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Standing Committees:

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State Missions	A. C. Davis, Danville, Va., R. F. D. 5.
Foreign "	J. J. Adams, Blanch, N. C.
Home "	J. B. Yarborough, Semora, N. C.
Education	D. W. Thomasson, Semora, N. C.
Orphanage	W. B. Clay, Roxboro, N. C., R. F. D. 3.
Periodicals	W. C. Pulliam,Alton, Va.
Ministerial Relief	C. J. Yarborough, Locust Hill, N. C.
Sunday Schools	D. Y. Mebane, Blanch, N. C.
Temperance	S. B. Wilson, Yanceyville, N. C.

Executive Board:

S. B. WILSON,	Yanceyville, N. C.
J. P. WOODY,	Alton, Va.
C. R. VERNON,	Bushy Fork, N. C.
J. S. HARVEY,	Danville, Va.
P. M. SOMERS,	Altamahaw, N. C.

Woman's Missionary Societies.

Clement—Mrs. R. L. Wilborn, Pres., Hurdle Mill, N. C. No. of members 8.

Yanceysville—Mrs. S. B. Wilson, Yanceysville, N. C. No. of members 8.

Blanch-Mrs. Mollie Jennings, Blanch, N. C. No. of members 6.

Proceedings.

The Beulah Baptist Association met in its seventy-first session with Lea Bethel Baptist church, Caswell county, N. C., on the 8th day of August, 1905. Sermon at 11 A. M. by Bro. J. J. Adams from Acts 19:2.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the association to order.

On motion Bro. D. Y. Mebane was elected Moderator, Bro J. P. Woody, Clerk, and Bro. C. R. Vernon, Treasurer.

The roll of the churches was called; letters were brought forward and delegates enrolled.

On motion Bro. W. C. Pulliam was elected to assist the Clerk in reading the church letters.

The following delegates were enrolled:

Beulah-J. C. King, W. W. Slade.

Blanch-D. Y. Mebane, R. E. Powell, W. B. Powell.

Clement-G. M. Burton, J. M. Williams, J. H. Vernon.

Ephesus – W. C. Pulliam, J. L. Williams, J. P. Woody.

Kerr's Chapel—J. A. Boswell, P. M. Somers.

Lea Bethel-W. J. Murry, Graves Thomson.

Milton-F. B. Jones, J. F. Walters.

Providence A. C. Davis, J. S. Harvey, S. T. Ware.

Lamberth Memorial—W. W. Woody, W. B. Clay, J. B. Hudgins.

Trinity-Loftin Lamberth, Woodson Yarborough.

Yanceyville B.S. Graves, R.S. Graves, D.C. Edmunds.

Shiloh-J. B. Yarborough.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of Lea Bethel church. On Order of Business—Brethren S. B. Wilson, J. J. Adams. On Finance—J. B. Yarbrough, J. S. Harvey, J. S. Williams. On Time, Place and Preacher— W. W. Woody, W. B. Clay. On Digest of Letters—J. S. Harvey, W. C. Pulliam.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday Evening—Periodicals and Temperance.

Wednesday morning—9:30 Devotional Exercises. 10 a. m. State Missions. 11 a. m. Foreign Missions.

Evening Session—2 p. m. Home Missions. 3 p. m. Sunday Schools.

Thursday—9:30 a.m. Devotional Exercises. 10 a.m. Orphanage, 11 a. m. Aged Ministers, 11:30 Miscellaneous.

The following brethren were recognized by the Moderator and invited to sit with us in our deliberations: Bro. J. S. Farmer, of the Biblical Recorder, Bro. S. F. Conrad, of the N. C. Baptist.

The report on Periodicals was read by Bro. D. Y. Mebane. It was discussed by brethren D. Y. Mebane, J. S.

Farmer, S. F. Conrad.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Bro. Moderator and Brethren of Beulah Baptist Association:

Your committee on Periodicals beg to report as follows: Under the present system of R. F. D. we see no reason why the religious press cannot stand side by side with the civic press, and judging by the increase in the circulation of the Biblical Recorder and the N. C. Baptist, we think the time is not far distant when they may be placed in every Baptist family in our State; and let us as Baptists exert ourselves and strive in every way possible to increase their patronage, and support them. The great good that they are doing will not be known this side of eternity, and we also recommend to our people Charity & Children. Nothing, in the way of religious literature, can take the place of our beloved Orphanage organ. May God bless and increase the usefulness of our Baptist literature and your committee earnestly recommends the Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field to all Mis-Respectfully,
D. Y. MEBANE, Committee. sion lovers.

On motion, adopted.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. J. J. Adams It was discussed by brethren J. J. Adams and S. F. Conrad. A collection was taken to help the Temperance cause in our State-amount \$10.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Resolved, That we as an Association, hereby approve the work of the Anti-Saloon League of North Carolina; and that we here and now raise \$10 for its support, and that we lend our influence to organizing the counties included within our limits. Respectfully, J. J. ADAMS.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion Bro. S. B. Wilson was asked to lead in prayer for the recovery of Bro. J. A. Beam, who is now very critically ill at the hospital in Richmond, Va

On motion adjourned. Benediction by Bro. J. J. Adams.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Religious exercises were conducted by Bro. J. S. Farmer at 10 a. m. The Moderator called the association to order and Bro. S. F. Conrad led in prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted. The report on Education was read by Bro. S B Wilson. It was discussed by brethren S. B. Wilson, S. F Courad and J. J. Adams.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It has pleased God in his wisdom to call many young men to preach the Gospel, who have not much of this world's goods. We can use them well, not because they are poor, not because they are ignorant, but because God chooses them; and they throw themselves unreservedly into His hands to be used of Him. Above all men the minister needs to be well educated so that his message may be clear, plain, and attractive. An ignorant preacher cannot lead an intelligent people. An educated and well developed religious teacher can lead a most ignorant people with ease and safety.

"If the blind lead the blind both shall fall into the ditch."-Mat-

The Board of Education aided about fifty young ministers at Wake Forest last year. We are thankful to God for the call of these young men into the ministry. They will scatter blessings through the world for many years to come. Those who aided them aided God's cause. All of our churches ought to give liberally to the cause of education. Our colleges and institutions of learning need endowment. Our girls and boys need to be educated, and our ministers need training. The churches should be careful to recommend God-called men to the Board that no mistake be made.

S. B. WILSON, Committee.

On motion, adopted.

The report on Home Missions was read by Bro. J. P. Woody It was discussed by brethren J. S. Farmer and D. W. Thomasson.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We recommed this as one of the many ways in which we may obey the command of our Lord as this branch of the work has been the means of giving the Gospel to a great many souls in our larger cities and especially in our seaport towns where there are so many people living in sin and know not the ways of salvation. Looking at the past and seeing what good has been accomplished, it ought to bring more forcibly upon our minds that we should exert ourselves to our full duty in supporting Home Missions, that our Board may have more means of reaching those that are lost in sin and afar from our Saviour in this beautiful home land which the good Lord has given us to dwell in. And by giving the gospel to those who are in destitute places, we raise them higher in all walks of life and point them to the Lamb of God that taketh away all sin. We hope each one may study this question and thereby become more and more acquainted with the subject of Missions. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KERSEY, Committee.

On motion, adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. D. W. Thomasson It was discussed by brethren D. W. Thomasson and S. F. Conrad.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is most gratifying to note that there has been a large increase of interest in the Foreign Mission work within the past few years.

This is noted in the large increase of contributions and also by the increase of missionaries for the Foreign Field. From 1870 to 1880 there were only five missionaries sent out by our Convention to the Foreign Field. From 1880 to 1890 there were 26. From 1890 to 1900 there were 40. From 1900 to 1904 there were 101, and since 1904 we now have 181 missionaries sent out from this country to the Foreign Field.

I cull from the last report before our Convention in Kansas City: Ten years ago we had 90 missionaries, now we have 181. Then we had 89 native helpers, now we have employed 269. Then we had 85 churches on the Foreign Fields, now we have 194 Then we had 22 church buildings and now we have 132. Then we had 1,503 Sunday school scholars, now we have 5,496. Then we had 581 baptisms for the year, the past year we had 2.231. Then we had 3,493 members in our Foreign churches after fifty years of missionary work; now we have 11,423.

Our contributions last year were \$283,415.88. We are now expending about \$1,000 per day in doing Foreign work. For eight years we have reported no debt, while we have greatly enlarged the work.

We have recently entered into an agreement with our Northern brethren to establish Theological schools at Yokohama, Japan, and also at Shanghai, China. Many of of the Foreign Fields are peculiarly inviting just now, especially in Japan and Brazil. It is just as true in our Foreign work as in the work at home. As we have enlarged our efforts God has enlarged his blessings upon the work. It should be noted with emphasis that it takes fewer Christians to save a soul on the Foreign Field than at home. On the Foreign Field it took a little over 5 Christians to bring one soul to Christ while in the Beulah Association it took 26.

We urge that our pastors and churches make special effort to enlarge our contributions to the Foreign work.

D. W. THOMASSON.

On motion, adopted.

On motion Bro. D. Y. Mebane led the association in prayer for sister James, who is pa-sing through great afflictions.

The Moderator recognized Bro. L D. Watson, who was representing the Woman's Female College at Raleigh.

Afterno n session was opened by singing. Bro. Brad-

ley, pastor of the Methodist church, led in prayer.

The report on State Missions was read by Bro. J. P. Woody. It was discussed by brethren Watson, Wilson, Adams and Thomasson.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The wisdom of the State Mission work has been established by the work that has been done. Nearly all our strong churches were once Mission points aided by the Board. The money that has been given to State Missions in the past has been wisely expended and is now yielding a larger dividend than any other money that has been given. Let us take a look at some of the places that have been aided by the

State Board: Greensboro, Hickory, Winston, Durham, Oxford and scores of other places. And now they are among the strongest churches in the State. Just as State Missions advances, all the other objects are advanced. We now have 140 missionaries at work in our State: 98 employed by the State Board and 42 working in the Associations and making their report to the Secretary of our Convention. Last year there were 1,036 baptisms and 1,954 conversions reported by the missionaries of our Board. More money was raised last year for church building on our mission fields than any previous year of our history. While much has been accomplished there is still much destitution. There are five counties with only one Baptist preacher to the county and he is put there by the State Mission Board. There are four county seats with no Baptist church in them. Many new towns are springing up all over the State asking for help. We are working on a 30,000 dollar basis this year and we sincerely hope that we may be able to make the heart of our faithful secretary, Bro. Johnson, glad by reporting no debt when we go up to the Convention in Raleigh. Let our motto be forward all along the line for State Missions.

Respectfully, J. P. WOODY.

On motion, adopted.

Bro Watson was given the time to speak on General Education and presented the claims of the Woman's College.

To nominate a new Executive Board, W. C Pulliam, A.

C. Davis, B. S. Graves.

Report on Time, Place and Preacher—Providence the place; preacher, D. W. Thomasson, and J. J. Adams, Alternate.

Respectfully,

W. W. WOODY Committee.

The new Executive Board: S. B. Wilson, J P. Woody,

J. S. Harvey, C. R. Vernon, P. M. Somers.

Brethren S. B. Wilson and J. J. Adams told us about the destitution on our southern border along Haw river, and the need of going in and occupying the ground. The association raised one hundred dollars (\$100) in individual pledges to help to take up this work, provided, we can get the Piedmont and Mt. Zion Associations to join in with us and the State Board to put a man on this field, and Bro. S. B. Wilson was asked to correspond with the Piedmont and Mt. Zion brethren in regard to this work.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. J. S. Harvey. It was discussed by Brethren J. S. Harvey and D. Y. Mebane.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS,

Your committee beg leave to endorse the following statement of the Sunday School principles and ideals of North Carolina Baptists.

1st. We believe in the Sunday school as the church engaged in the study and teaching of the Scriptures.

2nd. We believe in a Sunday school in every Baptist church.

3rd. We believe in a Sunday school that reaches, enlists and edifies every member of every church

4th. We believe in a Baptist Sunday school in reach of every per-

son in the State if possible.

5th. We believe in a Sunday school in every church and community every Sunday in a year.

6th. We believe in a Sunday school manned by the best officers

and teachers available.

7th. We believe that our Sunday school workers, present and prospective, should be trained for the highest efficiency and usefulness. 8th. We believe that each Sunday school should have the organi-

zation necessary to its most effective work.

9th. We believe that our churches should equip themselves with suitable apartments and appliances for the teaching work committed to them.

10th. We believe that every Sunday school should bend every energy toward its supreme work of informing about Christ, leading to

Christ and building up in Christ.

As to the work in our Association we find by consulting the letters sent up to this session that we have 12 Sunday schools, one in each of 11 churches and one Mission school, with 62 officers and teachers and a total enrollment of 459; of these schools 4 are evergreen. There are 11 baptisms reported from our schools during the past associational year. The total contributions for expenses and benevolence

reported, amounted to \$88.05. Two schools not reported.

We are glad to report the organization on the fifth Sunday in April of the Sunday School Convention of the Beulah Association. Its object is to promote the efficiency of our existing schools, to organize branch and mission schools wherever practicable in our teritory, and in every way possible advance the great work of studying and teaching the scriptures. We urge that all our Sunday schools be fully and regularly represented in the annual sessions of the convention. We would also heartily commend the Sunday school department of our Baptist State Convention and in accordance with a resolution adopted at Elizabeth City we would suggest that our Sunday school work in the State be placed in the regular list of our benevolences and that pledges be taken for it as for other objects.

Respectfully submitted, J. S. HARVEY, Committee.

On motion adjourned

Thursday morning religious exercises were conducted by Bro. S. B. Wilson. 10 a.m. the Clerk called the association to order, the Moderator being absent.

On motion Pro. S. B. Wi'son was elected Moderator

Pro Tem.

The report on Digest of Letters was read by Bro. J. S. Harvey It showed a financial gain over last year of \$246.69.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

We, your Committee, beg to submit the following report on Digest of Letters:

Church Membership	883	Decrease	2
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State Missions	\$247.88	Increase	\$ 10.60
Foreign Missions	141.75	CHECKY TRACEL SHEET	4 74
Home Missions	103.25	the of the second second	6.14
Ministerial Education	66.94	do in the transfer	3.69
" Relief	49.36	46	7.73
Orphanage	99.85	44	11.19
Sunday School	88.05	100	30.15
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and total for all objects	\$2,627.00	"	\$8246.69

We find two Sunday Schools fail to send up their reports which accounts for decrease in Sunday school rolls.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. HARVEY, P. W. SOMERS, W. C. PULLIAM,

On motion, adopted.

The report on Minister's Relief was read by Bro. W. C. Pulliam. It was discussed by brethren Pulliam and Adams.

REPORT ON MINISTERS RELIEF.

To the Beulah Association, Greeting:

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report: We have not a statistical report, nor do we think it necessary The question for us to consider is: 1st. Are there Beneficiaries? 2nd. Are they worthy of our efforts? 3rd. Are we under obligations to help them? The answer to each query is, YES. 1st. Because of the great work of Love they did for the cause. 2nd. Because of the fulfilling of the Prophecy of the Saviour who said the poor we would have always' with the statement that as oft as we would we may do them good, and 3rd, It may be that we or the churches of their day did not do their full duty towards them. Let it be a work of love to help them in their declining days.

On motion, adopted.

The report on the Orphanage was read by Bro. J. A. Boswell. It was discussed by brethren Boswell, Pulliam, Adams, Thomasson and Wilson. A collection was taken for the Orphanage at Thomasville amounting to seven dollars and forty-one cents (\$7.41).

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

Our Orphanage at Thomasville is the home of about 300 children at present. These little ones without a kind father or mother to supply their physicial needs, or to guide them in the paths of lights and duty, were picked up here and there over the State and are being trained for good citizenship and for christian life.

A splendid dining hall in which 225 children take their meals, has been built within the year at a cost of about \$8,000. This calls for an

other outlay, which is a method of heating.

The scourge of fever last fall and the establishment of a complete system of waterworks, to prevent a recurrence of the scourge has entailed a considerable debt on the Orphanage. A fire last spring burned the barn and four mules and one hoese and left fifty head of cattle

without shelter. The damage was about \$1,000

A hailstorm recently visited the Orphanage farm and destroyed 75 percent of the finest prospect for a crop that it has ever had. We realize that this has been a hard year for the Orphanage and that it is in great need of our support. We commend the Orphanage as worthy of the love and sympathy of the Beulah Association and urge that each church increase its contributions to this object. Brethren, we cannot afford to turn a deaf ear to this noble cause.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. BOSWELL, Committee.

Adopted.

The report of the Trustees of the Association was read by Bro. J. P. Woody.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

To the Beulah Association:

We, your trustees, beg leave to submit our report. We have received from the Harrelson bequest six thousand two hundred and eighty one and fourteen one hundredth dollars (\$6,281.14), which we have placed in banks in Danville, Va. subjected to your action. Respectfully submitted.

S. B. WILSON, Chmr. J. P. Woody, Sec. J. F. Walters, Treas. P. M. Somers, G. B. YARBOROUGH.

On motion, adopted.

On montion of Bro. Adams Bro. Wilson led the association in prayer, that the association might do the wisest and best thing with the money coming to it from the Harrelson

The following motion was made and adopted: That all the churches that are now in the association be given an equal amount in the distribution of the money coming from the Harrelson bequest.

On motion Bro. D. W. Thomasson was elected delegate

to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion the following brethren were elected delegates to our State Convention: J. J. Adams, J. F. Walters and S. B. Wilson.

The Association adjourned. In the evening Bro. Wil-

son prached a good sermon.

Resolved, That the Beulah Association here in session being appreciative of the kindly and hospitable manner in which they have been entertained and taken care of by the members and friends of Lea Bethel church, do hereby tender our most heartfelt thanks and ap-J. S. HARVEY. preciation of same.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, the Executive Board of the Beulah Association, recommend that the Mission work be conducted on the same plan as during the previous year and that all money collected by the churches for State Missions be sent as collected to the Treasurer of the Association: C. R. Respectfully submitted, Vernon, Bushy Fork, N. C.

S. B. WILSON, J. S. HARVEY, C. R. VERNON, P. M. Somers. J. P. WOODY.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTE & TREASURERS REPORT,

We, your Finance Committe, beg to to report receipts as followed	ows:
State Missions	73.29
Home "	31.87
Foreign "	13.17
Ministerial Education	35.16
" Relief	37.75
Orphanage	5.50
Minutes and Clerk	22.30
Total \$	219.04

Respectfully submitted, J. S. HARVEY, Jno. B. YARBOROUGH, Com. J. L. WILLIAMS,

Received of the Finance Committe two hundred and nineteen dol lars (\$219.00), as per above statement.

C. R. VERNON, Treas.

Pledges Made by Individuals for the Haw River Work.

B. S. Graves. \$15.00; S. B. Wilson, 10.00; J. J. Adams, 25.00; D. W. Thomason, 10.00; C. R. Vernon, 5.00; J. P. Woody, 5.00; J. B. Yarborough, 2.50; J. S. Harvey, 2.50; D. Y. Mebane, 2.50; Frank Jones, 2.50; P. M. Somers, 2.50; A. C. Davis, 5.00; J. F. Walters, 2.50; Mrs. John Wilson, 2.00; Mrs. Kate Williams, 3.00; W. J. Murray, 1.00; Mrs. Ella Banks, 1.00; J. L. Williams, 2.00; W. B. Clay, 2.00; W. C. Pulliam, 1.00; B. B. Boswell, 1.00—Total, \$103 00.

Resolutions of Respect.

Resolutions adopted by the Woman's Missionary Societies of the

Beulah Association:

Whereas we have sustained a great loss in the death of Miss Hattie James, one of the most efficient workers in Lea Bethel church, and Vice-l'resident of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Beulah Association; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That the Woman's Missionary Societies of this Association take this method of formally expressing their acknowledgement of her worth, and their deep grief in the loss of her inspiring presence.

2. That these bodies of women working together in His name, feel gratified to have had given them so beautiful an example of Christian consecration as her life was to them.

3. That they thus convey to her sorrowing family an expression

of their sympathy.

4. That these resolutions be printed in the minutes of our association, and a copy forwarded to the Biblical Recorder.

MRS. K. R. THAXTON, MRS. THOS. JEFFREYS, Com. MRS. E. G. THOMPSON,

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Article 1. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of, first, all the ordained ministers who are members of or have the pastoral charge of the churches within this Association district, who shall be members of the Association, ex-officio: secondly, not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointments, in which said letters from the said churches snall show their additions, losses and changes of membership, since the last Association.

Art. 3. The Association shall be held at least once a year at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed.

with prayer.

Art. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a moderator, one clerk and treasurer; the two last offices, however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

- Art. 5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members, and the clerk shall be eligible to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.
- Art. 6. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulation of the churches, but may tender them advice, and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice, exclude such from their fellowship; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Reedeemer's kingdom.
- Art. 7. All committees shall be appointed by the moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.
- Art. 8 All committees of arrangements shall be appointed, of which the moderator and clerk shall be members ex-officio.
- Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the committee of arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter before the Association. The action of the committee, however, in relation to any matter shall not be conclusive; and any matter or proposition which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof, who may not concur in that decision.
- Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such responses, and to offer such counsels as may be deemed fit and proper.
- Art. 11. The Assaciation may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of converse and debate only.

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Art. 12. An Executive Committe, consisting of five brethren, shall be appointed at each session of the Association, which committee shall direct the missionary operation of the Association and make an annual report of its proceedings to this body. Three of these brethren shall constitute a quorum for business, and all money sent up to these churches for Associational missions shall be paid over to this committee.

Art. 13. The Constitution may be altered or amended at the annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole

body.

Art. 14. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers and the Constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association at each annual session to appoint a standing Presbytery to all requests from the churches relating to these matters during the succeeding Associational year, and until a new Presbytery be appointed.

Rules of Order.

1. The moderator shall take the chair every day during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum order shall decide questions of or-

der, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the As-

sociation be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall arise and address himself to the

moderator.

7. When two or more member rise at the same time, the moderator shall name the person to speak first.

8. No man shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself finally from the Association

without leave.

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11. While the moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up or walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discouse, stand up, or pass between him and the moderator.

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12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or amend, which several motions shall have pre-

cedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday the

succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform the arrangements

thus made.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rules shall be rescinded, altered or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum shall be read on Saturday of each session of this Association.

