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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. Moseley . . . Fort White W. S. Rogers . . . Lake City
R. F. Rogers . . . Lake City C. V. Waugh . . . Lake City
G. W. S. Ware . . . Mason J. O. Harris . . . Lake City
S. S. Proctor . . . Lake Butler L. R. Thomas . . . Fort White

LICENTIATES.

S. D. Dupree . . . Wellborn E. A. Burton . . . Lake City

MINUTES.

FRIDAY, October 25, 1895.

The Beulah Baptist Association convened in Sixteenth Annual Session to-day, with the Church of Christ at Mount Beulah.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder B. R. Moseley, after which an intermission was taken for refreshments till 1:30 P. M., when the Association was called to order by Bro. T. W. Getzen, Moderator.

Letters from the churches were called for and read by request by Bros. C. T. Carroll and R. F. Rogers, and the following messengers enrolled as representing the several churches opposite their names:

Lake Butler—F. A. Andreu.

Mt. Pleasant—W. E. Dennard, S. D. Dupree and Luther Jernigan.

Lake City—W. S. Rogers, Newton Sapp and R. F. Rogers.

Hopeful—R. F. Colson and S. G. Smith.

Providence—Geo. W. Clyatt and G. A. Price.

Fort White—B. R. Moseley, S. R. O'Quinn and E. G. Persons.

Phillipi—J. W. Cone and C. T. Carroll.

Bethlehem—J. R. Chastine.

Mt. Beulah—G. P. Howell, E. J. Blume, J. F. Hunt and H. M. Blume.

Elim—T. W. Getzen, Geo. B. Ellis, A. Terry, J. G. Smith, J. Terry and J. Dennis.

Cypress Lake—S. L. Wilder and R. R. Green.

After letters were read, and names of messengers and

churches enrolled, the Moderator announced the body ready for permanent organization.

Bro. B. R. Moseley moved that the rules be waived of electing by ballot, and that the former officers of the Association be elected by acclamation. The motion met with opposition. The former Moderator, Bro. T. W. Getzen, was, however, elected by acclamation. Bro. R. F. Rogers was elected Clerk and Bro. S. D. Dupree Treasurer, both by ballot.

Under the call for correspondents, Rev. T. J. Kelly and Bros. R. A. Reid and John W. Carver responded from the Suwanee Baptist Association, and their names were enrolled as such.

On motion of Bro. S. D. Dupree, the Clerk was requested to have the Constitution and Articles of Faith published with the Minutes of this annual session.

Bro. Geo. B. Ellis, former Treasurer, made the following report :

TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 24, 1894, balance on hand.....	\$	15	
October 24, 1894, received from finance committee.....	\$1	76	
October 31, 1894, paid E. G. Persons, Clerk's fees.....			\$10 00
October 31, 1894, paid E. G. Persons for Minutes.....			22 00
December 26, 1894, paid W. N. Chaudoin.....			20 00
Balance on hand.....			29 91
Total.....	\$81	91	\$81 91

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. ELLIS,
Treasurer.

Report adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committees, viz :
On Preaching—Pastor R. F. Rogers and the delegates of Mt. Beulah Church.

On Queries—G. A. Price, R. R. Green and J. W. Terry.
On Finance—S. R. O'Quinn, W. E. Dennard, L. Jernigan.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—G. W. Clyatt, H. M. Blume, G. P. Howell.

On Publications—B. R. Moseley, R. F. Colson, Newton Sapp.

On Sabbath Schools—C. T. Carroll, J. W. Cone, J. G. Smith.

On Temperance—W. S. Rogers, E. J. Blume, J. R. Chastine.

On Missions—S. D. Dupree, J. F. Hunt, S. G. Smith.

On Woman's Work—G. B. Ellis, F. A. Andreu, A. Terry.

On Christian Education—E. G. Persons, S. L. Wilder, J. Dennis.

On motion of Bro. E. G. Persons adjourned to Saturday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. B. R. Moseley.

SATURDAY—SECOND DAY.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator pursuant to adjournment, and after prayer by Bro. R. F. Rogers proceeded to business.

Bro. B. R. Moseley made special request for prayer for Prospect Church, and the body joined Bro. Moseley in special prayer for the spiritual prosperity of said church.

Bro. R. F. Rogers, chairman of the Committee on Preaching, reported Bro. J. C. Porter, editor of the Florida Baptist Witness, to preach at 11 o'clock.

The Moderator extended an invitation to correspondents and visitors.

Revs. W. C. Lee and J. F. Tatem responded as correspondents from the Suwanee Association.

Bros. W. H. Ogden and J. R. Wyse, messengers from Mt. Zion Church, presented a letter from said church, which was read by the Clerk and names enrolled.

Bro. B. R. Moseley made the following report for the Committee on Publications :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee report that we must concede the power of the press. Without it we would have no cheap Bibles and few of any kind. Our American Baptist Publication Society, in Philadelphia, is doing grand work by sending the Bible faithfully translated to as many as they can. Also, the Book Concern is sending abroad the best of religious literature.

The Sunday School Board of the Georgia Baptist Convention sends us their noble convention series of Sunday school literature.

Of religious papers we have: The Index, of Georgia; Baptist and Reflector, of Tennessee; Western Recorder, of Kentucky; Texas Baptist Standard, and so on. Last, but not least, we have our Witness, a paper of which we are not ashamed, and recommend every Baptist family to take it. Respectfully submitted.

B. R. MOSELEY,
R. F. COLSON,
NEWTON SAPP,
Committee.

Encouraging remarks were made on the above report by Bros. Moseley, W. S. Rogers, Porter of the Marion and Reid of the Suwanee Associations, after which the report was adopted.

Bro. W. S. Rogers made the following report on Temperance :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

After a careful survey of the temperance conviction and sentiment among the churches of this Association, and their dealings with those who offend by using, making and selling ardent spirits or by abetting others in the same, we are impressed with the opinion that our churches are mak-

ing a noble fight against intemperance in their own membership; but we are also impressed with the notion that our people are not as aggressive as they should be.

We seem just a little too much disposed to say to the whisky man: Let us alone and we will let you alone; stay out of our churches and our homes, but you may go over there to the cross roads, or to the village or the town or the city and ruin our neighbors and their homes. And, we believe that this lack of aggressiveness is largely owing to an underestimate of the real strength of the temperance conviction in the public mind. Too many either withhold their aid or go into the battle with faint hearts because of the imagined strength of the enemy and our comparative weakness. It would be victory already achieved if temperance people could grasp the encouraging fact that the vast majority of people everywhere, excepting isolated communities, are in sympathy with the temperance cause, and are ever ready to join in judicious movements for the suppression of the whisky traffic and the prevention of its use as a beverage.

Whilst we call attention hopefully and joyfully to the large and growing temperance conviction in the public mind, we must concede with shame that some clever-spirited citizens and some church members, by their examples and teachings, are proving most effective servants of whisky rings and the red-eyed king; and the indifference, or lack of faith, in many who hold temperance convictions is, perhaps, society's greatest weakness in this great struggle to throw off the yoke of the accursed monster.

We recommend that pastors and other brethren who speak in public to use the pulpit and the rostrum prudently, yet heroically, for educating the public mind on this subject, and strengthening the popular temperance conviction.

We recommend that our churches maintain a rigid discipline in favor of temperance, and to be outspoken under

all circumstances against the production of, and traffic in and use of all kinds of intoxicating liquors.

We recommend that in our social, business and political relationships, other things being equal, we shall discriminate in favor of persons who are strictly sober and pronounced in opposition to the production of and traffic in all kinds of intoxicating liquors.

We recommend all temperance workers to circulate temperance literature and join in all general movements which aim at the suppression of intemperance, or even the lessening of the evil where nothing better can be secured and where the methods adopted shall approve themselves to their consciences.

We recommend that the evil effects of the use of ardent spirits and the traffic of the same on the body, mind and morals of individuals and on society be carefully taught in the day school and the Sunday school, in the church, in the pulpit, in the press, and wherever lovers of sobriety and social and political elevation shall be in position to do so.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. ROGERS,
E. J. BLUME,
J. R. CHASTINE,
Committee.

The report was loudly applauded.

Pending the consideration of the above report, the hour for preaching arrived, when on motion, an intermission was taken until 1 o'clock P. M.

Divine services were held at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. C. Porter, after which a collection was taken up to send the Baptist Witness to the poor and indigent, amounting to \$3.40. Bro. W. S. Riley, a poor afflicted man, was placed on the list for one year.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Temperance was resumed, and able speeches were made by Bros. W. S. Rogers, R. A. Reid, T. J. Kelly, B. R. Moseley, S. D. Dupree and T. W. Getzen, urging the denomination to vote for no intemperate man for any political office, after which the report was unanimously adopted.

Bro. George B. Ellis, chairman of the Committee on Woman's Work, made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

There is not much prejudice now against our Woman's Missionary Societies. They co-operate like our Sunday schools with the churches. Paul told his brethren to help those women who labored with him in the gospel. The same principle prevails now—and we wish to help our sisters by all needed counsel and encouragement, and we would render our praises and hearty thanks for the grand work they have done for our churches in all church work and in every missionary enterprise, extending in our own land to the West and South, sending boxes of clothing for needy missionaries; in fact, by every good work Christian woman has regained what she lost in Paradise to be a true help-meet, not only to mortals but to the cause of the great God-man, who has bought her with His blood.

Our woman's societies demonstrate also the great power there is in littles, especially in regular contributions. Their weekly or monthly dues of cents or dimes swell the contributions to thousands, until her work is a grand revolution

in giving. The Southern Baptist Convention recognize this and often ask her for thousands, and up to this time has never asked in vain.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE B. ELLIS,
F. A. ANDREU,
A. TERRY,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Bro. George W. Clyatt, chairman of the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee beg leave to report, that through the blessings of God our ministerial laborers have been spared, and we have no death to report; and yet laborers in the Master's vineyard are scarce. The Master enjoins us to pray the Lord of the harvest to qualify and send forth more laborers in His vineyard, for truly the harvest is great and the laborers are few.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE W. CLYATT,
H. M. BLUME,
GEORGE P. HOWELL,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Bro. S. D. Dupree, chairman of the Committee on Missions, made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Missions, regret to report that laborers are so few in the vineyard of the Lord, seeing that the harvest is truly ripe. We feel that the command of our Lord, "Go preach my gospel to every creature," applies to

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all Christians, and while all cannot preach they can do something.

We believe it is essentially necessary for us to give freely as we have received freely, and that we earnestly request our preachers to make earnest appeals to their charges in the interest of the missionary cause.

Respectfully submitted.

S. D. DUPREE,
J. F. HUNT,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Bro. G. A. Price, chairman of the Committee on Queries, made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON QUERIES.

Your committee respectfully report that we find no queries sent up from the churches.

We find that Fort White and Hopeful Churches solicit the next session of this body to convene with them.

Respectfully submitted.

G. A. PRICE,
R. R. GREEN,
J. W. TERRY,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Bro. E. G. Persons placed in nomination Fort White Church with which the Association should convene in 1896.

Bro. R. F. Colson placed in nomination Hopeful Church.

A vote was taken, and Hopeful Church was chosen as the place for the next session of the Association, beginning on Friday, 11 o'clock A. M., before fourth Lord's day in October A. D. 1896.

Bro. R. F. Rogers, chairman of the Committee on Preaching, reported Elder W. C. Lee, of the Suwanee Association, to preach to-night at 7 o'clock, and Elder W. S. Rogers tomorrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

Bro. T. C. Carroll, chairman of the Committee on Sunday Schools, made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. W. S. Rogers, was laid on the table and made special order for Sunday morning at 10 o'clock for discussion.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg to report that on examining the Sabbath school statistics of last year, though the same number of churches report Sunday schools, we regret that there is a large decrease in the membership of the schools.

We would recommend that all of the churches organize Sunday schools, and where the distance is too great for members to attend at the church, for them to organize Sunday schools at some convenient place in the neighborhood, so that none can have an excuse for not attending.

In view of the great importance of instructing the young, we urge upon the churches to themselves appoint Sunday school teachers.

We recommend the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society and the Kind Words series to be used in the schools.

Respectfully submitted.

T. C. CARROLL,
J. W. CONE,
S. G. SMITH,
Committee.

Bro. E. G. Persons, chairman of the Committee on Christian Education, made the following report, which, on motion, was made special order for consideration at 9:30 Sunday morning.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

We, the Committee on Christian Education, report that we fully realize the importance of the subject, and our inability to properly treat it. We deplore the indifference

bility to properly treat it. We deplore the indifference shown in some quarters to this subject. Far better to be an untutored, illiterate boor than a smooth, polished, educated villain, just to the extent that the talents of unsanctified, worldly-minded people are cultivated. Just to that extent are their capabilities for evil multiplied. Educated villains have a power untold for evil and wickedness, and the educated, cultured, well-balanced and well-developed Christian is a greater lever in lifting up humanity to a higher plane of living.

We earnestly urge upon all Christian people the duty of insisting upon moral and spiritual development, accompanying mental cultivation in our schools and colleges.

Especially do we urge upon Christian parents the great importance of the home training for the children. The first impressions are the most lasting, and the influence of Godly parents upon the youth of our land can not be overestimated. "Bring up your children in the fear and admonition of the Lord."

We recommend more study of the Bible, the great and true source of all spiritual life. We deplore the fact that we, as a Christian people, are so ignorant of the teachings contained therein.

We are thankful that we, as Florida Baptists, have in Stetson University, at Deland, an institution of learning equal in equipments, course of study and literary merit to almost any in the land, and where the name of God is held in reverence and where the true principles of Christian religion are taught and exemplified.

Let us as Baptists fight with renewed energies against sin and ignorance, and let us as Baptists, by a more diligent search of true light and life, by exemplary Christian lives, by the inculcation of all the virtues, do what we can to win the world to Christ.

We also recommend the Southern Baptist Theological

Seminary to the patronage, prayers and financial support of the denomination.

Respectfully submitted.

E. G. PERSONS,
S. L. WILDER,
J. DENNIS,
Committee.

The Moderator appointed the following correspondents :

To the Santa Fe Association—Bros. R. F. Rogers, W. S. Rogers, T. W. Getzen, G. W. Clyatt and T. C. Carroll.

To the Suwanee Association—Bros. R. F. Rogers, E. J. Blume and S. D. Dupree.

To the Baptist State Convention—Bros. W. S. Rogers, R. F. Rogers, T. S. Chalker and B. R. Moseley.

To the Southern Baptist Convention—Bro. W. S. Rogers.

On motion of Bro. E. G. Persons, the Clerk was instructed to have printed 350 copies of the Minutes of this session for distribution among the churches and that the Clerk be paid \$10 for his services, and that the Clerk have the proceedings printed at the lowest possible cost.

The Moderator appointed the following Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz :

Bros. S. D. Dupree, E. G. Persons, G. B. Ellis, Newton Sapp and R. F. Rogers.

On motion of Bro. S. D. Dupree, Elder W. S. Rogers was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this body, and Elder B. R. Moseley was appointed to preach the missionary sermon on Sunday of the session.

On motion of Bro. W. S. Rogers, the churches of this Association are respectfully requested to hold union meetings on each fifth Sabbath and Saturday before, and the ministers are requested to attend specially, churches to send delegates and the sessions to be held in different localities of

the Association, so that each church may attend at least one session of the fifth Sunday and Saturday union during the year.

On motion of Bro. R. F. Rogers, the Executive Committee was requested to get up program for the first union meeting, to be held by request with Mt. Pleasant Church, fifth Sunday and Saturday before in December, 1895.

On motion, adjourned after prayer by Bro. W. S. Rogers, until 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

SATURDAY NIGHT—7 P. M.

Divine services were held at the church by Elder D. Spencer, from the St. Johns River Baptist Association, by mutual agreement between himself and Elder W. C. Lee.

SUNDAY MORNING—9 O'CLOCK.

The Association re-assembled and was called to order by the Moderator.

Invitations to correspondents were extended and Elder D. Spencer, of the St. Johns River Baptist Association, then responded and his name was enrolled.

Bro. S. R. O'Quinn, chairman of the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct. We have received cash amounts as per table below:

CHURCHES.	Relief Aged Ministers.	MISSIONS.		Minutes.	Association- al Purposes.	Woman's Work.	Totals.
		State.	Foreign				
Lake Butler				\$1 00	\$1 00		\$ 2 00
Mt. Pleasant	\$1 00	\$ 75	\$ 80	1 00	2 10		5 65
Lake City				3 00	10 11		13 11
Hopeful				1 00	1 65		2 65
Prospect				50			50
Providence					4 50		4 50
Fort White					6 00		6 00
Phillippi	2 50	2 50			3 86		8 86
Bethlehem					1 95		1 95
Mt. Beulah					3 25		3 25
Elim					6 40	3 50	9 90
Cypress Lake					1 00		1 00
Mt. Zion				80	1 20		2 00
Grand Total				7 30	43 02		\$61 37

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. O'QUINN,
W. E. DENNARD,
LUTHER JERNIGAN,
Committee.

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The balance on hand with Treasurer.....\$29 91
And above cash sent by churches..... 61 37
And collection Sunday..... 8 39

Made total cash on hand.....\$99 67

CLERK.

The special hour having arrived for the consideration of the report of the Committee on Christian Education, able and instructive speeches were made by Bros. W. S. Rogers, H. E. Braddock, D. Spencer, R. A. Reid and T. W. Getzen, after which the report was adopted.

Bro. R. F. Rogers offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That our Association has in Bro. E. A. Burton a young Christian of some promise, who is now at Mercer University battling against poverty, to secure a theological education. We therefore kindly ask the churches to take at least one collection during the winter and send to the Treasurer of this Association that he may forward to Bro. Burton to aid him in completing his education.

The special hour having arrived for the consideration of the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, enthusiastic and instructive speeches were made by Bros. T. C. Carroll, D. Spencer, R. A. Reid, T. W. Getzen and E. G. Persons, after which the report was unanimously adopted.

Special hour for divine service having arrived, Elder W. S. Rogers preached an instructive sermon, after which a collection was taken amounting to \$8.39.

After divine service the Moderator called the Association to order.

Bro. Newton Sapp offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the splendid and sumptuous hospitality of this church and community commands our highest admira-

ration, and we hereby tender our thanks for the same, and pray God's blessings on the homes which have been ours so completely during our delightful session.

The resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Hopeful Church, eight miles southeast from Lake City, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October A. D. 1896.

The closing prayer and benediction was offered by Bro. W. S. Rogers.

R. F. ROGERS,
Clerk.

T. W. GETZEN,
Moderator.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Teachers and Officers, Number of Pupils.		SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES.	Expenses.
Providence	4	50	A. C. Odom, Providence	\$ 10 00
Lake City	11	80	J. O. Harris, Lake City	26 00
Elim	6	35	T. W. Getzen, Fort White	12 00
Phillippi	5	31	J. W. Cone, Mikesville	5 00
Mt. Pleasant	5	49	M. H. Chambers, Wellborn	3 00
Mt. Beulah	4	30	G. P. Howell, Wellborn	16 06
Fort White	9	67	E. G. Persons, Fort White	35 00
Lake Butler	6	75	J. A. King, Lake Butler	2 00
Hopeful	8	64	J. L. Markham, Lake City	2 00
Mt. Zion	3	12	Not reported	2 00
	64	493		\$111 06

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POST-OFFICE.	DELEGATES.	When Constituted.	Number Last Year.	Received by Baptism	By Letter and Restoration.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Present Membership.	Value of Church Property.	Salary of Pastor and Other Expenses.
Lake City	W. S. Rogers	A. B. Brown	Lake City	{ W. S. Rogers, N. Sapp, } { R. F. Rogers } { G. W. Clyatt, G. A. Price. } { G. P. Howell, J. F. Hunt, } { E. J. Blume, H. M. Blume } { G. B. Ellis, J. Dennis, } { T. W. Getzen, A. Terry } { J. G. Smith, J. W. Tevy. } { J. W. Cone, T. C. Carroll. } { W. E. Denhard, L. Jer- } { nigan, S. D. Dupree. } { B. R. Moseley, E. G. } { Persons, S. R. O'Quinn. }	1883	183	4	9	7	2	170	\$10000 00	\$1030 62	
Providence	R. F. Rogers	S. M. Rowe	Providence	{ R. F. Rogers } { G. P. Howell, J. F. Hunt, } { E. J. Blume, H. M. Blume } { G. B. Ellis, J. Dennis, } { T. W. Getzen, A. Terry } { J. G. Smith, J. W. Tevy. } { J. W. Cone, T. C. Carroll. } { W. E. Denhard, L. Jer- } { nigan, S. D. Dupree. } { B. R. Moseley, E. G. } { Persons, S. R. O'Quinn. }	1878	132	12	6	3	5	140	1000 00	175 00	
Mt. Beulah	R. F. Rogers	G. P. Howell	Wellborn	{ R. F. Rogers } { G. P. Howell, J. F. Hunt, } { E. J. Blume, H. M. Blume } { G. B. Ellis, J. Dennis, } { T. W. Getzen, A. Terry } { J. G. Smith, J. W. Tevy. } { J. W. Cone, T. C. Carroll. } { W. E. Denhard, L. Jer- } { nigan, S. D. Dupree. } { B. R. Moseley, E. G. } { Persons, S. R. O'Quinn. }	1859	93	11	2	1	1	104	500 00	50 00	
Elim	B. R. Moseley	T. W. Getzen	Fort White	{ R. F. Rogers } { G. P. Howell, J. F. Hunt, } { E. J. Blume, H. M. Blume } { G. B. Ellis, J. Dennis, } { T. W. Getzen, A. Terry } { J. G. Smith, J. W. Tevy. } { J. W. Cone, T. C. Carroll. } { W. E. Denhard, L. Jer- } { nigan, S. D. Dupree. } { B. R. Moseley, E. G. } { Persons, S. R. O'Quinn. }	1878	69	9	4	5	4	125	600 00	175 00	
Phillippi	B. R. Moseley	W. L. Townsend	Mikesville	{ R. F. Rogers } { G. P. Howell, J. F. Hunt, } { E. J. Blume, H. M. Blume } { G. B. Ellis, J. Dennis, } { T. W. Getzen, A. Terry } { J. G. Smith, J. W. Tevy. } { J. W. Cone, T. C. Carroll. } { W. E. Denhard, L. Jer- } { nigan, S. D. Dupree. } { B. R. Moseley, E. G. } { Persons, S. R. O'Quinn. }	1856	69	7	1	1	4	71	1000 00	100 00	
Mt. Pleasant	W. C. Lee	J. J. Sealey	Wellborn	{ R. F. Rogers } { G. P. Howell, J. F. Hunt, } { E. J. Blume, H. M. Blume } { G. B. Ellis, J. Dennis, } { T. W. Getzen, A. Terry } { J. G. Smith, J. W. Tevy. } { J. W. Cone, T. C. Carroll. } { W. E. Denhard, L. Jer- } { nigan, S. D. Dupree. } { B. R. Moseley, E. G. } { Persons, S. R. O'Quinn. }	1856	69	7	1	1	4	71	1000 00	50 00	
Fort White	W. H. Strickland	J. W. Bell	Fort White	{ R. F. Rogers } { G. P. Howell, J. F. Hunt, } { E. J. Blume, H. M. Blume } { G. B. Ellis, J. Dennis, } { T. W. Getzen, A. Terry } { J. G. Smith, J. W. Tevy. } { J. W. Cone, T. C. Carroll. } { W. E. Denhard, L. Jer- } { nigan, S. D. Dupree. } { B. R. Moseley, E. G. } { Persons, S. R. O'Quinn. }	1856	69	7	1	1	4	71	1000 00	50 00	
Lake Butler	R. F. Rogers	W. J. Epperson	Lake Butler	{ R. F. Rogers } { G. P. Howell, J. F. Hunt, } { E. J. Blume, H. M. Blume } { G. B. Ellis, J. Dennis, } { T. W. Getzen, A. Terry } { J. G. Smith, J. W. Tevy. } { J. W. Cone, T. C. Carroll. } { W. E. Denhard, L. Jer- } { nigan, S. D. Dupree. } { B. R. Moseley, E. G. } { Persons, S. R. O'Quinn. }	1887	76	4	9	3	3	60	1200 00	400 00	
Hopeful	G. W. S. Ware	J. L. Markham	Lake City	{ R. F. Rogers } { G. P. Howell, J. F. Hunt, } { E. J. Blume, H. M. Blume } { G. B. Ellis, J. Dennis, } { T. W. Getzen, A. Terry } { J. G. Smith, J. W. Tevy. } { J. W. Cone, T. C. Carroll. } { W. E. Denhard, L. Jer- } { nigan, S. D. Dupree. } { B. R. Moseley, E. G. } { Persons, S. R. O'Quinn. }	1887	27	8	1	6	2	72	1000 00	125 00	
Cypress Lake	E. B. Clark	S. L. Wilder	Columbia City	{ R. F. Rogers } { G. P. Howell, J. F. Hunt, } { E. J. Blume, H. M. Blume } { G. B. Ellis, J. Dennis, } { T. W. Getzen, A. Terry } { J. G. Smith, J. W. Tevy. } { J. W. Cone, T. C. Carroll. } { W. E. Denhard, L. Jer- } { nigan, S. D. Dupree. } { B. R. Moseley, E. G. } { Persons, S. R. O'Quinn. }	1869	27	8	1	7	1	35	325 00	30 00	
New Prospect	No Pastor	E. L. Varnadore	Fort White	{ R. F. Rogers } { G. P. Howell, J. F. Hunt, } { E. J. Blume, H. M. Blume } { G. B. Ellis, J. Dennis, } { T. W. Getzen, A. Terry } { J. G. Smith, J. W. Tevy. } { J. W. Cone, T. C. Carroll. } { W. E. Denhard, L. Jer- } { nigan, S. D. Dupree. } { B. R. Moseley, E. G. } { Persons, S. R. O'Quinn. }	1859	27	2	1	4	1	27	400 00	25 00	
Bethlehem	G. W. S. Ware	F. M. Waldrep	Lake City	{ R. F. Rogers } { G. P. Howell, J. F. Hunt, } { E. J. Blume, H. M. Blume } { G. B. Ellis, J. Dennis, } { T. W. Getzen, A. Terry } { J. G. Smith, J. W. Tevy. } { J. W. Cone, T. C. Carroll. } { W. E. Denhard, L. Jer- } { nigan, S. D. Dupree. } { B. R. Moseley, E. G. } { Persons, S. R. O'Quinn. }	1859	63	1	3	5	3	55	175 00	25 00	
Mt. Zion	B. R. Moseley	E. B. Everett	Wellborn	{ R. F. Rogers } { G. P. Howell, J. F. Hunt, } { E. J. Blume, H. M. Blume } { G. B. Ellis, J. Dennis, } { T. W. Getzen, A. Terry } { J. G. Smith, J. W. Tevy. } { J. W. Cone, T. C. Carroll. } { W. E. Denhard, L. Jer- } { nigan, S. D. Dupree. } { B. R. Moseley, E. G. } { Persons, S. R. O'Quinn. }	1859	63	1	3	5	3	55	175 00	25 00	
Grand Total						58	58	30	15	1009	\$17200 00	\$2160 62		

Several of the Churches did not send number of members reported last year, hence we cannot get correct table of loss and gain. CLERK.

CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. This Association shall be known as the Beulah Baptist Association.

SEC. 2. This Association shall be composed of messengers selected by the several churches connected with the Association. Each church shall be entitled to one messenger at large, and one for every twenty-five members or majority fraction thereof.

SEC. 3. Any regularly organized Baptist Church, of the same faith, may become a member of this Association upon application by petitionary letter and messenger as above provided for.

SEC. 4. This Association shall, at their annual meeting, elect from their members by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall serve for one year.

SEC. 5. The object of this Association shall be :

1. To promote unity and brotherly love among the churches.
2. To promote gospel discipline.
3. To encourage the universal spread of the gospel and practical religion throughout our bounds and elsewhere.

SEC. 6. The Moderator shall appoint at each annual session of the Association, an Executive Committee composed of five members, whose appointment shall be approved by the body. Their duties shall be :

1. To diligently inquire into the destitutions within our bounds.
2. To make contracts with ministers of the gospel of this Association, or other Associations in correspond-

ence with us; to supply such destitutions with the gospel.

3. To draw from the treasury such funds as are available for missionary purposes to meet their contracts, and to exercise general supervision in the promotion of unity and brotherly love among the churches and the universal spread of the gospel throughout our bounds. They shall report the result of their labors at each annual session of the Association.

SEC. 7. The Moderator shall invite correspondents and visiting ministers and brethren to seats with the body when in session. They shall be entitled to the privileges of aiding the Association with their counsel.

SEC. 8. This Association shall have the right to withdraw from any church that may be in disorder, when the same cannot be restored by gospel discipline, to the unity of faith in the bonds of peace.

SEC. 9. The annual meetings of this Association shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the body; and by appointment there shall be an introductory sermon preached the first day of the session at 11 o'clock, and on the Sabbath or last day of the session a collection taken up for missionary purposes.

SEC. 10. This Association shall not lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches, but shall act only as an advisory body.

SEC. 11. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of all the messengers. Any amendment offered shall be in writing.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE I. At the first meeting of each annual session of the Association, the Moderator of the previous session

shall call the messengers to order. In case of absence of the Moderator the Clerk shall call to order, when the messengers present may elect a Moderator pro tem, who shall preside until the letters from the churches are read, including petitionary letters for membership, and the names of messengers enrolled.

ART. 2. When the letters from the churches shall have been read and the names of messengers enrolled, they shall elect from the body, by ballot, a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall serve for one year and until their successors shall be duly elected.

ART. 3. Each day's session of the Association shall be opened with prayer.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preserve order, and decide all questions in debate, subject to an appeal to the body; and when he shall speak on any subject in discussion, he shall call some member to the chair, and in case of a tie shall give the deciding vote.

ART. 5. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to approval by the body.

ART. 6. The Clerk shall keep a careful record of the proceedings of each meeting, and in the absence of the Moderator shall call the body together and preside until a Moderator pro tem shall be elected.

ART. 7. All members wishing to speak on any subject shall arise and address the Moderator as "Brother," and shall confine themselves strictly to the subject, and shall not be allowed to make any unkind allusion to a brother while speaking.

ART. 8. No motion shall be debatable until seconded and stated by the Moderator, or read by the Clerk.

ART. 9. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be entertained, except to adjourn, lay on the table, to amend, indefinitely postpone, refer to a committee, or call for the previous question.

ART. 10. Any member voting with the majority on any question in debate, may move a reconsideration at any time during the session.

ART. 11. Visiting brethren and correspondents from other associations, of the same faith, shall have the right to speak on any and all subjects under consideration, but shall not be entitled to vote.

ART. 12. No brother shall speak more than twice on a subject in debate without the consent of the Association.

ART. 13. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association by a majority vote of the members of the body.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that these three are one. See Matt. 28:19, 2 Cor. 12:4-6.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the inspired Word of God, and the only rules of faith and practice. See 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

3. We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. 2 Thes. 2:13-14.

4. We believe that the grace of God that bringing salvation hath appeared unto all men, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the vilest sinner but his own voluntary rejection of that grace. Isa. 55:1, Rev. 22:17, Acts 17:30.

5. We believe in the depravity of the human heart, and that the natural state of man is such that he cannot prepare himself for divine favor without the assisting grace of God, enabling him to act according to the good pleasure of His divine will. Eph. 2:5, Matt. 18:11, 1 John 4:10, 1 Cor. 3:5-7.

6. We believe in justification by faith, which gives peace

with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 13:39, Rom. 5:1-2.

7. We believe that the gospel of Christ is a means of grace to bring sinners to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, and therefore should be preached to all the world. John 3:16, Mark 16:16.

8. We believe that all those who are regenerated by the spirit of God, are made heirs of God and joint heirs with our Lord Jesus Christ; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation. John 8:31, 1 Pet. 1:5, Rom. 8:28, Phil 1:6.

9. We believe that baptism is the immersion of the whole body in water; that the only proper subjects are described in the preceding section, and the only proper administrators are those who have been regularly ordained by a Church of Christ by the imposition of hands of a Presbytery. Acts 8:36, Rom. 6:4, Read Timothy and Titus.

10. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Jesus Christ, to be commemorated by His followers, and that none but "baptized believers" have a Scriptural right to partake thereof. Luke 22:18-19-20, 1 Cor. 11:26-28.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the righteous and the wicked, and that the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Acts 24:15, Matt. 25:46.

