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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. Finances.
 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. Mosley, Ft. White.
R. F. Rogers, Lake City.
G. W. S. Ware, Mt. Tabor.
S. S. Proctor, Lacrosse.
W. S. Rogers, Lake City.
W. C. Lee, Wellborn.

J. O. Harris, Lake City.
J. H. Crosby, Lacrosse.
L. R. Thomas, Ft. White.
G. W. Davis, Lake City.
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Beulah Baptist Association commenced its fifteenth annual session with Phillippi Church, Columbia County, Fla., Wednesday October, 24th. 1894.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Porter. Romans 1-16.

After singing and prayer, adjourned until 1 p. m.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator called for letters.

The roll of delegates was :

MOUNT PLEASANT—S. D. Dupree, W. E. Dennard, H. E. Braddock.

LAKE CITY—B. L. Bugg, Rev. R. F. Rogers, F. B. Moodie, J. H. Twyman.

LAKE BUTLER—W. W. Chapman, F. A. Andrew.

BETHLEHEM—F. M. Waldrup.

MOUNT ZION—W. A. Ogden.

FORT WHITE—Rev. B. R. Mosley, J. W. Chiles, E. G. Persons.

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

MOUNT BEULAH—N. A. Gaylard, H. L. Avant, J. H. Newsome.

CYPRESS LAKE—Not represented.

PROSPECT—Not represented.

PHILIPPI—P. D. Vinzant, G. M. Taylor, J. W. Cone.

PROVIDENCE—G. W. Ware, L. F. Gay, S. M. Rowe, G.

W. Clyatt, R. A. Clyatt, M. Baily, C. C. Odom.

HOPEFUL—Henry Dicks, S. G. Smith.

Letters were read by Rev. R. F. Rogers and B. L. Bugg.

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

The Moderator then invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats in the body. S. C. Porter of Baptist Witness, M. A. Feagle of Harmony, R. A. Crumpton, T. J. Porter of Marion Association responded.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees.

ON PREACHING—Rev. B. R. Mosley, P. D. Vinzant, G. W. Taylor, J. W. Cone.

QUERIES—Rev. R. F. Rogers, F. A. Andrews, F. M. Waldrup.

FINANCE—B. L. Bugg, W. L. Terry, J. W. Cone.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS—H. E. Braddock, W. A. Gaylard, L. F. Gay.

PUBLICATIONS—Rev. B. R. Mosley, J. H. Newsome, W. H. Ogden.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—S. D. Dupree, S. M. Rowe, P. D. Vinzant.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. R. F. Rogers, H. L. Avant, S. G. Smith, M. Baily.

MISSIONS—J. H. Twyman, W. W. Chapman, G. M. Taylor.

WOMAN'S WORK—Rev. G. W. S. Ware, R. A. Clyatt, Henry Dicks.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—F. B. Moodie, W. E. Dennard, C. C. Odom, G. W. Clyatt.

Committee on preaching report Rev. R. F. Rogers to preach tonight and Rev. Z. A. Crumpton to preach Thursday at 11 a. m.

Treasurer G. B. Ellis made his report, and on motion action was deferred until tomorrow.

Revs. G. W. S. Ware and B. R. Mosley made a verbal report of their missionary work in the bounds of Beulah Baptist Association.

Adjourned until Thursday 9 a. m.

Thursday, 9 a. m., met pursuant to adjournment.

Meeting opened with devotional exercises.

The committee on publications made its report, which on motion was adopted.

REPORT.

We recommend the Bible first and above all. It has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture of error, for its subject matter. We recommend also good religious books. These are companions, teachers, and friends of the highest style to educate the children and form their lives for good. It was a book that made a mis-

sionary of Adoniram Judson and William Carey. Books, religious books were the first teachers of the great Spurgeon.

We commend, then, good books of sound doctrine wherever they may be bought. We especially recommend the publications of the Southern Baptist Convention for Sunday School literature, and also of the American Baptist Publication Society. The Convention series give all the profits to our home mission work, much of which is in Florida.

We recommend heartily the Florida Baptist Witness; its voice is for good, its contents are useful, instructive and religious, and it is a great means among us of communicating one with another. Respectfully submitted.

B. R. Mosley,
J. H. Newsome, } Committee.
W. H. Ogden.

The Moderator appointed correspondents to other Associations as follows: To Sante Fe, Rev. B. R. Mosley; to Suwanee, S. D. Dupree, W. H. Ogden and Rev. R. F. Rogers; to Hamilton, Rev. R. F. Rogers; to New River, W. W. Chapman, G. W. Clyatt, and F. A. Andrew.

To the State Baptist Convention at Leesburg, Fla., Rev. B. R. Mosley, J. H. Carrell, F. B. Moodie, E. G. Persons, Rev. G. W. S. Ware, Rev. R. F. Rogers, and Rev. W. S. Rogers.

The committee on missions made its report, which was after discussion adopted.

REPORT.

We the committee on missions regret to report that the laborers in the vineyard are so few, while the work is so

great. The harvest is indeed great, but the laborers few.

We feel that each individual of the church of Christ should do more personal work as well as giving more of their substance. We should be true to the trust, "Go teach all nations," and to make this work more successful, more funds are needed. Therefore we would urge that the pastors instruct their charges more thoroughly on the subject of giving, and that individual members hold up the hands of their pastors in this work. Respectfully submitted,

W. W. Chapman, }
J. H. Twyman, } Committee.
Geo. M. Taylor, }

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

The Committee on Woman's Work made its report. On motion, adopted.

REPORT.

Woman's Missionary Society is now a common phrase in Baptist parlance. The word "society" means union of persons in one interest. In Matt. 26-56 we have a society composed of one single and two married women, whose one interest was in giving to Jesus. In Luke 7-3 we read of a like society with more members. Another was to give Jesus a supper and anoint his feet with precious ointment. Another was to weep because of the indignities heaped upon Jesus as he was bearing his cross to degradation and death, and to stand by and go with him to the brink of the dark valley of death.

Another society was commissioned by an angel to tell his brethren that the Lord had risen from the dead; the

happiest society that ever did an errand for the Lord God Almighty. Sisters of Beulah Association, unite yet more for the work of the Lord. Yours is an old, yet an ever new and glorious work. And when you meet those glorified sisters of 1900 years ago, you can exclaim, with joy, my sisters! my sisters! in love and interest and work, and your words will sparkle with truth and similarity of purpose.

G. W. S. Ware, }
R. A. Clyatt, } Committee.
Henry Dicks, }

Rev. R. F. Rogers made his report as missionary in the bounds of Beulah Baptist Association.

REPORT.

The undersigned has done missionary work the past year by preaching the gospel at Winfield und Suwannee Valley, in Columbia county, at Olustee in Baker county, and at Jennings in Hamilton county, constituting a church at Jennings. Olustee, Winfield and Suwannee Valley are destitute places, and this association should send them a missionary. Have received for my services from Treasurer G. B. Ellis \$21.52, and have collected and turned over to the treasurer the following amounts: From Mt. Zion church, \$8.32; from Providence church, \$8.40; from Mt. Beulah church, \$4.80. Respectfully submitted,

R. F. ROGERS.

Committee on Temperance made its report, which was, after discussion, adopted.

REPORT.

We recommend to the churches composing this association that they discipline those of their members who

persist in the unscriptural use of whisky, wine or beer. Those who drink to drunkenness should be reprimanded, and in no case should a church keep in her fellowship an habitual drunkard. We would further recommend that the churches prohibit any of their members from selling domestic wines by retail. Such practice by church members corrupts the morals of the young, brings reproach on the church of God, and produces discord and division among the children of light. We would further recommend that the churches speedily withdraw fellowship from any of their members who would sign a petition for the sale of spirituous liquors, and if any church should tolerate her members in signing whisky petitions, we would recommend that fellowship be withdrawn from them by the association.

R. F. Rogers, }
S. G. Smith, } Committee.
H. L. Avant, }

Adjourned to 1 p. m.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Committee on Sunday School made its report. Adopted after discussion.

REPORT.

We find the interest in the Sabbath School cause increasing. There were only six churches reported Sabbath Schools last year. This year there are nine.

First, we insist that pastors and laymen work to organize Sabbath Schools where there are none.

Second, we recommend the literature of the American

Baptist Publication Society, and the Kind Word series as suitable for use in the Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

S. D. Dupree,
P. D. Vinzant,

Report of Committee on Queries received and adopted, after discussion.

REPORT.

Your Committee on Letters and Queries find the following, sent up from Hopeful Church:

First, Is it right, according to the Scriptures, for a Christian to sign his name to a whisky petition?

Answer: No. Christians should let their light shine and abstain from the appearance of evil.

Second, Is it right, according to the Scriptures, for a Christian to engage in any amusement that the world says is just like dancing, in fact is dancing?

Answer: No. Christians should not visit the ball-room, nor engage in dancing in any way.

We find a request for the next session of the Association to convene with them from the following churches: Mt. Beulah, Hopeful, and Ft. White; and we recommend that the next session be held with Mt. Beulah Church, twelve miles west of Lake City, and six miles south of Wellborn, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1895.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. Rogers, }
F. A. Andrew, } Committee.
F. M. Waldrep, }

Report of Committee on Christian Education received, and after discussion adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee on Christian Education report that the boasted "culture" and unsanctified learning of the Nineteenth Century, as manifested in the vain philosophy—the vain attempts of skeptics to turn the artillery of science against revealed truth, aided by modern "higher critics," occupying the chief seats in some of our colleges and universities, fully demonstrate the necessity that Christian education should receive the greater emphasis. It is a fallacious idea that to be scholarly is to be truly educated, for the development of the intellectual powers to the exclusion of the moral and spiritual faculties, is a false system, leaving the heart, the affections, the "inner man" entirely undeveloped; for while the reasoning faculties distinguish man from brutes, the spiritual nature distinguish men from demons. The educated criminals with deadly appliances, constructed by their own skill and in their own laboratories, plot to destroy all social and Christian institutions; so that the whole fabric, social, civil and Christian, shall be utterly annihilated. For this cause the very knees of nations are smiting together, while they quake with tear and trembling. Meanwhile see the "sharp lawyer," intellectually educated, evade the true spirit and letter of the law; the toady politician, in double dealing and sycophancy, to secure the votes of gamblers, rum sellers, etc., and Judge Lynch, rising up to regulate and remedy the terrible consequences of false education. Last,

but not least, see the intellectually cultured preacher, with his stock of unsanctified knowledge deceitfully handling the inspired words, and wresting the truths of God's Book and perverting the right ways of the Lord, until they become blinded to the truths, and as blind guides, lead the blind to the pit of destruction. Better have no education than not have the mental, moral and spiritual man simultaneously developed—imparting the principles of the "Great Teacher" from whom emanates all truth.

How thankful we should be, and how proud we have a right to be, that the Florida Baptist Convention owns and controls in the John B. Stetson University an institution founded upon these principles and consecrated to this purpose, and that both sexes are taught alike from Alpha to Omega that without the excellency of the knowledge of Christ all knowledge is vain and perverted.

F. B. Moodie,
A. C. Odom, } Committee.
W. E. Dennard,

Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons made their report, which was adopted.

REPORT.

We, the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, regret to report the death of one of our worthy deacons, Brother T. F. Avant, of Beulah Church, but we express gratitude to our Heavenly Father for sparing the lives of the brother ministers of this Association.

H. E. Braddock,
N. A. Gaylard, } Committee.
L. P. Gay,

Committee on Preaching report Rev. T. Porter to preach to-night.

The following were passed :

First, that a record of the number of times and places of meeting of the Beulah Association from its organization be published in our next minutes, and that the constitution of our Association be published in our next minutes.

That this Association extend its heartfelt thanks to the good people of Phillippi neighborhood for the kindness and hospitality to the delegates and visitors to this Association.

Third, that the ministers of this Association request their members to give 5 cents per quarter for missionary purposes during next associational year. Said contribution to be extra to the usual contributions.

Report of Finance Committee received and adopted.

REPORT.

We have audited Treasurer's Report and find correct. It is herewith submitted.



TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 9, 1893, balance on hand.....	\$ 14 97
October 19, 1893, received from Finance Committee.....	68 08
November 25, received from Elim Church	2 10
April 3, 1893, received from Providence Church.....	8 40
Received from Mt. Zion Church.....	8 32
Received from Beulah Church.....	4 80
Received from Bethlehem Church.....	2 28
Total.....	\$108 95
Paid Out—	
Bro. R. F. Rogers, for 1893.....	\$ 15 00
Bro. Chaudoin.....	20 00
E. G. Persons, clerk's fees.....	10 00
For minutes.....	22 00
Bro. R. F. Rogers.....	21 52
Bro. G. W. S. Ware.....	12 28
Bro. B. R. Mosely.....	8 00
Balance on hand.....	15
Total.....	\$108 95

GEO. B. ELLIS, Treasurer.

We have received cash contributions as follows :

Providence church.....	\$ 4 30
Mt. Pleasant.....	12 80
Elim.....	8 00

Mt. Beulah.....	3 00
Lake Butler.....	1 50
Phillippi.....	4 60
Bethlehem church.....	1 40
Ft. White.....	5 25
Lake City.....	13 40
Hopeful.....	3 50
Mt. Zion.....	2 65
Little Helpers.....	4 40
Women's Missionary Society.....	4 00
Collection.....	12 90

NOTE.—Of above amount \$9 was contributed by Ladies' Aid Society.

Treasurer's receipt herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

B. L. Bugg,	} Committee.
J. W. Cone,	
W. L. Terry,	

PHILLIPPI CHURCH, Oct. 25, 1894.

Received of Finance Committee eighty-one and seventy-six one-hundredths (\$81.76) dollars.

G. B. ELLIS, Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed S. D. Dupree, B. L. Bugg, John A. Carrell, E. G. Persons and Geo. B. Ellis, Executive Committee for next associational year.

On motion, it was ordered that distribution of surplus funds be left to the Executive Committee.

Ordered that the Clerk have the usual number of minutes printed, and that he be paid \$10 for his services.

On motion, adjourned, to meet with Mt. Beulah Church Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1895.

Closed with devotional exercises, and special prayer
for Hopeful Church. T. W. GETZEN,

E. G. PERSONS, Clerk. Moderator.

NOTE.—Minutes were delayed by Clerk in order to
get constitution and history of the association, which effort
failed. Any member who can supply the information at
next Association will please do so. CLERK.



SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	No. Teachers and Officers.	Pupils.	SUPERIN- TENDENT.	Expenses.
Mount Zion.....	7	70	S. D. Dupree.	\$12 80
Lake Butler.....	8	65	J. A. Kitg.	8 00
Mount Pleasant.....	17	132	B. L. Bugg.
Lake City.....	4	35	S. G. Smith.	2 75
Hopeful.....	15	87	{ R W Turner A C Odom	12 71
Providence (2).....	7	65	E. G. Persons	12 00
Fort White.....	5	41	J. W. Cone..	5 25
Philipi.....	9	104	R. H. Carver.	12 00
Bethlehem.....	6	30	J. F. Bunch..	10 00
Mount Beulah.....				
Elim.....				
Prospect.....				

78 625

STATISTICAL TABLE, BEULAH ASSOCIATION, FLA.

CHURCHES,	PASTORS,	CLERKS,	CLERKS' POSTOFFICES,	BAPTISMS,							Members.	Value of Property	Expenses.
				Baptised.	Received by Letter	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Loss.			
Mt. Zion.	R. F. Rogers.	E. B. Everett.	Wellborn	2	4	1	1	1	1	65	\$ 130	\$33 40	
Lake Butler.	S. S. Proctor.	W. J. Eppersob.	Lake Butler.	1	4	5	1	1	1	76	500	145 00	
Mt. Pleasant.	W. G. Lee	J. J. Leely.	Wellborn	22	19	6	3	2	4	32	183	10,000 817 80	
Lake City	W. S. Rogers	B. L. Baug	Lake City.	4	1	1	6	1	1	27	250	34 78	
Hopetful.	G. W. S. Ware	H. J. Marcum.	Payne.	3	2	1	1	1	3	3	27	34 78	
Prospect.	R. F. Rogers.	S. M. Rowe	Providence	5	2	2	6	1	3	132	1,000	144 00	
Providence	J. S. Geiger.	J. W. Bell	Ft. White.	6	5	1	2	1	1	17	1,000	300 00	
Kort White	J. H. Crosby	W. L. Townsend	Mikesville	10	1	1	1	1	1	69	610	129 60	
Phillippi	G. W. S. Ware	F. M. Walden	Lake City	14	1	1	1	1	1	27	400	6 43	
Bethlehem	R. F. Rogers	G. P. Howell.	Little River.	8	2	3	12	3	2	93	350	87 80	
Mt. Beulah.	B. R. Moseley	T. W. Gelzen.	Ft. White.	2	2	1	2	3	2	5	500	182 40	
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