

Minutes
OF THE
Sixteenth Annual Session
OF THE
Indian Bottom Association
OF
Old Regular Baptist Churches

HELD WITH THE
Indian Bottom Church
Hetcher County Kentucky
October 6-7-8, 1911.

ELD. IRA COMBS, Moderator. J. P. ADAMS, Clerk.

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Proceedings of the 16th Annual Session of the
Indian Bottom Association
October 6-7-8, 1911.

THE Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ convened with Indian Bottom Church, Letcher county, Ky., October 6-7-8, 1911. After singing and prayer the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Jas. D. Caudill from Acts xx-23, "Take heed therefore," etc.

1 The delegates then repaired to a schoolhouse and after singing and prayer the Moderator for last year called for letters from churches composing the Association, which were handed in, read and received, with the exception of two churches; first, Mallet Fork Church failed to letter, and second, Corinth Church asked that a set of articles of faith adopted by her be received, and the matter was left open and referred to the Committee on Arrangements to be selected later. Delegates and alternates were seated as shown in table of statistics.

2 The Association then completed its organization by selecting Eld. Ira Combs Moderator and Brother J. P. Adams Clerk.

3 The Articles of Faith were then read.

4 Called for newly constituted churches of the same faith and order and received letters and delegates from New Home Church, Hindman Knott Co., Ky., and Little Home Church (colored) Cody, Knott county, Ky.; delegates shown in table of statistics being regularly seated. The Hurricane Gap Church, Gorden, Ky., produced letters by hand of delegates, and by her Moderator; agreed to come in under all the rulings of the Association; also produced a satisfactory church record, showing that, in their organization, they had adopted our Constitution and Articles of Faith, but on motion of Eld. W. R. Boggs the matter was referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

5 Called for corresponding letters from sister Associations and received one from New Salem Association, together with file of minutes, by hand of her messengers, Elds. Willard S. Akers, Linzy D. Mosely, W. R. Tuttle, David Adams, and Brother J. M. Anderson. Also received one from Union Association, together with file of minutes, by hand of her messengers, Eld. W. D. Howell and Brother S. S. Owens. The

messengers were given the right hand of fellowship by the moderator and took seats.

6 Called for transient ministers and members, and received Elds. Joe Hall and D. F. Gilly, each of whom received the right hand of fellowship and took seats.

7 The Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.

8 Appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of one member from each church represented, together with the Moderator and Clerk; correspondents and transients invited.

9 Appointed committee to arrange the ministry for Saturday, which reported as follows: 1 Eld. J. H. Metcalf, 2 Eld. D. F. Gilly, 3 Eld. W. S. Akers, 4 Eld. Joe Hall.

10 Appointed the Clerk to write corresponding letters to our sisters, New Salem and Union Associations.

11 Adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY

Met pursuant to adjournment and opened with a song and prayer.

1 Called the roll and marked absentees.

2 Committee on Arrangements reported; report received and committee discharged.

3 Called again for transients and received Eld. Ben Adams from Union Association.

4 On motion of Eld. R. H. Fields the Association now takes up and disposes of the matters which were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

5 Took up the matter of the Corinth church, and on motion of Eld. D. M. Maggard, seconded by Eld. Jas. Dixon, the letter and delegates from said church are received under censure, and the attention of the church is called to the sixth item in our Articles of Faith to remind them that this Association believes in the Final Perseverance of the Saints; consequently we believe that the sixth and seventh items of their Articles of Faith unorthodox, or at least questionable, and we give them until our next Association to set themselves in order.

6 Took up the matter of secret orders, and on motion of Eld. W. R. Boggs this Association says to the churches not to receive any member of a secret order unless such member first entirely leave off any and all connection with the order, and to require any such member of a secret order now be-

longing to the church, to so withdraw from the order, or this Association will drop such church from correspondence. (See first Clause of 16th item of Constitution).

7 The ministers assigned to the stand for today, who have not already gone, now leave the delegate house for the stand.

8 Took up the matter of Hurricane Gap Church, and Eld. D. M. Maggard at this point made a lengthy talk in which he detailed the circumstances leading up to a state of cold feelings which he says he and others have toward the present. Moderator of the Hurricane Gap Church, which incidents began in February 1909 and continued until April 1911, and also stated to the Association that some of the churches of this Association, or some members of said churches, including himself, have a cold feeling against Hurricane Gap Church, or her Moderator, because said Moderator makes appointments "within the bounds" of said other churches, and receives members into said Hurricane Gap Church who live closer to said other churches, and does not visit said other churches, which facts and conditions were omitted to be called up before the Committee; therefore, on motion of Bro. S. R. Blair the letter and delegates from said Hurricane Gap Church are rejected until she complies with the advice given in these minutes with reference to secret orders, and until said coldness above referred to be reconciled. (See last clause of 16th item of Constitution).

9 Appointed a committee on finance consisting of Eld. J. D. Caudill and brethren R. B. Young and J. J. Mullins, who received the contributions from the several churches as shown in the Table of Statistics.

10 Same committee appointed yesterday reported the following arrangement of the ministry for tomorrow, 1 Eld. David Adams, 2 Eld. Joe Hall, 3 Eld. L. D. Mosely, 4 Eld. D. M. Maggard.

11 Called on Treasurer to report who reported the records all complete, the debts all paid, and the following financial statement: (Delayed report).

Amount collected and on hand for 1909	\$18 41
Printers' bill for 1909	\$13 50
Postage and Reg. fees 1909 (Approx.)	1 60
Total expenditure 1909	15 10
Balance on hand from 1909	3 31
Amount collected in 1910	21 55
Total collected and on hand 1910	\$24 86
Printers' bill 1910	\$12 00

Postage and Reg. fees 1910	2 92
Total expenditure 1910	14 92
Balance on hand from 1910	\$ 9 94

12 Elected J.P.Adams Treasurer, who received the contribution, \$28 40, from the hands of the Committee on Finance. He will also superintend the printing of 1,000 copies of these minutes, reserve 150 to 200 for sister associations, and distribute the remainder among the several churches in proportion to their contributions, provided, however, that each church shall be furnished with as many minutes as it has members.

13 Called on brother appointed to write corresponding letters to sister associations, letters read and received and appointed Eld. W. R. Boggs and brethren E. H. Stidham, W. P. Eldridge, W. R. Crace, L. C. Riddle, G. C. Riddle, J. P. Adams, as messengers to Union Association to be held with Gravellick Church, Russell county, Va., commencing on Friday before third Saturday in September 1912, letter in hands of E. H. Stidham. Appointed Elds. D. M. Maggard, J. D. Caudill, Noah Adams, N. T. Maggard, W. G. Combs and brethren Willie Francis, Henry Maggard, Noah Jent, J. J. Mullins, Sam Mullins, W. P. Cody, S. R. Blair, J. P. Adams as messengers to New Salem Association to be held with Beaver Church, Knott county, Ky., to begin on Friday before fourth Saturday in September 1912, letter in hand of J. P. Adams.

14 Called on brethren appointed last year to attend sister associations and union meetings to report; reports made and failures excused.

25 Appointed union meetings and brethren to attend same as follows: 1 Oven Fork first Saturday and Sunday in August 1912, Elds. J. D. Caudill, W. G. Combs, brethren Wm. Wells, Jerry Wells. 2 Indian Bottom first Saturday and Sunday in September 1912, Elds. D. M. Maggard, W. R. Boggs, Noah Adams, brethren L. C. Riddle, E. H. Stidham. 3 Big Leatherwood second Saturday and Sunday in September 1912, Elds. J. D. Caudill, Noah Adams, W. G. Combs, N. T. Maggard. 4 Clover Fork first Saturday and Sunday in August 1912, Eld. W. R. Boggs, brethren E. H. Stidham, Dixon Caudill.

16 On motion of the Clerk the 13th item of our Constitution is hereby modified by adding thereto the following words, "If so required by a majority of the Association."

RESOLVED: 1 That the Clerk supply any omissions which may have been made by oversight.

2 That the Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of De-

corum be printed in our minutes.

3 That we hereby extend our sincere thanks to the citizens of this community for their extreme kindness in caring for us and the people during this meeting.

4 That our next Association be held with Little Zion Church, Hazard, Ky., to begin on Friday before first Saturday in October 1912 and that Eld. D.M. Maggard preach the Introductory Sermon and Eld. R.H. Fields be his alternate.

The Moderator then led in the closing prayer.

Adjourned to time and place of our next Association.

ELDER IRA COMBS, Moderator.

J. P. ADAMS, Clerk.

SUNDAY—The brethren appointed to the stand preached in the order of their appointment as follows: 1 Eld. David Adams from Jonah III-2, 2 Eld. Joe Hall from John XV-1-6, 3 Eld. L.D. Mosely from Luke II-10, "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be unto all people." 4 Eld. D.M. Maggard from Gal. I-1, "Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

Eld. Jas. Dixon, now in his 87th year of life and — year in the ministry, then made a short talk with much impression. We hope the truths declared on the occasion may be as bread cast upon the waters. With hearts overflowing with love, the parting hand was given and our Association passes into history. Humbly,

THE CLERK.

Postoffice Addresses of Preachers and Clerks.

ELDERS	ADDRESS
Jas. Dixon	Indian Bottom, Ky.
Jas. D. Caudill	Indian Bottom, Ky.
W. G. Combs	Sassafras, Ky.
Charles Blair	Benham, Ky.
Wm. Rice	
R. H. Fields	Dongola, Ky.
D. M. Maggard	Partridge, Ky.
Silas Boggs	Elic, Ky.
W. R. Boggs	Eolia, Ky.
Jas. McKnight	
J. H. Metcalf	
Matt Caudill	Viper, Ky.
Eli Pratt	Viper, Ky.
Hiram Fields	Viper, Ky.
Ira Combs	Jeff, Ky.

N. T. Maggard Hindman, Ky.
 Noah Adams (of color) Cody, Ky.

CHURCHES AND CLERKS	ADDRESSES
Carrs Fork—S. R. Blair	Pine Top, Ky.
Poor Fork—Wm. Creech
Big Cowan—C. M. Fields	Mandrake, Ky.
Clear Creek—R. B. Young	Elic, Ky.
Oven Fork—W. C. Mullins	Oven Fork, Ky.
Mallet Fork—J. B. Smith	Pine Top, Ky.
Big Leatherwood—H. G. Pratt	Cornettsville, Ky.
Indian Bottom—W. B. Caudill	Jeremiah, Ky.
Clover Fork—H. H. Dixon	Leonard, Ky.
Kentucky (Mo.)—W. P. Stamper	Goodloe, Missouri.
Corinth—J. P. Caudill	Viper, Ky.
Little Zion—J. E. Cornett	Hazard, Ky.
New Home—W. B. Pratt	Hindman, Ky.
Little Home—Jas. Hagins	Cody, Ky.

Constitution—Adopted 1907.

Having, by unanimous voice, changed our organization from an Annual Union Meeting to an Association, we therefore propose to keep the order and rules of an Association, according to the following form of government:

- 1 The Association shall be called Indian Bottom Association.
- 2 The Association shall be composed of members chosen by different 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, and producing letters from their churches certifying to their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.
- 3 In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship; those baptised; received by letter, recantation, application; dismissed, excluded and deceased since last Association.
- 4 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 any of the rights of any of the churches in the Union.
- 5 The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.
- 6 The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
- 7 New churches may be admitted into this Union, who shall petition by letter and by delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.
- 8 Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.
- 9 Every query presented by a church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall come under the consideration of the Association.
- 10 Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the party who made it.
- 11 We think it absolutely necessary that we have an Association fund

for defraying the expenses of the same; for the raising of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper and send it by their delegates to the Association, and the amount so received shall be deposited with the treasurer who shall be responsible to the Association and pay the same out as the Association may direct.

12 There shall be an Association book kept in which the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the secretary.

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, if so required by a majority of the Association.

14 Amendments to this plan of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union, when it may so desire.

15 The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting same shall be determined by the Association.

16 All matters coming before this Association shall be decided by will of the majority of the members present, except in receiving and dismissing churches and Associations which shall be by a unanimous vote.

17 The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of the churches and to preserve an inviolable chain of communion among the same, giving the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty, inquire into the cause why any church shall have failed to represent itself at any time in the Association; appropriate the money received to any purpose it may think proper; appoint any member or members, by their consent, to transact any business it may think necessary; withdraw from any church in the Union which may violate any of the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association, and adjourn to any future time or place it may deem convenient.

Rules of Decorum

1 The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

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

3 Only one member shall speak at a time, and shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.

4 The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

5 He shall strictly adhere to his subject, and in no wise reflect on the preceding speaker but shall define his ideas on the proposition for debate so far as he can.

6 No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of same.

7 No person shall rise and speak more than three times on any one subject without permission of the Association.

8 No member of the Association shall have liberty to laugh during the sitting of the same, nor to whisper in time of public speech.

9 No member shall address another in any other name or term than that of Brother.

10 The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit a member from speaking, until he gives his views on the subject, unless he shall have violated the Rules of Decorum.

11 The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association may require.

12 The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided, in that event he shall give the casting vote.

13 Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of these rules shall be reprimanded by the Association as it may think proper.

Articles of Faith

1 We believe in the one true and living God; and notwithstanding there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet there is but one in substance, equal in power and glory, not to be divided, and impossible to change in principle or practice.

2 We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the true written words of God, and were given by inspiration of God, and there is a sufficiency in them contained for our instruction, and they are the only rule of faith and practice.

3 We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and that men sinned since the fall are by Nature the Children of Wrath.

4 We believe in the impotency or inability of men to recover themselves out of the state they are in; therefore, a Savior is absolutely needed.

5 We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6 We believe in the perseverance of the saints; that through Grace they are born again and adopted into the family of heaven; that they become equal with Jesus Christ in glory and that he will raise them up at the last day.

7 We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel Ordinances, and that true believers are proper subjects, and we admit of none others.

8 We believe that the true mode of baptism is by immersion—to baptize a person by their own consent, back-foremost in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

9 We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a General Judgment where all will be judged according to their deeds done in the body.

10 We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal after death.

11 We believe that washing one another's feet is a commandment of Christ, left on record with his disciples and ought to be practiced by his followers.

12 We believe that no one has a right to administer the Gospel Ordinances but such as are legally called and qualified thereunto.

13 We believe it to be the duty of all church members to attend their church meetings, and that it is the duty of the church to deal with them for neglecting the same.

14 We believe it is the duty of all church members to contribute for the support of the church by defraying all reasonable expenses of the same, never neglecting the poor according to their several abilities.

15 We believe that any doctrine that goes to encourage or indulge the people in their sins, or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation, is erroneous, and all such doctrine will be rejected by us.

None of the above named articles shall be so construed as to hold with Particular Election and Reprobation so as to make God partial, directly or indirectly, so as to injure the children of men.

17 No one of the above Articles shall be altered without legal notice and free consent.

