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## ORDER OF EXERCISES.

1. Opening meeting with singing, reading scriptures and prayer.
2. Reading letters from churches and enrolling messengers.
3. Election 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. Moseley	.....Ft. White	J. O. Harris	.....Lake City
R. F. Rogers	.....Lake City	G. W. S. Ware	.....Mason
C. V. Waugh	.....Lake City	S. S. Proctor	.....Lake Butler

## LICENTIATES.

S. D. Dupree.....Wellborn, Fla.

## MINUTES.

WEDNESDAY, December 16, 1896.

The Beulah Baptist Association convened in Seventeenth Annual Session today, with the First Baptist Church, at Lake City, Fla.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder R. F. Rogers, after which an intermission was taken for refreshments till 1:30 p. m., when in the absence of the Moderator, the Association was called to order by Bro R. F. Rogers. On motion Bro R. F. Rogers was elected temporary Moderator and D. O. Rivers temporary Clerk.

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

Phillippi—T. C. Carroll, W. J. Howell and J. W. Cone.

Mt. Pleasant—S. D. Dupree, H. E. Braddock and S. M. Parker,

Lake City—R. F. Rogers, C. V. Waugh, F. B. Moodie, H. L. Dodd, A. J. Brinson and A. B. Brown.

Lake Butler—F. M. Rivers.

Cypress Lake—S. L. Wilder.

Mt. Beulah—J. B. Parnell, N. A. Gaylard and J. W. Brannum.

Mt. Zion—D. O. Rivers.

After letters were read, and names of messengers and

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

Bro R. F. Rogers was elected Moderator; A. B. Brown, Clerk; and T. S. Chalker, Treasurer.

Under the call for correspondents, Rev. G. S. Crosby responded from the Marion Association and Bro. J. W. Fleming from the Suwanee Association, and their names enrolled as such.

The Moderator appointed the following committees, viz :

On Preaching—C. V. Waugh, F. B. Moodie, H. L. Dodd, A. J. Brinson and A. B. Brown.

On Queries and Nominations—J. B. Parnell, F. B. Moodie and J. W. Brannum.

On Finance—A. J. Brinson, W. J. Howell and J. B. Parnell.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—H. E. Braddock, N. A. Gaylard and H. L. Dodd.

On Sabbath Schools—J. W. Cone, S. D. Dupree and S. M. Parker.

On Publications—C. V. Waugh, F. M. Rivers and S. L. Wilder.

On Temperance—D. O. Rivers, S. D. Dupree and W. J. Howell.

On Missions—T. C. Carroll, H. E. Braddock and N. A. Gaylard.

On Woman's Work—S. D. Dupree, D. O. Rivers and W. J. Howell.

On Christian Education—F. B. Moodie, S. M. Parker and J. W. Cone.

The committee on preaching reported, Rev. G. S. Crosby to preach at 7 o'clock. On motion adjourned to Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. J. B. Parnell.

#### THURSDAY—SECOND DAY.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator

pursuant to adjournment, and after prayer by Bro. J. C. Porter, proceeded to business.

The committee on preaching reported Bro. J. C. Porter, editor of the Florida Baptist Witness, to preach at 11 a. m. Bro. G. W. Clyatt was reported present as messenger from Providence church, letter was read and messenger enrolled. Bro. A. P. Smith was recognized as messenger from Hopeful church. Bro. G. W. S. Ware reported for Prospect church.

The committee on Publication made the following report :

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Dear Brethren: Permit your committee to submit the following for your consideration :

That we are living at a time, and in a land where the liberty of the press is unrestrained, is a great cause for gratitude and self congratulation. This is however a general proposition, but one which nevertheless gathers strength, when viewed from a religious standpoint. Sentiments pregnant in meaning; thoughts fresh and stimulating; doctrines vaguely conceived and wrongly interpreted—all find utterance through this channel and go on in their mission of blessing; movements, progress and triumphs, which to be known serve as powerful incentives to those knowing of them; through this means become known and exert their untold power. To secure unity of co-operation, and clearness of needs, to get the greater brotherhood into sympathetic touch all along the line, the religious periodical becomes an indispensable necessity. The times that are passed only too clearly demonstrate the real truth of this statement. If we in Florida have any real strength, it is largely due to the visits of the weekly journals to our homes. The fact is, the most effective workers we have are those who take and read the religious journals. They



knowing the necessities of the times, bestir themselves accordingly.

In the religious press the incentive genius of man is directed to noble and ennobling ends, as well as to secular matters.

Over against the secular press, with its demoralizing delineations and moralless recitals of crime and corruptions, stands the religious press to prevent and to restrain these debasing and demoralizing influences. The secular press delineates social developments, while the religious press speaks out freely the struggles of virtue, and the triumphs of right, in the great struggle to lift our grand world up to purer realms of thought and life.

The above considerations serve as just reason why every home should have regular visits from some of our religious journals. The child of the King should know how his father's interests go, as well as the patriot the interests of his country. If choice is to be made between secular and religious publications, there can hardly be any hesitancy as to which should prevail. If crumbs only are to be partaken of, certainly the crumbs of the better sort would be those that fell from the Father's table.

For our own immediate use, under the management of Bro J. C. Porter at Ocala, is the BAPTIST WITNESS, whose pages are generally filled with thoughtful material, suggestive articles, and stimulating information to the lovers of our Lord and of his cause in Florida.

This paper we most heartily commend to the patronage of the Association. We have understood that just now the exigencies of the paper are quite pressing, which pressure may be somewhat relieved by the timely renewal of old subscribers, and the securing of new subscribers. Know this, brethren, the strength of the WITNESS is the strength and vigor of our denominational interests in the State.

The Foreign Mission Journal, at Richmond, Va., the

publications of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn., and those of the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia, Penn., are all worthy of our support and we therefore commend them to the brethren and sisters of the Association.

Respectfully submitted.

C. V. WAUGH,

F. M. RIVERS,

S. L. WILDER,

Committee.

After being encouragingly discussed by Bros J. C. Porter, G. S. Crosby, H. E. Braddock, J. W. Cone and T. C. Carroll, the above report was adopted.

Bro F. B. Moodie made the following report on Christian education :

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

\* In this age of progress, advancement and invention—when short lives, short methods, short hand and dispatch are necessary in all branches of commerce, trade and every day transactions of business, when the telegraph, telephone and lightning express seems sometimes slow; the man or woman without an education is simply left. And, therefore, the most wide-awake states and governments of the world, are beginning to require "compulsory education" at the public expense, and to this end the school tax is being augmented year by year. But the civil governments do not contemplate more than the development of the intellectual faculties and powers, the expediency of which may be seriously questioned; when it is considered that man has moral faculties and spiritual endowment, as well as intellect and genius. And if these are neglected (in youth) we have a one-sided man, who might be compared to a locomotive under a full head of steam, without a controlling engineer. Agnostics, knaves, traitors, burglars and bomb-throwers may have the head educated, but not the

nobler faculties of heart and conscience. This age demands men of free, but moral force more than intellectual force. If the centrifugal forces of the universe were not counter-balanced by the centripetal, there would be a wreck of matter and crash of worlds.

Men act by impulse more than by reason, from "feeling" more than judgment, hence the necessity of engendering and instilling proper impulses and feelings. This must be done in youth, for as the twig is bent the tree is inclined, therefore the home, the mother, the nurse, the church, and the Sunday School are the most important teachers, as they are moulders of moral character, laying the foundation for christian education. Your committee would emphasize christian education from the fact that Christ is the fountain source of all truth, there is no "secular truth," all truth is divine, for the light that first shone out of chaotic darkness, is reflected in the face of Jesus Christ. We are proud to note that our own beloved Stetson University, was founded by Florida Baptists to declare to all the world that intellectual education without the moral, spiritual and christian finish is not only incomplete, but dangerous to self, society and civilized government.

F. B. MOODIE,  
J. W. CONE,  
S. M. PARKER,  
Committee.

The above report was ably discussed by Bros F. B. Moodie, J. C. Porter, D. O. Rivers, G. S. Crosby and H. E. Braddock, and was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

We, your committee on Missions, beg leave to submit the following:

We feel that we have scriptural commands from our Master, commanding us to give as we are blessed, the com-

mand: "bring ye, all the tithes into the store-house, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that that there will not be room to receive it," is as binding and true today as it was in the days of Malachi. The Macedonian cry is as loud and long today, as when uttered to Paul. Therefore we urge our pastors to preach missions and the churches to practice missions—especially those who are in the storm stricken district.

Respectfully submitted.  
T. C. CARROLL,  
H. E. BRADDOCK,  
Committee.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Your committee on Temperance reports as follows:

That intemperance is on the increase in some parts of our Association. That the sale of liquors in our midst is having its immoral effect, bringing many families to the grave penniless and disgraced. We would therefore recommend that the church (which is spiritual) watch over their members with a brotherly love, and restore such as are spiritual and withdraw from such as persistently walk in a disorderly way. We further recommend, that we withdraw from any church which will not discipline their members who aid in the whiskey traffic in any way. We recommend, also, that the delegates sent by this Association to the State Convention, insist upon the Convention to send a petitionary letter to the next session of the Florida Legislature asking them to so revise the liquor laws of the State as will limit its sale to medical prescriptions only.

Respectfully submitted.  
D. O. RIVERS,  
S. D. DUPREE,  
W. J. HOWELL,  
Committee.

The above report was adopted.



On motion an intermission for divine services and refreshments, was taken until 1:30 p. m.

Divine services were held at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. C. Porter, after which a collection was taken to send the Baptist Witness to the poor and indigent, amounting to \$4.05.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

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

The committee on Woman's Work made the following report:

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee on Woman's Work offer the following report: 1st, That God has made woman the queen of the only Eden on earth, the home circle—and man is commanded to guard, assist and protect her. 2nd, To rear children for the Lord, to cool the fevered brow, to speak words of sympathy, to wash the Saviours feet; are some of the honors imposed upon her. 3rd, In church work she is a power for good to develop the benevolent nature of the church. She was last to leave the Sepulchre, and first to meet the Saviour. God bless the devoted woman.

Respectfully submitted. S. D. DUPREE,  
W. J. HOWELL,  
D. O. RIVERS,  
Committee.

Report was adopted.

The report of the committee on Queries and Nominations made the following report:

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE QUERIES AND NOMINATIONS

Your committee respectfully report: That we find nothing sent up from the churches of the Beulah Association,

and we recommend the next Association to meet with the Mt. Pleasant church.

Respectfully submitted. J. B. PARNELL,  
J. W. BRANNUM,  
Committee.

Bro Geo. W. Clyatt offered an amendment to the report by substituting Providence church in place of Mt. Pleasant church. After discussion by Bros G. W. Clyatt, H. E. Braddock and S. D. Dupree, the vote was taken and the amendment adopted; then the report was adopted as a whole.

Bro G. W. S. Ware made the following report of his work with New Prospect church:

In serving New Prospect church I have traveled about 400 miles and preached about thirty sermons, congregations usually small, attention good. The church has settled an old debt on their home of worship and dedicated it to the Lord. No active male members in the church, most of its members have moved away. However, there are enough Baptists around their church to make a working body for the Master, if they would join. The church has no pastor for the ensuing year but desire one. This is a good mission point for your body. Their house is now a wreck and they cannot rebuilt without help. I have received for my services,

From the church.....	\$ 2 00
From outsiders.....	7 00
From the Association.....	15 00
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	\$24 00

Respectfully submitted.  
G. W. S. WARE.

On motion the report was received.

## THE CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk made the following report: R. F. Rogers  
in account with Beulah Baptist Association.

1895 To amt. from S. D. Dupree, Treas.	\$33	06
Nov. " " " B R Mosely, Prospect.		50
Feb. " " " S. D. Dupree, Treas.	1	24
	<u>\$34</u>	<u>80</u>
Nov By amount paid for minutes.....		\$24 00
By amount allowed clerk.....		10 00
By amount paid for stamps, etc.....		80
	<u>\$34</u>	<u>80</u>
	\$34	80

Report adopted.

## TREASURERS REPORT

Received from finance committee.....	\$	61	36
To amt. received from G. B. Ellis.....		29	91
To " " New Prospect church.....			50
To " " Mt. Zion church.....		2	10
To " " collection at association....		8	39
To " " rebuilding church houses.....			
To " " Samuel J. Bell.....		5	50
To " " Miss H. L. Avirett.....		5	00
To " " Rev. Wm E. Stanton.....		25	00
To " " O. J. Frier.....		2	85

\$140 41

Paid R. F. Rogers for clerk and minutes..	\$	34	80
Paid W. N. Chaudoin.....		20	00
Paid J. W. Fleming, missionary.....		15	00
Paid S. S. Proctor ".....		5	00
Paid G. W. S. Ware ".....		15	00
Paid to T. S. Chalker, Tresarer.....		12	46
Paid to R. F. Rogers, building fund.....		38	15

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S. D. DUPREE, Treasurer.

On motion report was received and assigned to the Finance committee.

The Moderator appointed the following correspondents:  
To Sante Fe Association—R. F. Rogers and T. C. Carroll.  
To Suwanee Association—R. F. Rogers. To the Baptist State Convention—F. B. Moodie, T. S. Chalker, R. F. Rogers and G. W. Clyatt. To Southern Baptist Convention—Elder B. R. Mosely. On motion agreed to meet with Providence church on Friday, before the fourth Sunday in October, 1897.

The Moderator appointed the following executive committee. T. S. Chalker, A. J. Brinson, A. B. Brown, F. B. Moodie and Newton Sapp. Upon motion the committee was change by placing R. F. Rogers on as chairman and leaving off Newton Sapp.

The committee on Finance made the following report:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Your committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report: We have examined the report of our treasurer, Bro S. D. Dupree and find it correct, with a balance of \$12.46 on hand. We have received cash amounts as per table below.

	Ministerial	Education	Home Missions.	Aged Ministers.	Missions		Minutes	Associational	Purposes	Woman's Work	Total
					State	Foreign					
Mt. Beulah.....									\$ 1 25		\$ 1 25
Providence.....									2 68		2 68
Lake City.....									1 50		1 50
Lake Butler.....									2 00		2 00
Phillippi.....									1 00		1 00
Cypress Lake.....									50		50
New Prospect.....									55		55
Mt. Pleasant.....	\$ 50	\$ 1 00	\$ 50	\$ 3 05	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00					7 05
Hopeful.....									1 00		1 00

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. BRINSON,  
W. J. HOWELL,  
J. B. PARNELL,  
Committee.

Report adopted.



The committee on deceased Ministers and Deacons made the following report:

COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS

Your committee begs leave to submit the following to this body: That, we tender our thanks to our heavenly Father for sparing the lives of all our brother ministers and deacons, except Bro Wise of Mt. Zion church. We pray the Father to make them all useful in the cause of Christ.

Respectfully submitted.

H. E. BRADDOCK,  
H. L. DODD,  
N. A. GAYLARD,

Committee.

Report adopted.

On motion it was ordered that the Treasurer pay to Bro S. S. Proctor \$5 in addition to what he had already received for supplying Bethlehem church part of the year. The committee on preaching reported Bro G. S. Crosby to presch at 7 p. m. It was ordered that the Clerk have 300 copies of the minutes printed at the lowest possible cost, the Baptist Witness to have the preference. On motion, ordered that the Clerk shall receive \$10.00 for his services. On motion, Elder B. R. Moseley was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this body.

Bro D. O. Rivers offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the Association in session tender their thanks to the brethren and sisters of Lake City, for the accommodations tendered the visitors and messengers of this body, during this session. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The committee on Sabbath Schools made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee, on Sabbath Schools, regret to report so

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little interest manifested in the Sabbath School work. Only four churches, viz: Lake City, Providence, Phillippi and Mt. Pleasant, report Sabbath Schools in active operation. Lake Butler church reports a most flourishing union school, well regulated, conducted and taught by christian parents, but not under the auspices of the Baptist church.

We would respectfully recommend to the churches that they awake to the importance of bringing up their children in the way that they should go. There is no better way than to teach them the word of God, this cannot be done so efficiently in any other way, as in a well regulated Sabbath School, organized and conducted under the auspices of the church. Parents of children might be babes in the knowledge of truth, therefore we would recommend to christian parents, to lead their children by example to Sabbath School and with them study the ways of truth and righteousness.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. CLYATT.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Providence church, on Friday, before the fourth Sunday in October, A. D., 1897.

The parting hand was extended and benediction by the moderator.

A. B. BROWN,  
Clerk.

R. F. ROGERS,  
Moderator.

SABBATH SCHOOLS STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Teachers and officers.	Number of Pupils.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND OFFICERS.	Expenses.
Providence	6	68	A. C. Odom, Providence	\$16 00
Lake City	15	90	G. V. Waugh, Expenses	30 00
Phillippi	4	20	Lake City (Childr'n's amt. to W. N. C.)	10 00
Mt. Pleasant			T. J. Carroll, Mikesville	5 10
Ft. White	8	65	Not reported	
Cypress Lake			E. G. Persons, Ft. White	
Mt. Zion			No report	
Mt. Beulah			No report	
Lake Butler			A Union school	
Film			No report	
Hopetu			No report	

## 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 de titutions within our bounds.
2. To make contracts with ministers of the gospel of this Association, or other Associations in corres-

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTOR	CLERK	POST OFFICE.	DELEGATE-S.	When constituted.	Number Last Year	By Baptism	Letter & Restor.	Dismissed by let	Excluded	Died	Present Membership	Value of Church Property	Salary of Pastor & other Expenses
Lake City	D. B. Farmer	A. B. Brown	Lake City	R. F. Rogers, C. V. Vaughn, F. B. Moodle, H. L. Dodd, A. J. Britson, A. B. Brown	1869	106	5	10	18	5	2	156	10000 00	\$ 925 00
Providence	R. F. Rogers	S. M. Rowe	Providence	G. W. C. 3d	1878	140	4	16	4	2		152	\$ 400 00	223 51
Mt. Beulah	W. C. Lee	G. P. Howell	Wellborn	L. B. Farnell, N. A. Grayford and J. W. Brannum	1878	104	2	6				100		175 00
Ellin				Not represented	1850	125		1	1	1		123	600 00	
Phillippi	G. S. Crosby	W. D. Vinzant	Misessville	F. C. Carroll, W. J. Howell and J. W. Coyne	1877	59					1	57		200 00
Mt. Pleasant	W. C. Lee	J. J. Sealey	Wellborn	S. D. Dupree, H. E. Bradlock (Letter received after asso- ciation adjourned)	1856	2	3	2				75	800 00	
Fl. White	G. T. Lettner	J. W. Bell	Fl. White	F. M. Rivers	1884	6	3	2				53	1000 00	
Lake Butler	R. F. Rogers	P. Odum	Lake Butler	A. P. Smith (no statistics)	1887	2	8				2	68	300 00	150 00
Hopeful	No pastor	S. L. Wilder	Columbia	S. L. Wilder	1889	55			4		3	48		
Cypress Lake				Reported by G. W. S. Ware										
New Prospect	G. W. S. Ware supply			(no statistics)										
Beulahem	S. S. Proctor, supply			Not reprss. ated	1859	3	2		2		1	53		
Mt. Zion	No pastor	E. B. Everett		D. O. Rivers										

\* Hopeful and Cypress Lake churches were destroyed by storm.



pendence 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. 1. 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. 14:26-28.

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.



