, then the amendment is for action, afterwards the original.

ART. 16. No member shall absent himself from the house during the business hours, without leave of the Moderator.

ART. 17. All whispering and laughing strictly forbidden during business hours.

ART. 18. Two members arising and addressing the Moderator at the same time, both claiming the floor, the one farthest from the Moderator shall be entitled to the floor first and the other next.

ART. 19. This Association may withdraw its fellowship from any church in its bounds for a violation or departure from the United Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 20. The Chair, having decided any question which is thought to be contrary to the constitution of United Baptist faith, any brother may appeal from his decision to that of the house.

ART. 21. On each morning at the opening of the Association there shall be given one hour, or such less time as is necessary, to the offering of resolutions and such new business as is necessary.

ART. 22. If the Moderator fails to exact the rules of this Constitution in the transaction of business, any member of this Association may move him to order, if he fails to exact such rules, the Assistant Moderator shall take the Chair.

It is ordered that this Association adopt Mell's Parliamentary Practice for our guide in the transaction of the business of our Association.

This done by order of the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Annual Sermon.
2. Body called to order by Moderator of last session, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, or Assistant Clerk, or in their absence, the body shall elect a Moderator pro tem.
3. Appointment of Committee on Credentials and Enrollment.
4. Call for new churches.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Appointment of Standing Committees—Divine Service—Correspondence—Obituaries—Nominations—Foreign Missions—Home Missions—State Missions—Sunday School—Education—Orphans' Home—Ministers' Aid Society—Literature—Finance—Resolutions—Temperance.
7. Call for corresponding letters.
8. Report of Executive Board.
9. Report of Evangelist.
10. Place of next meeting.
11. Appointment for next Introductory Sermon.
12. Miscellaneous or new business.
13. Reports of Standing Committees.
14. Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—SEPTEMBER 3rd.

The East Union Association of United Baptists met this day in its seventh annual session, and at 10 o'clock was called to order by Bro. S. Stanfill, Moderator of last year.

After devotional exercises, consisting of singing, reading the 23d Psalm and prayer, led by Bro. James Detherage, the annual sermon was delivered by Bro. J. A. Ingram, from Ps. 58:8. Body led in prayer by Bro. S. Stanfill. The Moderator announced as Committee on Credentials and Enrollment, Bros. B. E. Parker and J. C. Bird.

Letters were presented and read from twelve churches and names of messengers enrolled as follows:

LITTLE POPLAR CHURCH—I. Lawson, Jos. Jones, G. B. Lawson, Lewis Bennett, W. R. Lay, Jas. Bennett, B. E. Parker, Jos. Wilson.

BOSTON—L. O. Siler.

EPHESUS—Henry Lawson, M. K. Vanderpool.

MOSSY GAP—Wren Teague, Green Teague, J. R. Foley, J. W. Wells.

CLEAR FORK—J. A. Jones.

POPLAR CREEK—John McKeegan, J. G. Evans, Lewis Reaves, W. F. Bryant, I. C. Bryant.

SULPHUR SPRINGS—Nathan Lawson, Sterling Vanderpool, David Perkins.

JELlico—J. W. Mahan, W. B. McGarity.

ROCK SPRING—G. W. Tye, John Tolor, M. M. Croley.

PLEASANT VIEW—J. S. Tye, J. C. Bird, J. C. Miller.

NEW HOPE—M. D. Pritchard, W. P. Chance, W. F. Pritchard, J. L. Pope.

BEECH BOTTOM—Benjamin Lee, I. Lawson.

CUMBERLAND RIVER—S. Stanfill, J. A. Ingram.

A call was made for new churches. Letters from Mt. Zion and Poplar Spring churches were presented, read and the churches received, after which their delegates were given the hand of fellowship and invited to seats with the body.

MT. ZION—Wm. D. Engle.

POPLAR SPRING—J. E. Hopper, J. Pridemore.

The body proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the election of S. Stanfill, Moderator; J. A. Ingram, Assistant Moderator; B. E. Parker, Clerk; J. R. Foley, Assistant Clerk.

Corresponding letters were called for and received. From South Union Association, by J. G. Souders, and North Concord, by A. C. Baird.

Moved, that we invite all visiting brethren of sister Associations to seat with us.

On motion of W. B. McGarity, the Association voted to suspend the regular order of business and proceed to the appointment of standing committees. The following committees were appointed .

ON CORRESPONDENCE :

TO SOUTH UNION ASSOCIATION—Joseph Jones.

TO NORTH CONCORD ASSOCIATION—I. O. Siler.

TO MT. ZION ASSOCIATION—M. K. Vanderpool.

ON OBITUARIES—Wren Teague.

ON NOMINATIONS—J. W. Mahan, J. S. Tye.

ON FOREIGN MISSION—J. G. Evans, Wm. B. McGarity.

ON HOME MISSIONS—N. Lawson, I. O. Siler.

ON STATE MISSIONS—Wm. B. McGarity, S. Stanfill.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—Jas. C. Miller, J. C. Bird.

ON EDUCATION—A. C. Baird, Jas. Pope.

ON ORPHANS HOME—Ben Lee, J. W. Mahan.

ON MINISTERS' AID SOCIETY—Isham Lawson, S. Stanfill.

ON LITERATURE—W. D. Engle, J. S. Tye.

ON FINANCE —B. E. Parker, J. C. Bird.

ON RESOLUTIONS—John Pridemore, M. D. Pritchard.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted :

1. That the Constitution be so changed as to allow the chairman of each committee to speak ten minutes, and all others five.

X 2. That Barton Siler represent us at the Southern Baptist Convention ; Wm. B. McGarity, alternate, and J. W. Mahan at the General Association of Kentucky Baptists, Wm. B. McGarity, alternate.

3. That our next meeting be held with the Clear Fork church, one mile east of Saxton, beginning on Wednesday, before the third Saturday in September, 1898.

4. That we have no public preaching during our next annual meeting save introductory sermon.

5. That all resolutions offered be referred to the Committee on Resolutions without debate.

6. That B. E. Parker and Wm. B. McGarity transcribe, have printed and distribute the minutes.

Isham Lawson was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon next year, S. Stanfill, alternate.

Jas Pope and J. S. Tye were appointed to see why the Executive Board had not reported this year.

ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL MEETINGS.

1. Old People's Meeting, at Cumberland River Church on third Saturday and Sunday in October. Our Corresponding Secretary was requested to invite and arrange for the attendance of the older brethren and sisters in our and sister Associations.

2. Young People's Meeting at Little Poplar, second Saturday and Sunday in November, J. W. Mahan appointed to preach Sermon to young people.

3. Meeting for Bible Study at Jellico, beginning on Monday after the second Saturday in December.

Association adjourned with prayer by J. W. Mahan.

SECOND DAY—SEPTEMBER 4th.

The Association was called to order at 8:30 a. m.

Devotional exercises were led by J. A. Ingram.

The following letters of Correspondence were read and adopted:

1. To Mt. ZION ASSOCIATION—Isham Lawson, Corresponding Delegate.
2. NORTH CONCORD—K. S. Davis, Corresponding Delegate.
3. SOUTH UNION—S. Stanfill, J. C. Bird, M. K. Vanderpool, Corresponding Delegates.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report the death of Eld. Berry Lawson, of Little Poplar Creek Church during the year 1897.

WREN TEAGUE.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Spoken to by I. O. Siler, J. A. Ingram, Wm. B. McGarity.

Your Committee would suggest the following report:

We believe that our Saviour came to save the world—all men—regardless of race or condition. We believe also that Christ has entrusted to His people the duty of telling the world His gospel. Last year we assisted our Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., in supporting 80 missionaries in China, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Japan. Our churches in these countries have 4,324 members. Ninety-five churches have been organized, and 141 preaching stations have been kept up. \$125,682 were given by our 1,500,000 white Baptists, about 8 cents each. Only one church in our Association reported contributions to Foreign Missions. We recommend that our churches give monthly, quarterly or annual contributions for missions.

J. G. EVANS,

WM. B. MCGARITY.

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS.

Spoken to by J. W. Mahan, I. O. Siler.

We, your Committee on Home Missions submit the following:

Our Southern Baptists last year gave an average of thirteen cents each to missions, about one half of which was spent on the Home Field. We have 1,529,000 white Baptists in the South, and are rapidly increasing. We would urge our public brethren to bring Home Missions before their churches, and ask all to give to missions; also to arrange for speakers to present this work to their churches.

NATHAN LAWSON,

I. O. SILER.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Spoken to by Wm. B. McGarity.

Our State Mission Board, located in Louisville, fosters Foreign, Home and State Missions. Our Secretary, Bro. J. W. Warder, reports \$37,418 received this year for all missions. Sixty-three missionaries labor under the State Mission Board, some in nearly every section of the State. Bro. Warder is now trying very hard to induce every church in the State to have a part in this work. We recommend to our people the work of the State Mission Board.

WM. B. MCGARITY.
S. STANFILL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We have much to feel grateful for, as there has been a decided improvement in the Sunday Schools of our Association the past year. Some schools that have heretofore suspended for part of the time, have been kept up all the year. Another cause for gratitude is that we have better trained teachers. In every line of Sunday School work we note changes for the better, more students, greater desire to learn, a higher sentiment to know God's word. We recommend that the churches of this Association be divided into three sections. Sec. 1. Mt. Zion, Poplar Spring, Little Poplar, New Hope, Poplar Creek. Sec. 2. Mossy Gap, Rock Spring, Beech Bottom, Cumberland River, Pleasant View. Sec. 3. Clear Fork, Boston, Ephesus, Sulphur Springs, Red Ash, Jellico, and that each section be under the supervision of a member of the Executive Board, whose duty it shall be to organize and upbuild Sunday Schools in his section, and hold at least one meeting during the year, at which a collection for the Associational Evangelist shall be taken.

J. C. BIRD, Chairman.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Spoken to by J. L. Pope.

We are proud to see our mountain people paying more attention to education. Our public schools have better teachers. We insist on parents sending their children to these schools and trying to awaken greater interest in education. We believe that parents can make no better investment than to educate their children. We would urge our young preachers to attend some good school. We know of no better than Williamsburg Institute and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville, Kentucky.

J. L. POPE.
A. C. BAIRD.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Spoken to by J. W. Mahan.

Our Baptist Orphans' Home, located at Louisville, Kentucky, is doing a good work, taking care of and finding homes for the Baptist Orphans in the State. Twenty-eight years ago, Miss Mary Hollingsworth was called to this work. The Home was started with but three orphans,

who, with their matron, took up their abode in a rented house. Since that time 1,012 others have been received into the Home, and the magnificently equipped buildings are now owned by the Baptist churches of the State. During the past year 10 have been received and 29 have been given out. Of those given out, 14 were adopted and 15 apprenticed. In either case the child is to be educated and treated as if born into the family. There are at present 88 children in the Home who are depending upon the gifts from the churches for bread and clothing. Miss Mary Hollingsworth, the present matron, will gladly receive any contributions for that work. Some of our churches have sent clothing and money to them, and we recommend that every church in this Association do something for this noble work.

J. W. MAHAN.
BEN LEE.

J. A. Ingram, Williamsburg, Ky., was elected to represent the Home in the Association, and all churches requested to send him contributions in eatables or clothing.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' AID SOCIETY.

We believe this to be a noble and benevolent society, and is greatly needed for the aid of our worn out ministers. We recommend that each church take up a collection and send it to the trustees of the society at Owensboro, Kentucky.

ISHAM LAWSON.
S. STANFILL.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

We recommend for general reading the Western Recorder and Baptist Evangelist; for Sunday School supplies the Publications of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn., or the American Baptist Publication Society.

J. S. TYE.
WM. D. ENGLE.

W. J. Caudill and Adam Siler, visiting brethren, were seen and invited to seats.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Spoken to by Wm. B. McGarity and W. J. Caudill.

We recommend that the following named brethren be nominated for our Executive Board for the ensuing year: P. B. Stanfill, Pleasant View, Ky.; J. A. Ingram, Williamsburg, Ky.; Wm. B. McGarity, Jellico, Tenn.; S. Stanfill, Pleasant View, Ky.; Daniel Oaks, Saxton, Ky.

Committee on Finance reported \$9.99 received for minutes.

The committee appointed to see why the Executive Board had not reported this year, found that the chairman had been sick, the treasurer moved to another Association, and no money had been given to support an evangelist.

FOLLOWING WAS OFFERED BY COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS
AND ADOPTED.

1. Whereas, the sentiment of our people is not strong enough against the whisky business, we recommend that our brethren strive to raise the standard by infusing a stronger anti-whisky sentiment into each person with whom he is thrown, and by demanding that our members shall discountenance the use of liquors of any kind as a beverage.

2. That a Committee on Temperance be added to the order of business.

3. That we tender our thanks to the brethren and neighbors of this community for their hospitality, and to our officers for their faithful and impartial work.

After singing "Children of the Heavenly King," and a good old fashioned hand shaking, the Association adjourned with prayer by J. W. Mahan, to meet with Clear Fork Church, Wednesday before the third Saturday in September, 1898.

S. STANFILL, Moderator.

B. E. PARKER, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

THOMAS SEARS,	Carpenter, Ky.
JOHN ALLEN,	Teague, Ky.
HENRY LAWSON,	Lot, Ky.
OWEN WILSON,	Carpenter, Ky.
J. W. MAHAN,	Jellico, Tenn.
Wm. B. McGARITY,	Jellico, Tenn.
MICHAEL BROYLES,	Jellico, Tenn.
C. W. HANEY,	Jellico, Tenn.
LEWIS BENNETT,	Bryant's Store, Ky.
C. P. PRICHARD,	Bryant's Store, Ky.
JOHN McKEEHAN,	Bryant's Store, Ky.
J. A. INGRAM,	Williamsburg, Ky.
S. STANFILL,	Williamsburg, Ky.
ISHAM LAWSON,	Bryant's Store, Ky.
G. B. LAWSON,	Carpenter, Ky.

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