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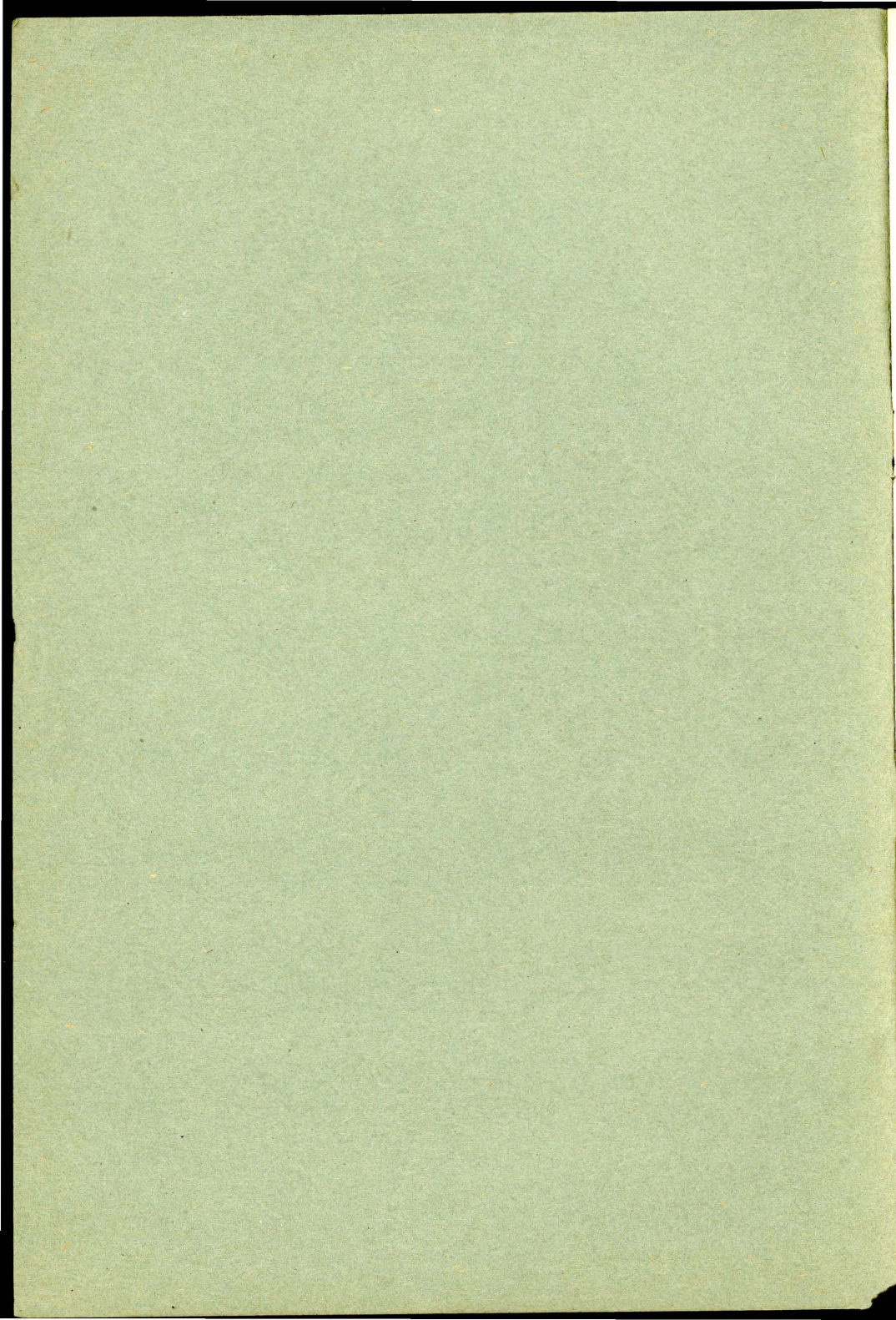
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD  
**ANNUAL SESSION**

OF THE  
**CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION**  
OF  
**PRIMITIVE BAPTIST**



Held With  
Big Harpeth Church, Williamson County, Tenn.  
September 25th, 26th, and 27th,  
Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Five.







# MINUTES

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Minutes of the One Hundred and Twenty-third Annual Session of Cumberland Association of Primitive Baptist held with Big Harpeth church, Williamson county, Tenn., Sept. 25, 26 and 27, 1925.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder R. N. Graves.

The preaching was continued at the stand by Elders H. M. Sanders and N. J. Hinson.

The messengers of the association met in the house and was called to order by the moderator, prayer by Elder R. O. Raulston.

The names of churches were then called and messengers names enrolled. (See Table.) Except White Creek church which has dissolved and most of its member's letters have been sent out to other churches.

Organized by electing Elder W. P. Russell, Moderator, E. R. Coleman, Clerk; and Lee Russell, Assistant Clerk.

Brethren from sister churches invited to seats.

Corresponding letters and minutes received as follows:—

West Tennessee—Letters and minutes by Elders H. M. Sanders and J. A. Pope.

Round Lick—Letters and minutes by Elder E. S. Frye.

Sequatchie Valley—Letters and minutes by Elder R. O. Raulston.

Buffalo River—Letters and minutes by Elder N. J. Hinson.

Forked Deer—No intelligence.

Greenfield—No intelligence.

Powell Valley—Letters by mail. No messengers.

Fountain Creek—Letters and minutes by Elder J. F. Cromwell, and Bro. T. M. Martin.

Highland—Letters and minutes by Elder J. D. Shain, L. Y. Buchanan.

Second Creek—Letters and minutes by Bro. E. C. Turpin.

Petitionary letters called for. None.

Corresponding and visiting brethren invited to seats.

The following committee appointed—On arrangements, Elders R. N. Graves and W. E. Brush. On Finance—J. Will Kimmons and Elder M. C. Johnson.

On Correspondence—Bro. Ab Green and Bro. Vandiver.

The deacons were appointed a committee on preaching and those to preach Friday were Elders H. M. Sanders and N. J. Hinson.

On Saturday—Elders J. F. Cromwell, R. O. Raulston, J. A. Pope.

On Sunday—Elders Joiner, E. S. Frye, J. D. Shain.

Prayer by Elder W. E. Brush. Adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY—SATURDAY

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Prayer by Elder E. S. Frye.

The roll was called.

The committee on arrangement reported the order of business as in former minutes. Report received and committee discharged.

The committee on correspondence read a letter to corresponding sister associations which was received and committee discharged.

Volunteer messengers were appointed as follows:

West Tennessee—Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1926, with Willow Springs church, Hickman county, Tenn., five miles from Lyle Station; Bro. J. A. Johnson, J. A. Owen, W. L. Pate.

Round Lick—Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1926, with the church called Brush Creek near North Alexandria; G. L. Sparkman, W. L. Adair, J. A. Johnson, E. G. Johnson, Elder R. N. Graves, W. A. Polk, Elder W. E. Brush, G. W. West.

Sequatchie Valley—Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1926, with Lookout Valley church, six miles from Chattanooga; Elder W. E. Brush, J. R. Jordan, J. A. Johnson.

Buffalo River—Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1926, with New Hope church, six miles west of Centerville; Elder M. C. Johnson, J. Will Kimmons, Elder W. P. Russell.

Forked Deer—Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1926, with Mill Creek church, seven miles from Bells, Tenn.; J. A. Johnson.

Greenfield—Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1925, with the church at Blooming Grove, six miles north of Dresden, Tenn., on N. C. & St. L. R. R.; Elder W. L. Murray, J. R. Jordan.

Powell Valley—Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1926, with the church at Brownies Creek.

Fountain Creek—Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1926, with the church at County Line, seven miles east of Lawrenceburg.

Highland—Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1926, with the church at Dawson Springs, Ky.; Elders W. E. Brush, W. P. Russell, J. A. Jordan, J. A. Johnson, J. W. Pettus.

Second Creek—Friday before third Sunday in September, 1926, with the church at Hurricane Springs; Elders R. N. Graves, M. C. Johnson, C. V. Vandiver, W. M. Johnson.

Our next association will be held with the church at Cool Springs, Williamson county, Tenn., ten miles east of Franklin, Tenn., commencing on the fourth Sunday in September, 1926, elder W. L. Murray to preach the introductory; Elder W. E. Brush, alternate. The moderator to arrange the preaching on Friday.

The finance committee reported the sum of \$25.00. Report received and committee discharged.



## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.

Elder M. C. Johnson, Thompson Station, Tenn., R. 1.

Elder W.P. Russell, Arrington, Tenn., R. 1.

Elder R. N. Graves, Eagleville, Tenn., R. 1.

Elder W. L. Murray, Nashville, Tenn., 1300 Pennock.

Elder W. E. Brush, 1001 Delmus Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Agreed to have 700 copies of minutes printed, the clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of same and have the residue for his service after paying all expenses.

The association tenders sincere thanks to the dear brethren, sisters and kind friends who so lovingly and generously cared for us and we earnestly pray the Lord to abundantly bless them.

**ELDER W. P. RUSSELL, Moderator.**

**E. R. COLEMAN, Clerk; J. LEE RUSSELL, Asst. Clerk.**

## CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Cumberland Association of Primitive Baptist now in session with the church at Big Harpeth, Franklin, Tenn., Williamson county., this September 25, 26, 27, 1925, to our sister association with whom we correspond:

Dear Brethren:—We feel thankful to the Lord that we have again been permitted to met in an associational union in perfect peace among ourselves. It affords us great joy and encouragement to have with us so many of our corresponding brethren and sisters, especially ministers. We have received communications from our corresponding associations either by mail or by messengers for which we are so thankful to the Lord and do earnestly desire that brotherly relations may still continue. We have appointed by their consent our brethren as shown in the body of our minutes to represent us in your meetings, whom we hope you will receive. We are anxious that our friendly relations may ever continue and hope you will still remember us and be mindful to attend our meetings. The place of our next meeting will be with the church at Cool Spring, Williamson county, Tenn., Friday before the fourth Sunday, 1926. Now may the dear Lord direct all His little ones in the paths of duty and keep them humble, ever looking to Him for help and strength to discharge the same.

Committee: J. A. GREEN and E. W. VANDIVER.

## NAMES OF VISITING PREACHERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES:

Elder R. O. Raulston, 805 Dodds, Ave, Chattanooga, Tenn.

E. S. Frye, North Alexander, Tenn.

J. D. Shain, Madisonville, Ky.

H. M. Sanders, Dickson, Tenn.

J. A. Pope, Dickson, Tenn.

E. J. Joiner, Murfreesboro, Tenn., R. 8.

J. F. Cromwell, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., R. 3.

N. J. Henson, Kimmons, Tenn.

## CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Cumberland Association of Primitive Baptists.

Article 2. An Association is a body formed for the purpose of obtaining a more general acquaintance with the state of churches maintaining a friendly intercourse with each other, giving advice in case of difficulty, etc. This Association shall, therefore, exercise no authority over the several churches of which it is composed, but shall regard them as entirely independent, give full credit to their acts, and never pass any censure or animadversion thereon.

Article 3. The churches belonging to this Association shall be such as hold the following doctrines, viz: The unity of God, the existence of three equal powers in the Godhead; the just condemnation and total depravity of all mankind by the fall of our first parents; personal and unconditional election in Christ before the foundation of the world; the proper divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ that is He is the true God; the necessity of His atonement and its special relation to the sins of the elect only; the Lord's Supper, a privilege peculiar to baptized believers regularly admitted to church fellowship; the resurrection of the body at the last day such of the saints as are found alive shall not sleep, but be changed, and all the dead shall be raised up with self-same bodies and none other, although with different qualifications, which shall be united again to their souls forever; the bodies of the unjust shall, by the power of Christ, be raised to dishonor—the bodies of the just, by His Spirit, unto honor and be made conformable to His own glorious body; the general judgment and final happiness of the saints and misery of the wicked alike interminable; the obligation of every intelligent creature to love God supremely, to believe what God says and practice what God commands; and the divine inspiration of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the only complete and infallible rule of faith and practice.

Article 4. Any church desiring to be received into this Association shall make application by letter, and give an explicit and satisfactory declaration of her faith and practice; and any church departing from the articles of faith expressed in this constitution shall be excluded from the privileges of this Association.

Article 5. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to represent herself by three messengers, on producing evidence of their appointment, and it is expected that each church will send a letter to the Association, containing the names of messengers, her number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded, deceased and the number belonging to her communion.

Article 6. This Association shall meet on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September.

Article 7. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by a ballot, and continue in office until after a new election.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in the Association during its sessions, to preserve order and propose questions and announce decisions; but except on questions of order he shall never speak himself, unless he orders some other member to fill the chair for the time, and then he shall be governed by the same rules and restrictions as other members.

Article 9. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a true minute of all proceedings of the Association and prepare the same for publication as the Association shall direct.



Article 10. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of the monies of the Association, to pay the same or any part thereof, at any and all times to the order of the Association, which order shall always be furnished him in writing, signed by the clerk; to keep an account of all receipts and disbursements and present it annually for the examination of the Association.

Article 11. Alterations and amendments to the Constitution may be made by the majority of the Association, whenever they may deem it necessary.

#### **RULES OF DECORUM.**

Article 1. When the Association convenes for business it shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Article 2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum shall be read by the clerk at the opening of the Association, and lie on the table for the perusal of its members.

Article 3. The clerk shall call over the names of the members as often as the Association may require.

Article 4. Each speaker shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; he shall strictly adhere to the subject under consideration, and shall not be allowed to speak more than three times on any one subject without the permission of the Association.

Article 5. Every motion made and second shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

Article 6. Every query sent to the Association shall be first read, and if it is decided by a majority of the voters to consider the same, it shall be discussed; if not, it shall be withdrawn.

Article 7. Only one person shall speak at a time, and when two or more members shall rise to speak at nearly the same moment, the Moderator shall decide who is entitled to the preference.

Article 8. When a member in speaking has occasion to mention the name of another member he shall use the appellation of "Brother."

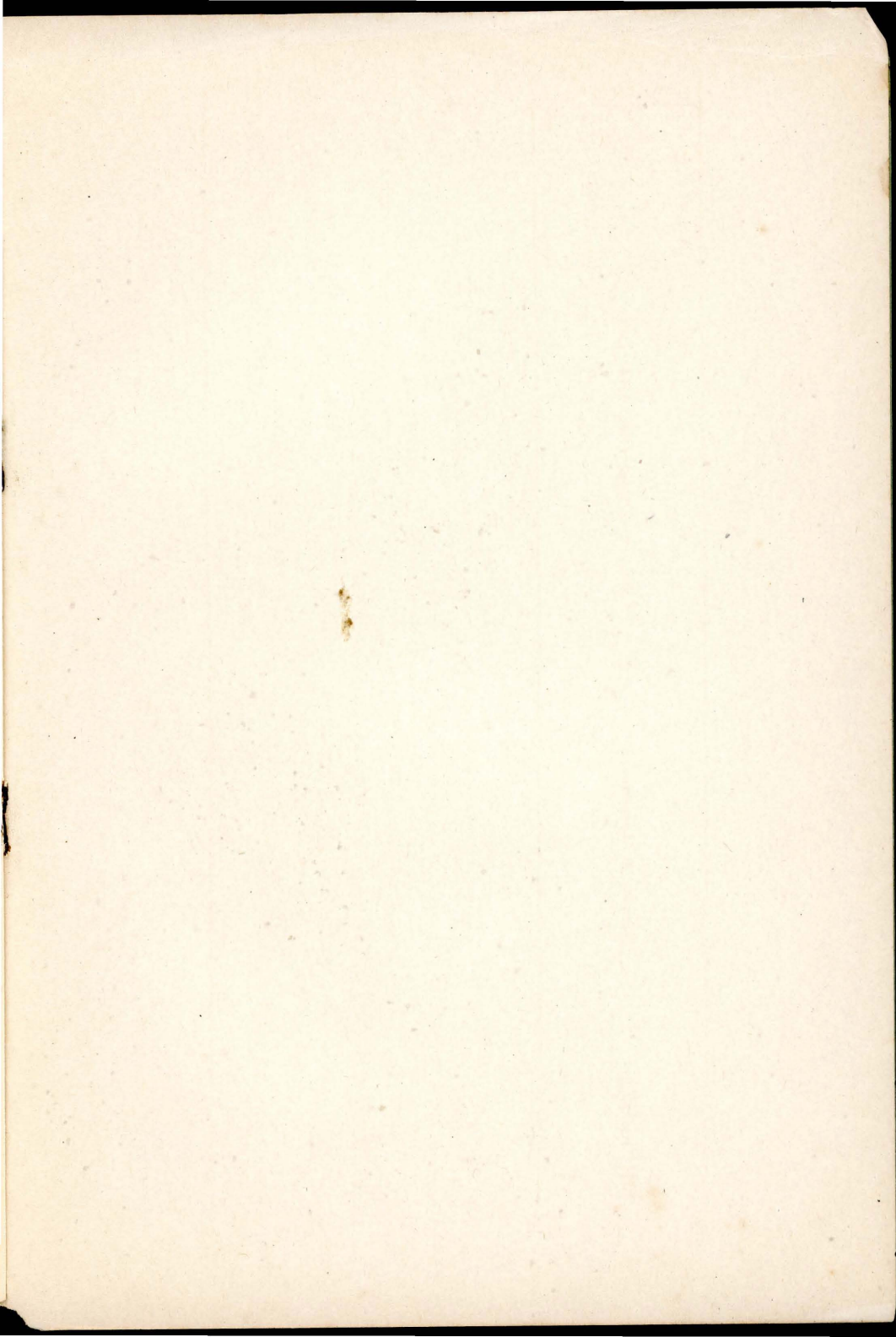
Article 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him speaking unless he violates the rules.

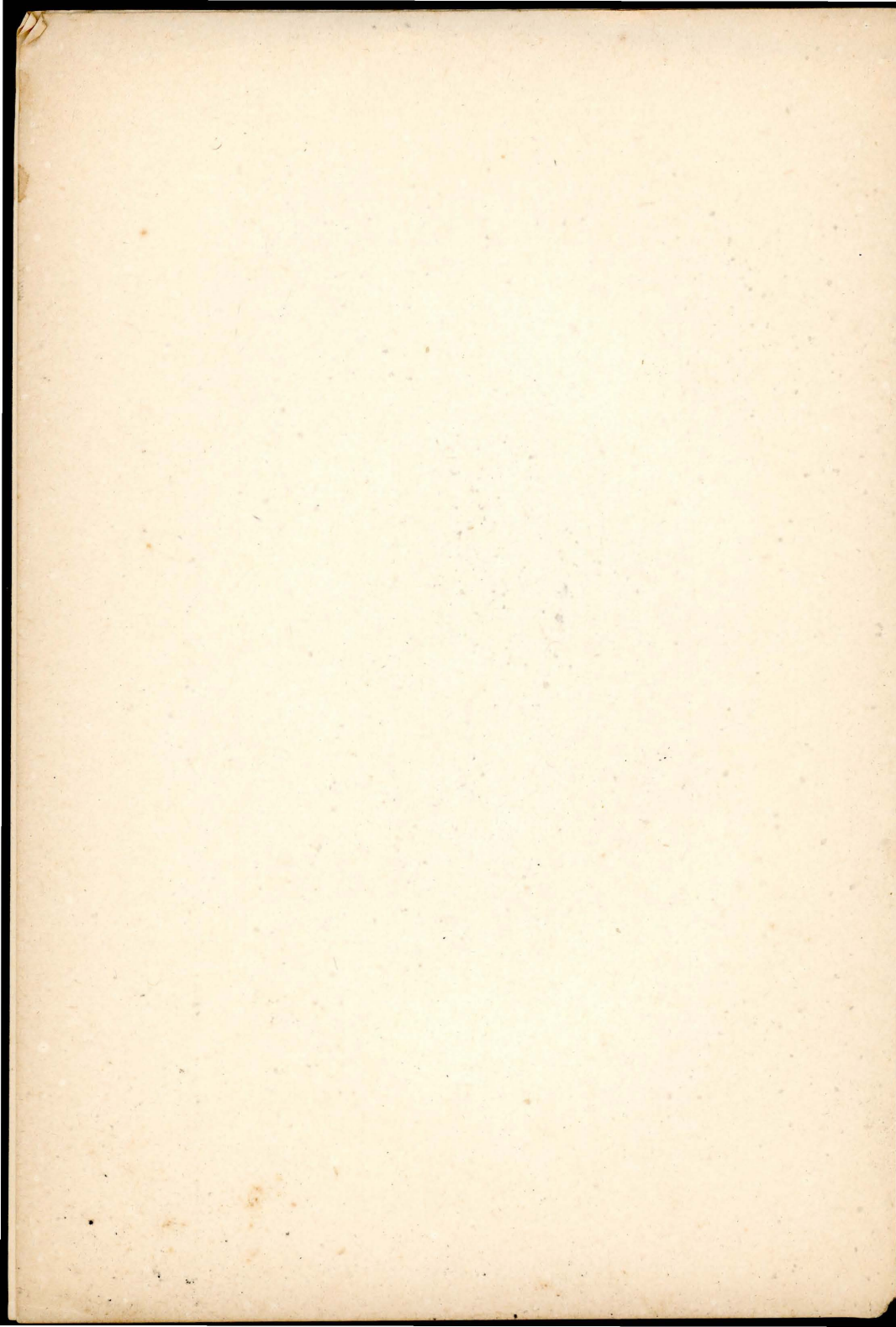
Article 10. Anything debated in this Assembly which may not be thought proper to appear in the minutes may be expunged by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

Article 11. Alterations, additions or amendments may be made at any time to the foregoing rules by a majority of the members present.

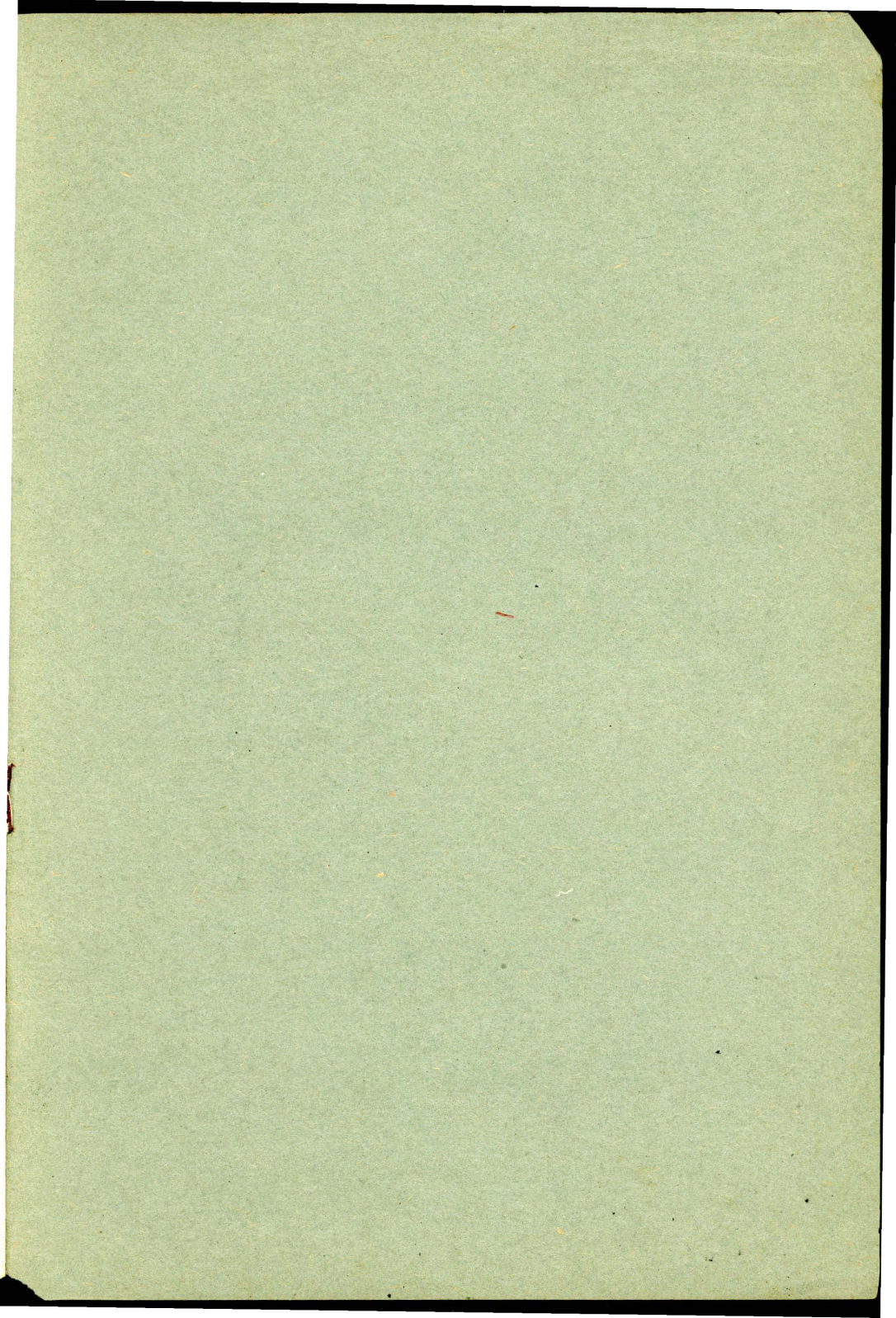














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