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ORDER OF EXERCISES.

1. Open meeting with singing, reading Scriptures and prayer.
2. Reading letters from churches and enrolling Messengers.
3. Election of Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.
4. Invite 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 POSTOFFICES.

B. R. MOSELY, Ft. White.	J. O. HARRIS, Lake City.
R. F. ROGERS, Lake City.	M. L. LAWSON, Live Oak.
J. H. CROSBY, Lacrosse.	W. M. DAVIS, Lake City.
G. W. S. WARE, Mt. Tabor.	J. T. LIGHTFOOT, Lake City.
S. S. PROCTOR, Lacrosse.	G. S. CROSBY, Lacrosse.
L. R. THOMAS, Ft. White.	

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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

Beulah Baptist Association commenced its Thirteenth Annual Session at Elim church, Columbia county, Fla., Wednesday, October 19th, 1892.

Association called to order by Moderator, T. W. Getzen.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. T. Lightfoot. Text, 6th verse, 53rd chapter, Isaiah.

After singing and prayer adjourned to 1 p.m. The Moderator called for letters.

The roll of delegates was:

Mount Pleasant—S. M. Parker, W. E. Deniard.

Lake City—F. B. Moodie, Rev. J. T. Lightfoot, Rev. J. O. Harris, T. S. Chalker, Prof. Jerry Fountain.

Lake Butler—Rev. S. S. Proctor, L. A. Duncan, T. H. Milton.

Bethlehem—

Hopeful—H. J. Marcum.

Pleasant Springs—

Mt. Zion—

Ft. White—D. B. Oquinn, E. G. Persons, Rev. B. R. Mosely.

Elim—T. W. Getzen, G. B. Ellis, W. L. Terry, J. S. Harrell, J. S. Smith, Miles Dennis.

Branford—F. M. Pinkston.

Mt. Beulah—J. B. Parnell, Rev. R. F. Rogers.

Cypress Lake—L. D. Padget.

Prospect—John A. Cox.

Phillippi—T. C. Carroll.

Providence—Rev. G. W. S. Ware, S. W. Lamb, G. P. Lamb, L. L. Lamb.

Live Oak—Dr. Wm. J. Carroll, Rev. M. L. Lawson.

Letters were read by S. S. Proctor and J. T. Lightfoot.

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

The Moderator then invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats in the body.

Rev. H. M. King of Santa Fe Association and Rev. J. C. Porter of Baptist Witness, and J. W. Carver, Suwannee Association, responded.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—Rev. B. R. Mosely, G. B. Ellis, J. S. Harrell.

Queries—Rev. G. W. S. Ware, John A. Cox, L. L. Lamb.

Finance—T. C. Carroll, F. M. Pinkston, L. D. Padget, J. O. Harris.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Rev. B. R. Mosely, D. B. Oquinn, E. G. Persons.

Publications—Rev. J. T. Lightfoot, H. J. Marcum, W. E. Dennard.

Sabbath Schools—Rev. M. L. Lawson, S. M. Parker, J. B. Farnell.

Temperance—F. B. Moodie, J. S. Smith, L. A. Duncan.

Missions—Rev. S. S. Proctor, T. H. Milton, W. L. Terry.

Woman's Work—Wm. Carroll, J. S. Harrell, S. W. Lamb.

Christian Education—Jerry Fountain, G. P. Lamb, Miles Dennis, Rev. R. F. Rogers.

Committee on Preaching reported Rev. H. M. King, to preach to-night at 7 o'clock, to be followed by Rev. J. C. Porter in behalf of the "Baptist Witness," Rev. S. S. Proctor to preach at 11 a. m. Thursday.

Treasurer G. B. Ellis made his report, which was on motion referred to the Finance Committee.

The claim of Rev. Chas. Smith for \$16.66, for Missionary services, was presented and on motion the Clerk of the Association was appointed a committee of one to write the State Board in regard to the matter.

The Moderator appointed Rev. S. S. Proctor Messenger to the Santa Fe Association; to Suwannee Association Rev. B. R. Mosely; to New River, Rev. S. S. Proctor, B. R. Mosely, J. T. Lightfoot.

On motion adjourned to meet at 9:30, Thursday morning.

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THURSDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Opened with singing and prayer.

The Committee on Missions made its report, which was received and after discussion by Rev. S. S. Proctor, Rev. J. C. Porter, Rev. J. T. Lightfoot, Rev. J. O. Harris, Rev. R. F. Rogers and Rev. Wm. J. Carroll, adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Brethren, as Baptists, we believe or profess to believe—that the scriptures is the only rule of faith and practice. Let us therefore, as Baptists, prove our faith by our works. As we go out in the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, let us not forget that we are Christ's witnesses, chosen for this purpose and to this end—that of giving the world a pure Gospel.

The work being done by others does not lessen but increases our obligations as Baptists, for if the truth as held by us is correct (and we believe it is) it follows therefore that if the world is to have a pure Gospel, the Gospel held by the Baptists, that it must be given by the Baptists.

Let us therefore be true to ourselves; True to our fellows; True to the trust imposed, and, above all, true to Him who hath called us and whose witnesses we are, and by Whose Grace we are saved. Therefore, Be it

Resolved, That we as preachers and laymen preach, pray, give and work for the spread of the Gospel at home and abroad.

During discussion on this report, Rev. J. O. Harris, of Lake City, offered to give one Sabbath in each month to missionary work provided one-half the expense of said service was met. Brethren T. W. Getzen, Wm. J. Carroll and E. G. Persons became responsible for this expense. Revs. R. F. Rogers and Wm. J. Carroll also offered to do missionary work in the ensuing year.

The Moderator appointed the following correspondents:

To the Colored Baptist Association, Lake City—Rev. J. T. Lightfoot; Suwannee Association—Rev. B. R. Mosely and Rev. J. T. Lightfoot; to New River Association, Rev. S. S. Proctor.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion—ordered that the regular order of business be suspended to appoint a committee to select times and places for 5th Sunday meetings and to publish programme for same. The Moderator appointed on said committee J. T. Lightfoot, S. S. Proctor and G. W. S. Ware.

The report of the committee on Christian Education was received and

after discussion by Prof. Jerry Fountain, Rev. J. C. Porter and Rev. R. F. Rogers, adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Believing as we do that character is the true end of education: and that the world of morals should move with equal step with the intellectual: and that the advantages of an education are not only for the material good it bestows but also for the happiness it imparts:

We would recommend:

1. That Beulah Baptist Association take a strong and decided stand in favor of Christian education.
2. That as a means to this end we urge upon all the members of this Association the importance of supporting and maintaining our state paper, The Florida Baptist Witness.
3. That we recommend to the Baptists of the State the institution of learning known as Lakeside Female College, situated at Lake City. That we endorse and encourage the work which has been founded to foster the Christian Education of the daughters of our land.
4. We have at DeLand in John B. Stetson University an institution of high order for the education of our boys and girls. We heartily commend it.

JERRY FOUNTAIN,
G. P. LAMB,
R. F. ROGERS. } Committee.

Report of committee on Queries received and after discussion by Rev. R. F. Rogers and Rev. S. S. Proctor, adopted.

REPORT ON QUERIES.

Your committee on Letters and Queries would report: That we find no Queries from the churches, and that Phillippi, Mt. Beulah and Lake Butler churches ask for the next meeting of our Association and that we recommend that the request of Lake Butler church be granted, and that the request of Branford church for a letter of dismission be granted.

G. W. S. WARE,
JOHN A. COX,
L. L. LAMB. } Committee.

Report of committee on Publications received and after discussion by Rev. J. T. Lightfoot, Rev. J. O. Harris, Rev. R. F. Rogers, Rev. J. C. Porter, Rev. G. W. S. Ware, Rev. S. S. Proctor and Prof. Moodie adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We your committee on Publications would recommend *first of all* the

reading of the Bible. In the home, in the church, in the Sunday school and day school, in every place, public or private. There is nothing better for any people than studying and reading the Bible. We would urge that we ought as fathers, heads of families, teachers, and as those enjoying places of influence, do what we can to create a deeper interest in the study of the Bible.

This may be done by beginning with ourselves, and as the fires burn in our own hearts let us make a more free use of the Bible in our churches, homes, schools and whenever and wherever we have opportunity.

For the study of the Bible let us use all available helps, but use them only as helps—nothing more.

These helps are commentaries, treatises on doctrine, discussions and all such publications as bring us directly in contact the thought of the scriptures.

2. We would recommend the reading of religious news. If we would be intelligent Christians, we must be informed as to the doings and doctrines of ourselves and other Christian denominations.

To this end we recommend that there be in every home a good supply of our Baptist periodicals.

Let every one discriminate for himself, only this would we urge—we see to it that the religious literature of our homes be sound in doctrine and there be no impure literature distributed anywhere we may conscientiously avert it.

Respectfully submitted.

J. T. LIGHTFOOT,
W. E. DENNARD,
H. J. MARCUM. } Committee.

Report of Committee on Temperance received and, after discussion by J. C. Porter and J. T. Lightfoot, adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The rule for division of fractions is to invert the divisor, and so, for convenience, to rightly divide and present the subject of Temperance, we will invert terms and discuss intemperance—as that is the “root of bitterness to be condemned and eradicated.”

Temperance means moderation in all things—and is only one of the many graces that should adorn the Christian's life. “Let your moderation appear to all men” is the Divine injunction—to be temperate is to be evenly tempered and balanced and to preserve a moral and spiritual equilibrium: to be unbalanced and extreme in any way is to be intemperate, and the cause of Temperance has been greatly damaged by extremists who limit the com-

prehension of the term to the excessive use of "ardent spirits"—conniving at gluttony, extravagant and vain dress, dissipation in "modern amusements" (so called) and riotous excess and revelry.

We would condemn the modern opera, circus, theatre, base ball, as incompatible with Christian character, inimical to growth in grace—immoderate and intemperate.

We would urge all our churches to be pronounced on all such things, to remonstrate against them and thus guard the young and tender lambs, so liable to be led astray.

Your committee urge the Beulah Association to enforce the resolutions passed years ago to non-fellowship churches which do not discipline members in any way responsible for the whiskey traffic.

The liquor traffic is to be regarded as the greatest enemy of our Christian civilization. It flourishes in the darkest recesses, defies law and license, undermines our liberties. It has become the masked enemy of all that is pure, virtuous and good, and threatens to sap the very foundations of all our institutions and to destroy the civil, social and religious fabric of our country. Your committee, while urging greater diligence against the liquor traffic, would deprecate all intemperate and fanatical extremes to which many of our churches and pastors have allowed their zeal to carry them. Especially do we deprecate the efforts of W. C. T. U. to purge the Lord's Table of the symbol of the blood of Jesus by substituting "leavenous slops" in place of the wine which He both made and used on proper occasions, and surely instituted to be used in commemorating His death, till He comes again. Extremes produce equals, and extremists do the cause of temperance as much harm as the other.

J. F. SMITH,
L. A. DUNCAN, } Committee.
F. B. MOODIE.

The committee on preaching report Rev. M. L. Lawson to preach at Elim to-night at 7:30 and Rev. H. M. King to preach at Ft. White at the same time.

On motion adjourned to 9:30 a.m., Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Meeting opened with reading Scriptures, singing and prayer. Report of committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons received and adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow!" not one of our ministers has been taken from us. But we are reminded of our transitory life by a great loss sustained in the Fort White church. Deacon J. P. Swails is no more. He was a tender husband, a kind father, a good citizen and a faithful friend: but more than all, he was a devoted Christian, cheerfully discharging his church duties and contributing liberally to its different needs. He hungered and thirsted after righteousness, and God answered his wish and gave him a large measure of consecration and usefulness. He was the "pure gold" of life, and angels must have sung their celestial songs as his noble spirit "plumed its flight to the other shore" and passed the "Pearly Gates" of his Heavenly Home. We recommend a blank page in our Minutes to his memory. Respectfully submitted.

B. R. MOSELY, }
D. B. OQUINN, } Committee.
E. G. PERSONS. }

Report of committee on Woman's Work received, and after discussion by Wm. J. Carroll, F. B. Moodie, B. R. Mosely and J. T. Lightfoot, adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Our Lord has ever recognized the peculiar fitness of woman to be man's helper, not only in the home but in the church. Of woman—not of man—it was said, "She has done what she could." Of woman it is recorded that, "She sat at Jesus' feet and learned of him,"—and of another woman that "She washed the Lord's feet with her tears and wiped them with the hairs of her head." Woman ministered unto our Lord's temporal necessities as he went about doing good, and woman first visited the place where Jesus lay entombed, carrying with them sweet spices with which to anoint his body, and in the language of Paul, we would say "Brethren help these women with their work." Help them with your prayers; help them with words of encouragement; help them with your means.

AMENDMENT, *Resolved*, That we as an Association and Christians appre-

Sacred to the Memory

of

Deacon J. L. Swails,

of

The Fort White Baptist Church.

Born

October 13th, 1839.

Died

October 11th, 1892.

"Asleep in Jesus."

ciate the noble work that women have done and are doing, and ask that they still continue their faithful work in every department of Christian duty.

W. M. J. CARROLL, }
J. S. HARRELL, } Committee.
L. W. LAMB, }

Report of committee on Sunday Schools received, and after discussion by F. B. Moodie, E. G. Persons and J. T. Lightfoot, adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We as a committee would, in behalf of Beulah Association and all brethren in Christ, exclaim with all praise to him, "Blessed be the name of the Lord" who gave us life, light and liberty. God in his mercy gave us the truth that we might know more of Him, and from the hill of Calvary it speedily found its way into almost every part of the world, gathering wherever it went fresh laurels, until it has waved its banner over imperial cities and proud homes, making them acknowledge that the Truth is Life, Light and Liberty. It is a command, "Search the scriptures" and likewise teach them. Then it becomes us to do more than we have ever done. Pastors, more than others, should urge the importance of Sunday schools as they possibly have greater influence than their laymen. Now let us render unto God thanks for His manifold blessings in that he gave us susceptible minds and retentive memories and continue in prayer for wisdom and power to accomplish that for which we were sent into the world, and thus glorify and honor our Father in Heaven. The very God of Heaven bless the endeavors of pious men and women everywhere. Then let the old in wisdom hold up the Gospel in the purity in which the Master gave it.

M. L. LAWSON, }
S. M. PARKER, } Committee.
J. B. PARFELL, }

The Moderator appointed as delegates to the State Baptist Convention to meet in Lake City, Fla., Jan. 5th, 1893, the following:

F. B. Moodie, B. R. Mosely, G. B. Ellis, E. G. Persons, (T. W. Getzen by Association), W. J. Carroll, J. T. Lightfoot, G. W. S. Ware, Wm. L. Terry, T. C. Carroll.

Report of Finance Committee received and adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	General Purposes.	Total.
Mount Pleasant	2 50		\$ 2 50
Fort White.....	6 75		6 75
Mount Zion.....	1 50	6 50	8 00
Phillippi	1 30		1 30
Branford.....	1 00	1 00	2 00
Providence	2 00	3 07	5 07
Elim.....		10 00	10 00
Mt. Beulah.....		4 00	4 00
Prospect... ..	1 00		1 00
Hopeful	75	3 25	4 00
Live Oak.....	1 00	13 00	14 00
Cypress Lake		50	50
Lake Butler .. .	1 50	1 60	3 10
Lake City.....		10 00	10 00
Special collection Thursday for Missions.....			11 06
Total.....			\$83 28

We have examined Treasurer G. B. Ellis's report, and find it correct.

T. C. CARROLL,
L. D. PADGET,
F. M. PINKSTON,
J. O. HARRIS. } Committee.

TREASURER GEO. B. ELLIS'S REPORT.

Oct. 23. Balance on hand..\$ 11 62	Oct. 23. Paid N. A. Baily..\$ 20 00
Oct. 23. Rec'd of Finance Committee. 83 05	Oct. 23. Paid Chas. Smith.. 16 66
Aug., '92. Of Elim Church.. 1 68	Oct. 23. Pd W. N. Chaudoin 20 00
	Oct. 23. Clerk's fees..... 12 00
	Oct. 23. Printing Minutes.. 22 00
	Oct 19, '92. Balance on hand.. 5 69
Total.....\$ 95 35	Total.....\$ 95 35

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. B. ELLIS,
Treasurer Beulah Association.

The following resolutions were passed:

1. That the best thanks of this Association are eminently due, and are cordially tendered, to the members of Elim, and citizens in the vicinity, for their generous hospitality during the session of this Association.

2. That the Clerk of the Association have 400 copies of minutes printed, and be allowed the usual fee for his services..

After singing and prayer the Association adjourned to meet with Lake Butler church, Bradford county, Wednesday before 4th Sunday in October, 1893.

T. W. GETZEN, MODERATOR.

E. G. PERSONS, CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE, BEULAH ASSOCIATION, FLORIDA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERKS' POSTOFFICES	Baptized.	Received by Letter	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Loss.	Gain.	Members.	Value Prop'ry	Expenses.
Live Oak.....	M. L. Lawson	G. B. Neal.....	Live Oak	1	8		2	1	1	4	8	35	\$ 675	\$
Mt. Pleasant	W. M. Davis	H. A. Duncan...	Welborn.	1	1		1	5	1	7	2	77	1500	100 00
Lake City.....	J. T. Lightfoot	B. L. Bugg.....	Lake City..	16	7		8	4	1	13	23	151	10000	3635 00
Lake Butler.....	S. S. Proctor...	W. J. Epperson	Lake Butler	35	16	2	6			6	53	76	500	124 31
*Bethlehem	J. O. Harris	F. M. Waldrup..	Lake City									36		
Hopeful.....	J. O. Harris	H. J. Marcum...	Payne	1	3						4	28	200	
*Pleasant Spr'gs.	J. O. Harris	B. L. Morgan...	Lake Ogdén									27	200	
Mt. Zion.....	J. O. Harris..	K. T. Bell.....	Welborn...	4	4		2		1	3	4	62	400	200 00
Ft. White.....	B. R. Mosely..	J. W. Bell.....	Ft. White..	4	8		13		1	14	12	50	1000	150 00
Elim.....	B. R. Mosely..	T. W. Getzen...	Ft. White..	1	3		2		2	2	4	136	900	150 00
Branford	J. N. Reid	F. M. Pinkston.	Branford..				5		2	7	3	31	500	
Mt. Beulah.....	R. F. Rogers..	W. S. Newsome.	Little River	2	8	1	4	1	1	6	10	91	500	100 00
Cypress Lake...	W. M. Davis..	L. L. Wilder...	Columbia.	7	3		1	2		3	2	60	300	10 00
Prospect.....	L. R. Thomas	Robert Cox.....	Ft. White..	8			1		2	2	9	36	300	
Phillippi	G. S. Crasby	W. L. Townsend	Mikesville	1			2		3	4	2	47	500	
Providence	G. W. S. Ware	S. M. Rowe.....	Mason.....	7	3		11	5	1	17	10	147	1500	334 39
Totals				87	63	5	58	18	12	88	154	1090	18475	4803 70

*Last year's statistics.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS OF CHURCHES IN BEULAH ASSOCIATION.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS	POST-OFFICE.	Number Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Contributions.	No baptiz'd from Sunday Schools
Mount Pleasant.....	W. H. Wordall	Lake City..	80	10	75 00	
Lake City.....	John A. King	Lake Butler	80	10	48 42	17
Lake Butler.....						
Bethlehem						
Hopeful.....						
Pleasant Springs						
Mount Zion.....	E. G. Persons	Fort White	54	5	20 00	4
Fort White.....	Wm. Crouch	Herlong	45	9	20 00	
Elim.....						
Branford.....						
Mount Beulah	A. D. Wilder	Columbia	12			
Cypress Lake						
Prospect.....	T. C. Carroll	Mikesville	29	4		
Phillippi.....	R. W. Turner	Mason	41	7	5 00	
Providence.....						2
Live Oak.....	C. W. Baehé	Live Oak	35	5	5 60	

