

**MINUTES**

OF THE

**Eightieth Annual Session**

OF THE

**Echeconnee Association**

**Of Primitive Baptists**

HELD WITH

**Pleasant Hill Church**

Houston County, Georgia,

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September 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 1908.

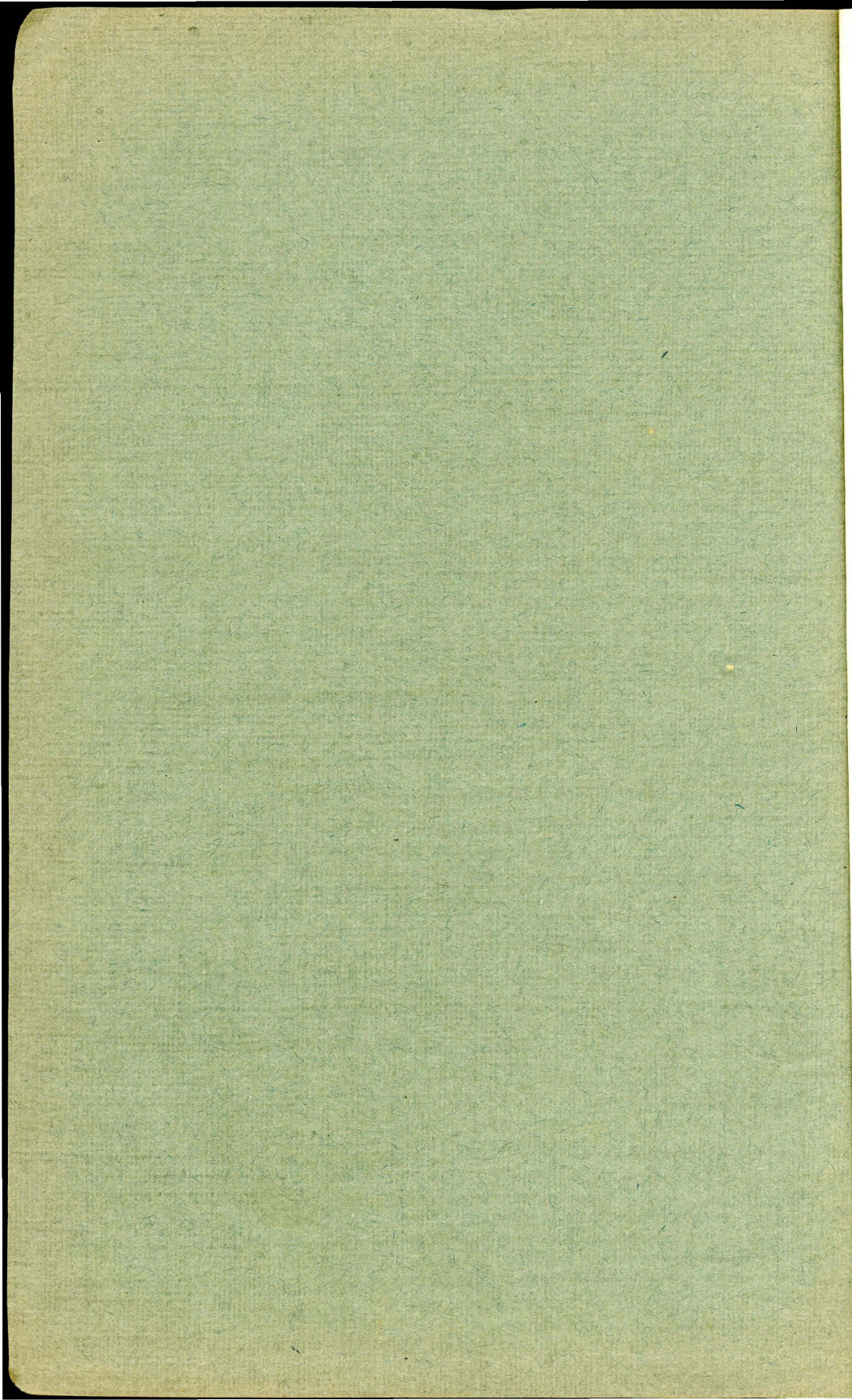
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**::: OFFICERS :::**

ELD. S. T. BENTLEY, Moderator	- - -	Culloden, Ga.
W. S. BLOODWORTH, Clerk,	- - -	Thomaston, Ga.

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The Eightieth Annual Session of the Echeconee Association of Primitive Baptists was held with the Church at Pleasant Hill, Houston County, Georgia September 22rd, 23th, an 24th, 1908.

1st. After prayer, by Elder H.H. Philips, of the Upatoie Association: the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder W. E. Brush of the Greenfield Phillicio Association of Tennessee. Subject "My Kingdom is not of this World."

2nd After prayer, by elder, P. D. Gold of Black Creek Association, North Carolina; the Association was organized by the Moderator. The letters from the Churches were called for and read; and the names of Messengers enrolled.

3rd. Proceeded to permanent organization by the election of a Moderator and Clerk; which resulted in the election of Elder S. T. Bentley to succeed himself as Moderator and W. S. Bloodworth, Clerk.

4th. Appointed Usual Committees:

On Preaching—J. B. Hunt, J. S. McGee; Julius S McGee; M. I Jones and W. C. Lewis.

To Write Corresponding Letter—B. F. Murray

On Contributions and Distribute Corresponding Minutes J. W. Fielder; W E. Champion and A. S. Kersey.

5th Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.

6th. Called for correspondence from sister Associations and received as follows:

From Utpatoie—Elder H. H Phillips with Minutes

From Marietta Old School—No tidings.

From the Harmony—No tidings.

From the Primitive Ebenezer—Elder J. A. Taylor with Minutes.

From the Ocmulga—Elders J. H. Gresham and W J Green and Brethren J. A. McCowan and J. T. Glover.

7th. Called for Petitionary Letters

8th. Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Wednesday Morning Sept. 23, 1908.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder M. M. Mattox of Lott's Creek Association.

1st. Called the roll and dispensed with reading Decorum.

2nd. Called for further Correspondence from sister Associations, and

received Elder J. A. Taylor of the Primitive Ebenezer.

3rd. Suspended regular order of business to receive visitors from sister Associations and churches, with whom we are not in formal Correspondence and received Elder P. D. Gold, of Black Creek Association N. C.; Elder W. E. Brush of the Greenfield Phillice, Tenn.; Elder M. M. Mattox of Lott's Creek Association; Elder B. M. Green of the First Primitive Baptist Association of Okla.; Elder J. H. Thompson of the Primitive Association, Texas; Brethren Zack Harden and Stephen Akin of the Primitive Pulaski and J. M. Adams of the Oconee Association.

4th Resumed regular order of business and renewed invitations to visiting brethren to seats with us.

5th Returned Correspondence to Sister Associations:

To the Upatie—To convene with the church at Bethel on regular time,

Tuesday after first Sunday in September 1909. Elders J. T. Yonug, Lee Hanks; J. A. Monsees; S. T. Bentley and Brother J. W. Fielder.

To Marietta Old School—Return Minutes.

To the Harmony—Return Minutes.

To the Primitive Ebenezer—To Convene with the church at Trail ranch 9 miles south of Montrose on M. D. and S. R. R.; Elders J. A. Monsees, Lee Hanks, J. T. Reynolds; W. J. Heard and brethren J. W. Fielder and J. M. Frederick.

To the Ocmulga—To Convene with the church at Shoal Creek, near Newborn, Elders Lee Hanks, I. Grant; J. T. Reynolds and brethren W. C. Lewis; J. M. Frederick and J. S. McGee

Inasmuch as our sister Association, the Primitive Western has seen fit, and did receive a disorderly element of Griffin Primitive Baptist church, that had been gospelly dealt with and withdrawn from; thereby recognizing said disorderly element as Griffin Primitive Baptist Church, and as receiving them, even if they had been the church would have been disorder because said Griffin Primitive Baptist church is a component part of this, the Echeconnee Association, and said act of receiving them being performed over the protest of our appointed correspondents here, together with some of their own body and churches and one of their own Elders, who acted as Moderator for Griffin Primitive Baptist church when said disorderly element was withdrawn from, we do feel that our sister Association, the Primitive Western has mistreated, not only us but some of her own churches and many brethren in receiving this element; and we feel constrained and do hereby suspend correspondence with said sister Association until such time as she may seem fit to acknowledge and correct said error

6th Called for contributions sent up by the churches and received for Minutes \$22.50 and for the ministry \$50.25

7th Appointed Union meetings as follows:

First to convene with the church at Bethlehem Bibb Co Ga., on Tuesday after second Sunday in May 1909.

Second, to convene with the church at Friendship on Friday before the fifth Sunday in August 1909, 2 miles south-east of Crest, M. & B. R. R.

8th. Appoint next session of this body convene with the church at Providence at Roberta Crawford County Ga on Southern Railroad, Tues-

day after third Sunday in Sept, 1909.

9th. Agreed to have 1500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed in the usual manner, the remaining funds of last year and this after printing minutes to go to clerk

10th. Called for, read and adopted corresponding Letter.

11th. Read and adopted minutes and, after prayer by Elder J. A. Taylor of the Primitive Ebenezer, adjourned.

S. T. Bentley, Moderator.

W S. Bloodworth, Clerk.

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### Order of Preaching.

Tuesday P. M.—Elder J. H. Thompson of the Primitive Association of Texas, followed by Elder H. H. Phillips of the Upatoie Association.

Wednesday A. M.—Elder P. D. Gold of Black Creek Association, N. C. followed by Elder J. A. Taylor of the Primitive Ebenezer Association.

Wednesday P. M.—Elder B. M. Green of the First Primitive Association of Oklahoma followed by Elder J. M. Murray of the Upatoie Association.

Thursday A. M.—Elder J. H. Gresham of the Ocmulga followed by J. M. Adams of the Oconee closed by Elder W. E. Brush, of the Greenfield Phillicic.

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The Association hereby extends thanks to the brethren and friends of Pleasant Hill church who so generously entertained and kept us at their homes during this session of our body. We return to our homes with hearts filled with gratitude for the many kindnesses shown us.

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### Corresponding Letter.

The Echeconnee Association, now in session with Pleasant Hill church, Houston county, Ga., to her sister Association with whom she corresponds greeting.

Beloved in the Lord, through the goodness and mercy of God, we have been permitted to hold another session of our body for which we hope we feel thankful.

We have been made glad to meet a number of your correspondents, and we rejoice that your ministers have come to us preaching Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life.

At our next session, which we have appointed to convene with the church at Providence in Roberta Ga. on Southern Railway commencing on Tuesday after third Sunday in September 1909 we hope and trust to meet your correspondents again in love and fellowship.

May the God of all grace bless you all is the prayer of your sister in hope.

### Resolution.

Whereas the Primitive Baptists have been greatly disturbed by the introduction of new and unscriptural practices in their worship viz instrumental music, secret orders and other things of like character, therefore be it resolved that we declare against these measures in our churches together with all others that practice or affiliate with the same.

### Decorum.

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

2. In the letters from the churches shall be expressed their members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, on confession of faith, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated, the Echeconnee Association, providing for themselves a Moderator and Clerk, who will serve them during the session; using the pastor of the church where they assemble or choosing one from the body, as they please.

4. As one of the cardinal tenets of faith of the Primitive Baptist is that the Old and New Testaments are our only rule of faith and practice, and as the Bible recognizes no other religious disciplinary power but the church, we hereby leave all discipline with the Church, where God in His wisdom, mercy, and honor to His Son, placed it.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this union they may petition by letter and delegates, and if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association may require.

7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a true record of the proceedings of the Association.

8. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

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

10. To correspond with sister Association of the same faith and order.

11. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

12. It is also agreed that nothing shall be so constructed in the above as to interfere with the fellowship and communion of the churches or brethren of this union, or with those with whom we may correspond, directly or indirectly; and nothing shall be presented to this body as a query, or question bearing on the same, but shall be considered by the churches, as we believe is directed by the Holy Scriptures.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	CLERKS	COUNTIES	POST OFFICE	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	PASTORS	Baptized	Received by Letter	Confession of Faith	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Expelled	Deceased	Total Number	Sabbath Meetings	Money for Minutes	Money for Ministry	
Ebenezer				Not Represented													
Good Hope	W. T. Hall	Upson	Thomaston	G. W. Hall, I. J. Mallory	B. C. Caldwell	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	19	3	\$ 75	\$ 75	
Mt. Carmel	J. R. Bentley	Crawford	Musella	Elder S. T. Bentley, A. W. Childs	S. T. Bentley	2	4	0	1	2	0	0	54	3	1 00	3 00	
Salem	J. D. McGhee	Crawford	Knoxville	Elder I. Grant, J. D. McGhee, John W. McGhee	I. Grant	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	72	2	1 50	2 00	
Providence	F. Danielly	Crawford	Roberta	T. A. Kendrick, Julius S. McGhee	S. T. Bentley	8	2	0	0	1	0	2	62	4	1 25	3 00	
Fellowship	J. H. M. Cliett	Houston	Powersville	B. F. Murray, Elder J. W. Stanford, W. E. Champion	W. J. Heard	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	37	2	1 00	3 00	
Bethlehem	F. W. Williams	Bibb	Macon	J. S. McGhee, J. W. Grant, F. W. Williams	J. H. Gresham	1	16	0	3	1	23	1	123	1	2 00	3 00	
Friendship	W. S. Bloodworth	Upson	Thomaston	A. S. Kersey, J. B. Reeves, W. S. Bloodworth	S. T. Bentley	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	43	1	1 00	6 00	
Pleasant Hill	J. D. Cherry	Houston	Dunbar	M. I. Jones, W. C. Lewis, J. M. Frederick	J. A. Monsees	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	4	2 00	3 00	
Sardis	T. M. Nash	Bibb	Macon	J. W. Fielder, Bennett Hartley	W. J. Heard	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	73	3	2 00	3 00	
Mt. Paran	W. J. Marshall	Bibb	Lizella	R. E. Wright, W. J. Marshall, H. J. Brown	J. T. Young	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	1	1 50	2 00	
Beaver Creek	J. R. Hunt	Houston	Bonaire	J. B. Hunt, J. W. Davidson, C. Stembridge	J. T. Reynolds	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	21	1	50	1 50	
Shiloh	T. E. McCullom	Bibb	Lizella	J. T. Young	J. T. Young	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	2	1 00	2 00	
Harmony	T. E. Whittle	Upson	Thomaston	C. W. Sullivan, T. E. Whittle, I. R. Bloodworth	J. A. Monsees	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	30	3	1 00	4 00	
High Shoals	T. M. Mullins	Monroe	Goggans	J. H. Mullins	J. A. Monsees	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	43	2	1 00	3 00	
Mt. Calvary				Not represented													
Concord	J. B. C. Madden	Pike	Concord	J. B. C. Madden	B. F. Williamson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13		50	1 00	
Griffin	F. M. Gardner	Spalding	Griffin	F. B. Wilder, F. M. Gardner	Lee Hanks	6	9	0	1	0	1	0	37	2	2 00	3 00	
Emmaus	H. L. McKinney	Upson	Thomaston	F. J. Reeves	W. J. Heard	2	0	0	0	3	5	1	57	4	1 00	5 00	
Barnesville	H. C. Dickey	Pike	Barnesville	H. T. Parham, E. T. Childs	Lee Hanks	1	2	2	0	1	1	0	30	4	50	2 00	

If clerks of different churches would be careful to give Post Offices in their letters it would expedite business and save error.

### Articles Of Faith.

1st. We believe in one true and living God, and that are three persons in the God head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

2nd. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5th. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

6th. We believe that sinners are justified the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7th. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost

8th. We believe that the Saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.

9th. We believe that Baptism, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances. We believe that immersion is baptism.

10th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and general judgment.

11th. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous will be everlasting.

12th. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

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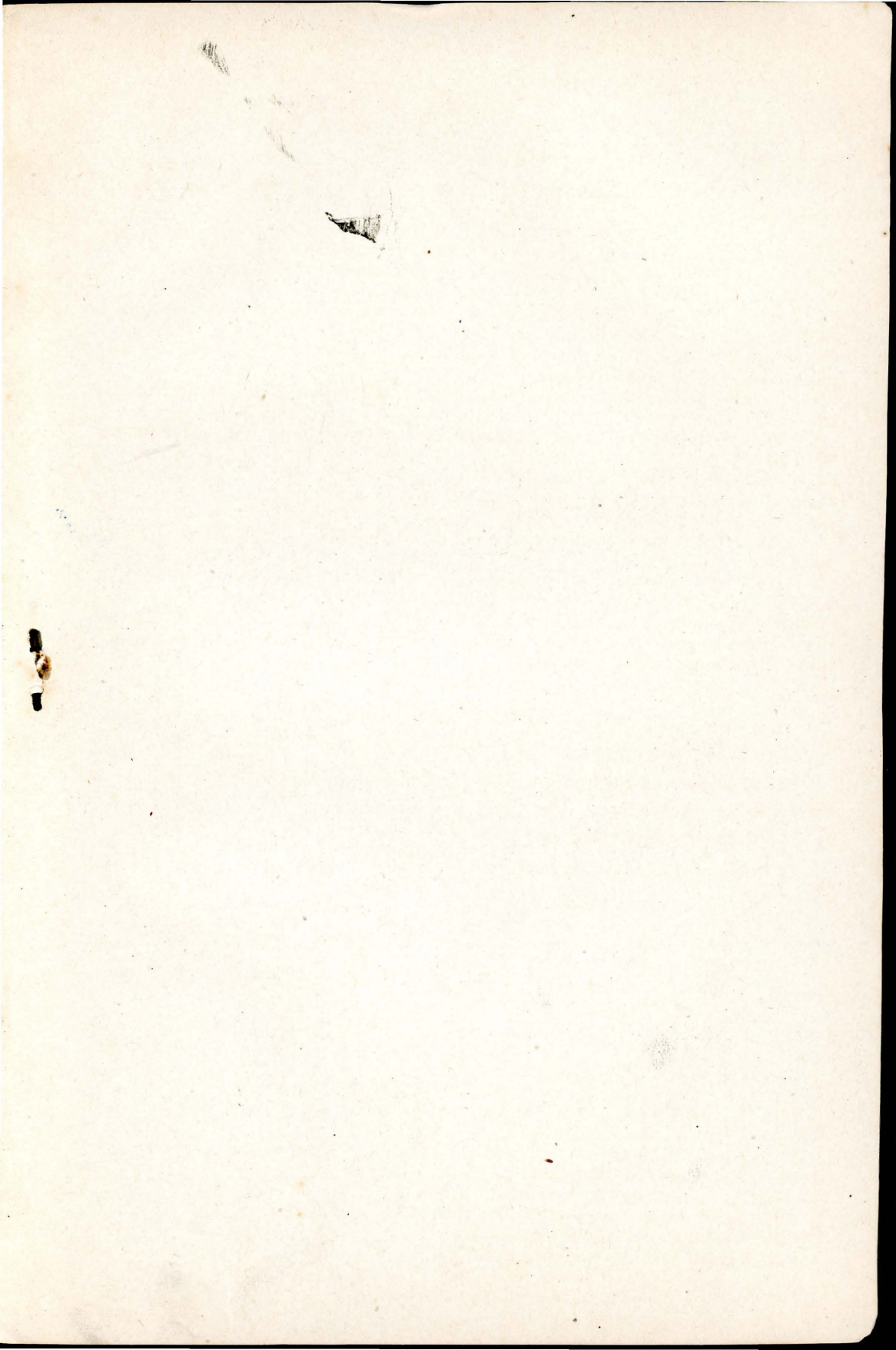
### Order Of Business.

1. The Introductory sermon will be delivered.
2. Call for and read letters from the Churches and enroll the names of messengers.
3. Choose a Moderator and Clerk.
4. Appoint Committees as follows:
  - On Preaching.
  - To write Corresponding Letter.
  - On Contributions and to distribute Corresponding Minutes.
5. Invite Visiting Brethren to seats with us.
6. Call for Correspondence from Sister Associations.
7. Call for Petitionary churches.

### SECOND DAY.

1. Call the Roll and read Decorum.
2. Call for further Correspondence from Sister Associations.
3. Renew the invitation to Visiting Brethren to seats with us.
4. Return Correspondence to Sister Associations.
5. Receive Contributions and distribute Corresponding Minutes.
6. Apoint Union Meetings.
7. Appoint the Next Session of this body
8. Agree on the number of Minutes to have printed.
9. Call for Corresponding Letter.
10. Read Minutes and adjourn.





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