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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Open meeting with Singing, Reading the Scriptures and Prayer.
2. Reading Letters from Churches and Enrolling Messengers.
3. Election of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
4. Invite Visiting Ministers to seats in the Body.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Call for Correspondents.
7. Appoint Committees on
 1. Preaching.
 2. Queries.
 3. Finance.
 4. Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
 5. Publications.
 6. Sabbath Schools.
 7. Temperance.
 8. Missions.
 9. Woman's Work.
 10. Christian Education.
8. Appoint Correspondents.
9. Reports of Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. Close with Devotional Exercises.

MINISTERS AND POST-OFFICES.

R. F. ROGERS, Welborn.	B. R. MOSELY, Fort White.
J. U. H. WHARTON, Lake City.	P. C. DREW, Lake City.
S. S. PROCTOR, Lake Butler.	M. M. WAMBOLDT, Jacksonville.
G. W. S. WARE, Mount Tabor.	W. M. DAVIS, Lake City.
J. N. REID, Jasper.	J. H. CROSBY, La Crosse.
G. T. LEITNER, Fort White.	J. G. TAYLOR, Kissimmee.
CHARLES SMITH, Lake City.	

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The Beulah Baptist Association commenced its Eleventh Annual Session at Mt. Pleasant Church, Suwannee County, Florida, Thursday, October 23rd, 1890.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON was preached by Rev. S. S. Proctor, text:—58th verse, 15th chapter, 1st Corinthians. After singing and prayer, adjourned to 1 p. m.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

BY REQUEST, E. W. Purvis and T. C. Carroll read the church letters.

The roll of Delegates was:

MT. PLEASANT—J. J. Sealy, H. E. Braddock, G. W. Helton, W. E. Dennard, E. W. Purvis.

LAKE CITY—J. U. H. Wharton, T. S. Chalker, S. D. Futch, J. O. Harris, Rev. P. C. Drew.

LAKE BUTLER—S. S. Proctor, T. P. Register.

BETHLEHEM—John Norris, John Waldrup.

HOPEFUL—A. P. Smith, A. B. Brown.

PLEASANT SPRINGS—B. L. Morgan, M. H. Chambers.

MT. ZION—W. H. Ogden, S. R. Jones, J. E. Wise.

FT. WHITE—G. T. Leitner, E. G. Persons.

ELIM—T. W. Getzen, G. B. Ellis, Wm. Terry, J. S. Harrell.

BRANFORD—P. C. Drew.

MCCLENNY—C. F. Barber.

MT. BEULAH—D. B. Parnell, I. J. Holmes, W. S. Newsom.

CYPRESS LAKE—Harvey Roberts, J. T. Taylor.

NEW PROSPECT—John Cox, J. W. Holloway.

By Petitionary Letters:

PHILLIPPI—T. C. Carroll, J. A. Carroll.

PROVIDENCE—B. R. Mosely, S. W. Dubose, J. H. Thompson.

On motion, T. W. Getzen was elected Moderator; E. G. Persons, Clerk, and G. B. Ellis Treasurer, by acclamation.

The Moderator then invited visiting members and brethren to seats in the body and the following brethren responded: J. W. Carver, Suwannee Association; Rev. J. K. Reid, Hamilton Association; T. A. Jennings, Branford Church; J. C. Porter, D.D., State Evangelist.

On call for petitionary letters Phillippi and Providence applied for admission into Beulah Association and both churches were unanimously received and welcomed as members of the body.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

ON PREACHING—Rev. B. R. Mosely, H. E. Braddock, E. W. Purvis.

QUERIES—Rev. S. S. Proctor, J. J. Sealy, John Carroll.

FINANCE—T. C. Carroll, G. W. Helton, W. E. Dennard, A. B. Brown.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS—B. L. Morgan, W. L. Terry, John Norris, A. P. Smith.

PUBLICATIONS—Rev. J. U. H. Wharton, G. B. Ellis, W. H. Ogden, Harvey Roberts.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—Rev. B. R. Moseley, D. B. Parnell, M. H. Chambers, John Cox.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. J. U. H. Wharton, J. S. Harrell, H. E. Braddock, J. H. Thompson.

MISSIONS—Rev. G. T. Leitner, J. W. Holloway, S. W. Dubose, J. T. Taylor.

WOMAN'S WORK—T. P. Register, J. T. Waldrup, Rev. S. S. Proctor, T. J. Holmes.

Committee on Preaching reported Rev. J. C. Porter to preach at 11 a.m. Friday.

On motion, adjourned to meet Friday 9 a.m.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Meeting opened with devotional exercises. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

G. B. Ellis, Treasurer, made his report which was received and referred to Finance committee.

Report of committee on Missions was received and after discussion by Revs. B. R. Mosely, S. S. Proctor, G. T. Leitner, J. U. H. Wharton and T. W. Getzen, active work was postponed until the report of Rev. Charles Smith, who had been endorsed as missionary for Beulah Association by the Union meeting in Lake City, was received.

Rev. Charles Smith then read his report and followed in eloquent, appropriate language, showing the great gospel destitution in the ground covered by his work. After discussion by Revs. J. U. H. Wharton, G. T. Leitner, and S. S. Proctor, E. W. Purvis and T. W. Getzen, the report was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. J. U. H. Wharton, Rev. G. T. Leitner, Rev. S. S. Proctor, E. W. Purvis.

The report of the committee on Missions was then taken up and adopted.

REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: To us, your committee on Missions, has been referred a subject, that should be near and dear to every child of God. We under

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stand it to mean to go work for Jesus, for it was He that said "Go preach my Gospel to every creature," then turning to those in still kinder, yet, words as firm, He exclaims, "My friends will do whatsoever I command them!" The world is the field and the field is already white unto the harvest. But laborers are needed to glean the ripened harvest. But how can they go unless they be sent? Oh! that our churches could be induced to come up to their full statute of duty.

Your committee would urge the following suggestions:

1st. A renewed effort to properly instruct churches in their duty.

2nd. And that our pastors urge upon our churches their duty, and impress upon them the fact that they cannot be considered churches of Christ, unless they cultivate a spirit of missions.

3rd. Let this be the object of our life, the burden of our prayers, "Thy Kingdom come on earth as in Heaven." Let our motto be "upward and onward" on this great question.

Rev. G. T. Leitner,
J. W. Holloway,
S. W. Dubose,
J. T. Taylor,
Committee,

The Association suspended until 1 p.m., for sermon by Rev. J. C. Porter, and dinner.

Rev. Porter preached from Acts 38th verse, 8th chapter. The sermon was an eloquent appeal for the spread of Gospel. After the sermon a collection was taken up for missionary work in the Beulah Association, and resulted as follows:—Cash, \$30.26; pledges, A. B. Brown, \$5; T. C. Carroll, \$5; T. W. Getzen, \$5; S. S. Proctor, \$5; J. F. Baya, \$5; G. B. Ellis, \$5; E. G. Persons, \$2.50; J. J. Sealy, \$1; Total, \$63.76.

At 1 p.m. meeting was resumed.

Committee on deceased Ministers and Deacons made the following report which was read and adopted:

REPORT.

We, the committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, report that with one exception the merciful Father has spared all our ministers and deacons. Deacon James L. Turner, of Providence church, departed this life September 27th, aged 67. He was beloved and trusted by his brethren. For many years clerk of his church and lately superintendent of the Sunday school, he was faithful as a friend, beloved and indulgent in his family and his death leaves a vacancy in his neighborhood and church that cannot be filled 'till we meet the loved ones of long ago in the "Better Land,"

B. R. MOSELY, Chairman.

It was moved and carried that the Moderator appoint a committee on Christian Education, and that hereafter it be a part of the regular order of business.

The Moderator appointed Rev. J. U. H. Wharton, Rev. G. T. Leitner and Rev. J. O. Harris, committee. Report of committee on Queries received and adopted.

REPORT.

We, the committee on Queries, upon examination of letters, find nothing to claim the attention of this body.

Rev. S. S. PROCTOR,
J. J. SEALY,
John Carroll,
Committee.

Report of committee on Woman's Work received and adopted.

REPORT.

Since the days of Paul the Lord's ministers have appreciated "those women who have helped them in the Gospel." Our Christian women of Florida are doing a good work under the leadership of Sister L. B. Telford, corresponding secretary, Deland, Florida. At the close of the third quarter they had raised \$716.71, and they hope to make it \$2,000 by the next convention.

We most heartily commend our Sister Telford to all our churches and societies. Let our women invite her to visit them and she will impart new life to their work.

We urge our pastors to use their influence to establish women's missionary societies in all their churches.

Report of committee on Publications received and after discussion by Rev. J. U. H. Wharton, Rev. G. T. Leitner, and Rev. J. C. Porter, adopted.

REPORT.

We, your committee on Publications, do not propose to discuss the power of the press for good or evil as every member of this body doubtless recognizes the potent influence of the press for one or the other of these causes. Therefore, we recommend the use only of good and wholesome literature. It will be expected that as Baptists we will recommend first and paramount to everything else the study of the Bible. We recommend as good Sunday school literature the "Kind Words Series," Atlanta, Ga., and the quarterlies and pictorial lessons of the American Baptist Publication Society, 662 White Hall street, Atlanta, Ga. We also recommend the books published by said society.

Finally, we would warn our people against allowing literature of a pernicious nature to be received into their homes.

Rev. J. U. H. WHARTON,
G. B. ELLIS, W. H. OGDEN,
HARVEY ROBERTS,
Committee.

Report of committee on Sunday Schools received and after discussion by Revs. J. U. H. Wharton, J. O. Harris, G. T. Leitner and J. C. Porter, the following amendment offered by Rev. G. T. Leitner was adopted.

AMENDMENT.

RESOLVED, That we feel it our duty as an association to have a Sunday School Convention. Therefore, we suggest that we shall, as an association, organize an associational Sunday school convention and it shall be the duty of the executive committee to assign subjects and secure speakers.

The report on Sunday schools amended as above was then adopted.

REPORT.

The Sunday school is a bible school; it is that now, whatever may have been its occasional phases. The Sunday school is ancient, "The Jews were commanded to teach God's Law to their children.

This was required at all times and places, but their children were specially instructed, as their historians tell us, in the synagogues and in the temple on the Sabbath. Consequently, the visit of our Saviour to the temple at the age of twelve, both hearing the teachers and answering their questions, has the essential principles of the Sabbath school. The Sabbath school is the only Gospel school for most of the children; they do not hear the Gospel at home, and they often cannot understand it in the pulpit. It is impossible that they shall fail to understand the bible's preaching, when correctly taught in the Sabbath school. Nor is it possible that they shall receive the good deed altogether in vain. Mr. Gladstone says "the Bible is all we want," Jesus did not in vain say, "Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life."

Some one has said "Every bible teacher is a preacher," so then in the Sunday school we may have several sermons every Sunday, to the most promising of all classes, the children. Can such work be overestimated? No more than can Heaven and Eternity! The bible itself says, "train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." This religious education of the young covers the whole grand future of the moral reformation of mankind—it includes the success of all good causes, —such as temperance, chastity, good government—all is included in the religious training of the young, just so sure as the rising sun gives promise of his mid day splendor. When there is a Bible in the hand of every child in the world, and that bible is taught and loved and obeyed, we may say the Millennium has come. We recommend every pastor to consider the Sunday school as belonging to his charge in his Heavenly calling.

B. R. MOSELY,
M. H. CHAMBERS,
D. B. PARNELL,
JOHN COX,
Committee.

Committee on preaching report J. R. Mosely to preach to-night, Rev. G. T. Leitner to preach Saturday 11 a.m., Rev. J. U. H. Wharton, Saturday night. Rev. Wharton in a strong, forcible manner presented the merits of the Lake City Institute and the importance of a hearty support from Florida Baptists.

On motion, Rev. J. U. H. Wharton, J. O. Harris, G. B. Ellis, H. E. Braddock and E. G. Persons were appointed the executive committee for next year.

The report of the Finance committee was received and adopted.

REPORT.

Churches.	Minutes.	General Purposes.	Missions.		
			Home.	State.	Total.
Mount Pleasant.....	\$2 00	\$1 40			\$ 3 40
Lake City.....	3 00		1 00		4 00
Branford.....	2 00				2 00
Elim.....	3 00	3 00	3 25	3 00	12 25
Mount Beulah.....		5 00	2 00		7 00
Bethlehem.....		3 35			3 35
Cypress Lake.....	60				60
Mount Zion.....	1 50	3 50			5 00
Pleasant Spring.....		4 00			4 00
Fort White.....		6 00			6 00
Hopeful.....	1 00				1 00
M'Clenny.....	2 00				2 00
Lake Butler.....	1 00	10 50			11 50
New Prospect.....	1 00				1 00
Phillippi.....	1 00	50			1 50
Providence.....	3 20	6 05			9 25
\$1.00 left over. Cash collection \$80.26.					
Totals.....					\$105 11

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct.

T. C. CARROLL, Chairman.

Adjourned to Saturday 9^h, m.

Met pursuant to adjournment, opened with devotional exercises, minutes of Friday read and adopted. The Moderator appointed correspondents—to Hamilton Association, B. R. Mosely, John Norris; to Suwannee, G. T. Leitner, W. L. Terry; to Santa Fe, G. T. Leitner, S. S. Proctor; to New River, J. U. H. Wharton.

The report of the special committee on report of Rev. Charles Smith received, and after discussion by J. U. H. Wharton, B. R. Mosely and B. L. Morgan, was adopted.

REPORT.

Your special committee to whom was referred the report of Elder Charles Smith, missionary in the bounds of our association for the past

three months, would return the report with the recommendation that it be adopted, and that we pay him the sum of one hundred dollars for his services, including the amount promised him by the State Board and the sum of \$22,00 collected by him on the field.

J. U. H. WHARTON,
G. T. LEITNER,
S. S. PROCTOR,
E. W. PURVIS,
Committee.

The Association then received the report of Rev. Charles Smith.

REPORT.

To the Beulah Baptist Association:

In presenting my report as your missionary of work done during the last three months, I must acknowledge my thankfulness to Almighty God for the leadings of His providence. My health failing me at Cedar Key, came to Columbia county for rest; after six weeks residence at the home of Brother J. G. Taylor, an opportunity was presented me to assist at special services at Pleasant Springs church, conducted by Brothers J. U. H. Wharton, J. G. Taylor and W. M. Ives—results—The church was blessed, and three members were added to the church. Would here express my deep gratitude to Brother Taylor and his family for their great kindness to me; also to Brethren B. L. Morgan, B. F. Brinson and their families. Now feeling stronger the earnest and longing desire of my heart was to work for Jesus, when my attention was directed to that section of Columbia county, lying East and North East of Lake City. Went over the field, and found great spiritual destitution, homes without Bibles or a religious newspaper.

How eagerly the children received the illustrated monthlies published by the American Baptist Publication Society. I visited the people at their homes, conversed with them on religious subjects, inviting them to attend the services, large congregations have been the result, and requests to come back again and preach for us. My monthly appointments have been at Hagen, Dowling's Mill, Suwannee Shoals and Cranford's Still. At the latter place I expect next Sunday, (God willing) Oct. 26th, to form a Baptist church. From July 20th up to the present date have conducted fifty-one services and lectured three times on "Home, Sweet Home." I have realized the importance and responsibility of this work and look to God for his blessing.

Respectfully Submitted.

CHARLES SMITH, Missionary.

Ordered, that clerk pay Rev. Charles Smith fifty dollars and take his receipt for same.

The following delegates to next Baptist State Convention were appointed:

Rev. J. U. H. Wharton, Rev. G. T. Leitner, Rev. B. R. Mosely, Rev.

P. C. Drew, Rev. R. F. Rogers, A. B. Brown, T. S. Chalker, T. W. Getzen, E. G. Persons and D. C. Andress.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1st. That we return our heartfelt thanks to Mount Pleasant church and community for their many kindnesses and open hospitality.

2nd. That the clerk have 400 copies of minutes printed and that he be paid two ve dollars for his services.

The invitation of Providence church for the next session of the Association to be held with that church was accepted. Time, Wednesday before the fourth (4th) Sunday in October, 1891.

Committee on preaching report: Rev. Charles Smith to preach next Introductory sermon, Rev. G. T. Leitner to preach next Missionary sermon, each to select alternate.

Report of Committee on Temperance received and after discussion by Rev. J. H. Reid, E. L. Morgan, Rev. J. U. H. Wharton, Rev. B. R. Moseley and T. W. Getzen, was adopted.

REPORT.

Your Committee on Temperance regard the subject of our report as a practical and very important one. Temperance has been defined by one of the greatest men of our nation, as the "moderate use of things lawful and total abstinence from things unlawful." But it is expected that we confine our discussion to the evils resulting from the use of intoxicating drinks, which we regard as the most monstrous evil that threatens our families, our churches and our government.

Therefore as christians and as Baptists as well as faithful citizens, it is our sacred and imperative duty to oppose the sale and use of all spirituous liquors as a beverage. We would recommend that the churches of this Association be prompt in their discipline of all cases of drunkenness and that they strive with the assistance of their pastors to create a strong sentiment in their respective communities against the toleration of this soul destroying evil.

REV. J. U. H. WHARTON, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Christian Education was received and after discussion by Rev. J. U. H. Wharton, Rev. P. C. Drew, and Rev. N. A. Bailey, action was suspended in order to allow Rev. N. A. Bailey, State Evangelist, to present the claims of John B. Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., to the Association for an endowment fund. The following amendment to the report on Christian Education was offered by Rev. G. T. Leitner, and adopted.

AMENDMENT.

That as an Association we make an effort to raise five thousand dollars as an endowment fund for Lake City Institute, by which we may render assistance to those who are unable to obtain an education.

On motion, Rev. G. T. Leitner, Rev. J. U. H. Wharton and Rev. R. F. Rogers were appointed a committee to raise funds in compliance with above resolution.

The report on Christian Education amended as above, was then adopted.

REPORT.

Your committee feel the importance of the subject upon which we are to report. In the light of history as well as by our own observation, we have become convinced that education in Christian schools is the safest and best dowry that we can give the young people of the present generation. In saying this, your committee has no intention of trying to break down secular or State schools; we mean simply to express our decided preference for christian schools, around which shall forever gather a strong and healthy moral and spiritual atmosphere. We regret that time and space forbid that emphasis that your committee would like to give this subject, but will in closing our report, give it definite and practical turn by highly recommending Lake City Institute and John B. Stetson University to the consideration of our people.

J. U. H. WHARTON,
G. T. LEITNER,
J. O. HARRIS,
Committee.

Intermission of 40 minutes for dinner.

The following resolution was introduced by Rev. P. C. Drew:

RESOLVED, that while we would recommend the American Baptist Publication Society to the churches of our Association. We would recommend that the State Board of Missions through its agents and employes cease to canvass for the said society, as a matter of respect and justice to the Home Board by which Kind Words and Florida missions are both fostered.

Motion to table was lost, and after discussion by F. B. Moody, P. C. Drew, N. A. Bailey and others, the resolution was adopted.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Providence church, Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1891, at 10 a. m.

Association dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. G. Taylor.

E. G. PERSONS,
CLERK.

T. W. GETZEN,
MODERATOR.

Statistical Table. Berlah Association, Florida.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.
Mt. Pleasant	R. F. Rogers	F. W. Purvis	Welborn
Lake City	J. U. H. Wharton	J. H. Twyman	Lake City
Lake Butler	S. S. Proctor	W. J. Epperson	Lake Butler
Bethlehem	G. W. S. Ware	W. M. Waldrup	Lake City
Hopeful		F. F. Brown	Lake Ogden
Pleasant Springs	Charles Smith	B. L. Morgan	Welborn
Mt. Zion	J. N. Reid	K. T. Bell	Ft. White
Ft. White	G. T. Leither	T. W. Bell	Ft. White
Elm	B. R. Moseley	J. W. retzen	Branford
Branford	P. C. Drew	B. M. Horne	McClenney
McClenney	M. M. Wamboldt	C. F. Barber	Little River
Mt. Beulah	H. F. Rogers	W. S. Newsome	Colmbia City
Cypress Lake	W. M. Davis	L. L. Whiler	Ft. White
New Prospect	B. P. Moseley	T. C. Hooper	Mikesville
Phillippi	J. H. Crosby	W. T. Townsend	Providence
Providence	R. R. Moseley	L. F. Gay	
Total	Total	Total	Total

Baptised	4
Receiv'd by Letter	15
Restored	4
Dismissed by Letter	2
Excluded	7
Dead	6
Total Loss	18
Total Gain	31
Total Membership	139

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

	SUPERINTENDENT.	POST - OFFICE.	Number Scholars.		Baptised from Sunday School.
			No	Te'ch'rs and Officers	
Mt. Pleasant, Lake City, Lake Butler, Bethlehem, Hopeful, Pleasant Springs, Mt. Zion, Ft. White, Elm, Branford, McClenney, Mt. Beulah, Cypress Lake, Prospect, Phillippi, Providence.	J. O. Harris, B. L. Morgan, E. G. Persons, J. F. Bunch, B. M. Horne, J. D. Chalker, N. Wilder, E. L. Vernadoc, T. C. Carroll, A. C. Odom	Lake City, Lake Ogden Ft. White Herlong Branford McClenny Cypress Lake Ft. White Mikesville Providence.	150 25 80 56 38 65 30 30 26 115	16 3 6 7 1 9 4 5 4 16	12 3 8 5 6 8
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