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ORDER OF EXERCISES.

1. Opening meeting with singing, reading scripture and prayer.
2. Reading letters from churches and enrolling messengers.
3. Elect 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. Publication.
 6. Sunday-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,	D. B. Farmer,.....Lake City

LICENTIATES.

S. D. Dupree.....Wellborn, Fla.
A. F. Sommersill,.....Lulu, Fla

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MINUTES.

FRIDAY, October 21st, 1897.

The Beulah Baptist Association met this day in its Eighteenth Annual Session, in the house of worship of the Providence Baptist church, Bradford County, Fla.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. B. R. Moseley at 11 a. m., after which the Association adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at the appointed time.

The former Moderator and Clerk being absent, Eld. B. R. Moseley was elected moderator pro tem., and Bro. C. C. Odom, Clerk pro tem.

The letters from the churches were read by Bros. G. W. S. Ware and John Vinzant, and the names of messengers enrolled as follows:

Providence—W. O. Clyatt, S. M. Rowe, G. W. Clyatt and E. C. Lamb.

Mount Pleasant—H. E. Braddock and Miss Braddock.

Lake Butler—John Crof, T. P. Register, J. G. Purvis.

Mount Beulah—G. P. Howell and H. L. Avant.

Elim—William L. Terry, J. F. Smith and Duncan McNair.

Lake City—D. B. Farmer and John Vinzant.

Phillippi—J. W. Cone and John Howell.

Hopeful—G. W. S. Ware.

Permanent organization was effected by the election of the following officers: G. W. Clyatt, Moderator, C. C. Odom, Clerk, and John Vinzant, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for, and the First Baptist Church of Providence, presented a letter asking admission into the body. On motion, the church was received, and the

Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to her messengers, viz: Chas. C. Odom, C. A. Mixon and W. H. Shallar.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—B. R. Moseley, C. C. Odom, W. O. Clyatt and S. M. Rowe.

On Queries—H. E. Braddock, J. W. Cone and John Croft.

On Finance—D. B. Farmer, John Vinzant and Wm. L. Terry.

On Publications—G. W. S. Ware, J. N. Howell and T. P. Register.

Sunday Schools—B. R. Moseley, C. C. Odom, G. P. Howell and W. H. Shallar.

Christian Education—D. B. Farmer, H. L. Avant and T. P. Register.

Missions—D. B. Farmer, John Croft and W. L. Terry.

Temperance—G. W. S. Ware, Duncan McNair and W. O. Clyatt.

Woman's Work—B. R. Moseley, J. F. Smith, S. M. Rowe and Miss Braddock.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—John Vinzant, E. C. Lamb and H. E. Braddock.

Committee on Preaching reported as follows: Eld. G. W. S. Ware to preach to-night, and Eld. D. B. Farmer at 11 a. m. to-morrow.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by D. B. Farmer.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. B. R. Moseley.

The following report was read, discussed by Bros. D. B. Farmer and B. R. Moseley, and then adopted:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

That education is an important subject, none of us can reasonably question. Whatever our vocation may be, we are better prepared for life's duties when well educated. But true education consists of more than a literary course in a public school or college. When christianity is not embraced in one's education, the latter becomes a curse instead of a blessing.

An educated sceptic, or infidel, is a greater power for evil than he could have become without literary training. Some schools are unworthy of Christian patronage. They have teachers of immoral habits, or that teach wrong principles and false doctrines. But it is unnecessary for Baptists to patronize such literary institutions. Stetson University, at DeLand, is the best equipped college in our State, and is not only thorough in literary work, but also noted for its religious teaching and influence. Therefore, we earnestly recommend that all parents (who can possibly do so) send their sons and daughters to this school. We recognize the value of an educated ministry, and would urge all young men whom God has called to preach, to take a course in our university. While many preachers of very limited literary education, have rendered efficient service in the Lord's vineyard, yet, we must admit, in this age of progress there is need of educated men to teach the great doctrines of the Bible, and to oppose the dangerous heresies which are leading many people from the true faith.

D. B. FARMER,
H. L. AVANT,
T. P. REGISTER,
Committee.

The report of the committee on Woman's Work was read by the chairman, and after remarks by Bros. Moseley and Braddock, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee find that the letters from the churches, except Elim, contain no records of Woman's Work. We respectfully ask the sisters to send reports to our next Association. Our sisters, made inferior to men in mere brute force, but not in mind, are put in subjection by the law, and only in Christ Jesus do they attain the first estate of perfect equality with men. The gospel restores them. May they love the gospel. We must regard the sisters as fellow-helpers to the truth, able and efficient. Today they are bringing on the millennium by faithful and loving service at home, abroad, in the hospitals, among the slums, on the mission fields, in Sunday-schools,

and by fervent secret prayer for the progress of Christ's kingdom. As we may, let us help them.

B. R. MOSELEY,
J. F. SMITH,
MISS BRADDOCK,
Committee.

The report of the committee on Temperance was read by Bro. G. W. S. Ware, and on motion of Bro. D. B. Farmer, the resolutions adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in May, 1896, and by the last Florida Baptist Convention, were added to the report. The report as amended was discussed by Bros. Farmer, Moseley and Ware, and then adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The voice of God is plain and bitter against intemperance. He suffers man to live on the earth for His own use, and as God's nature is perfect, He can not use a person who throws his physical being and mind into disorder by intoxicants; hence He spurns the drunkard and declares that he shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.

There were no distilled liquors when the Bible was written, but it warns us to "look not upon the wine when it is red" (or intoxicating) "for it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." God makes no mistake; every cup of whiskey bites a church members influence, and every dram stings his spirit.

As Christians are the "light of the world," they should discreetly lighten up the dark places where the moon-shine liquor is made. We would urge that all be manly men and Christ-like Christians, and never attempt to take Christ into a bar-room, nor sign His name to a liquor petition.

G. W. S. WARE,
W. O. CLYATT,
DUNCAN MCNAIR,
Committee.

AMENDMENT TO THE REPORT.

RESOLVED, That we reassert our truceless and uncompromising hostility to the manufacture, sale, importation and transportation of alcoholic beverages in any and all their forms. We regard the policy of issuing government licenses

for the purpose of carrying on the liquor traffic, as a sin against God and a dishonor to our people. We furthermore announce it is our conviction that we should by all legitimate means oppose the liquor traffic in municipality, county, state and nation. Furthermore, we announce it as the sense of this body that no person should be retained in the fellowship of a Baptist church who engages in the manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquors, either at wholesale or retail, who invests his money in the manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquors, or who rents his property to be used for distilleries, wholesale liquor houses, or saloons. Nor do we believe that any church should retain in its fellowship any member who drinks intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or visits saloons or drinking places for the purpose of such indulgence, or signs a petition for license to sell the same."

At 11 o'clock a sermon was preached by Eld. D. B. Farmer, after which the body adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Reassembled at the appointed time.

The committee on publications presented their report, which was discussed by Bros. Ware, Moseley and Farmer, and then adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

A reading nation is a power for good or evil, according to the nature of its literature. The same is true of a church, or an individual. We are what we read.

We Baptists are commanded to take the world. If we understand its literature, we can go forth intelligently to keep that commandment; hence we should provide ourselves with its best literature. And as we cannot work effectively together unless we understand each other, therefore, we should buy and study our own denominational books and periodicals, especially our BAPTIST WITNESS.

And as we are workers together with God, we must have our minds to feed and live on the Bible. Let all men pray God

to help them to read its truths until they move and sparkle before them with life giving energy.

G. W. S. WARE,
J. N. HOWELL,
T. P. REGISTER,
Committee.

The following report was read and ordered printed in the minutes:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN:

I exceedingly regret that I have to forego the pleasure of meeting with you at this session of your body, on account of affliction. As chairman of your Executive Board I also regret to have to report that we have done nothing. On account of the severe storm that swept through the bounds of our Association just before the session of last year, there was scarcely enough money sent up from the churches to enable us to print the minutes, leaving nothing on hand to enable us to employ a missionary. On account of the devastations of the storm, your committee has not thought proper to call upon the churches for money.

I would respectfully suggest that Columbia County alone has a population of over 15,000 souls, and within her bounds only seven Baptist churches with a total membership of a little over 500. The seed of false doctrine and heresy are being sown broadcast in our midst, and yet it seems that the Baptists are almost wholly indifferent to their surroundings. Many of the churches are not willing even to support a pastor to preach the gospel them once a month.

We firmly believe that it was to the Baptists our Saviour said: "You are the light of the world and the salt of the earth." But it seems that the Baptists of our Association do not apply these words to themselves. We also believe that the great commission of Christ to go and preach the gospel was to the Baptists, but the Baptists of our Association are wilfully refusing to obey.

Brethren, will you not come up to the help of the Lord? Will you not begin now to lay by in store on the first day of the

week as the Lord prospers you? If you will, the territory between Fort White and Lake City will soon be covered by gospel preachers, and Baptist churches will be planted in every neighborhood. God help you to obey the gospel.

Fraternally submitted,

R. F. ROGERS,
Chairman Executive Board.

It was voted that the churches composing this body be requested to make pledges for the support of an associational missionary.

The Treasurer's report was received and referred to Finance Committee and ordered printed in the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. S. Chalker in account with Beulah Baptist Association:

1896		DEBTOR.		
Dec. 18	To cash A. B. Brown, clerk.....	\$17	53	
Jan. 13	To cash A. B. Brown, clerk.....	4	95	
1897				
Oct. 20	To cash S. D. Dupree, treasurer.....	12	46	
Oct. 20	To cash A. B. Brown, clerk.....	2	20	
				\$37 14
1896		CREDIT.		
Jan. 13	By cash to S. Proctor.....	\$ 5	00	
Jan. 13	By cash printing minutes.....	20	00	
Jan. 13	By cash A. B. Brown.....	9	94	
				34 94
To Balance on hand.....				2 20
				\$37 14

THE CLERK'S REPORT.

The following report of Eld. R. F. Rogers was read by Bro.

Farmer, referred to Finance committee and ordered printed in the minutes:

To the officers and messengers of the Beulah Baptist Association:

DEAR BRETHREN:

Find below amounts received for the relief of the storm-stricken churches, and the disbursements of the same.

RECEIPTS.

1896 Nov. 3, Through Eld. W. N. Chaudoin.....	\$ 35 00
Nov. 9, " " "	8 50
Dec. 8, " " "	20 00
Dec. 18, From S. D. Dupree, former treasurer, cash	38 15
Dec. 18, From T. S. Chalker, treasurer.....	8 10
1897 Jan. 13, From State Convention.....	20 00
Total.....	\$129 75

Disbursements as per vouchers herewith:

1896 Dec. 17, Bros Hunt and Brown for Beulah church....	\$ 20 00
1897 Jan. 5, Bro. E. G. Persons, Fort White church....	15 00
Jan. 13, Bro. T. C. Carrol, Phillippi church.....	25 00
Jan. 13, Bro. T. W. Getzen, Elim church.....	15 00
Apr. 12, Bro. E. G. Persons, Fort White.....	5 00
July 23, Bro. G. W. Clyatt, Providence church.....	15 00
Sept 11, Bros. Higden & Moffett, High Springs church	21 00
For lamp and repairs, Lake Butler church.....	2 35
For postage and stationery.....	1 00
Total.....	\$119 35
Balance on hand	10 40
	\$129 75

Yours Fraternally,
R. F. ROGERS.

The report of committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read by Bro. John Vinzant, and after remarks by Bros. Ware, Moseley and G. W. Clyatt, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We are informed that Deacon W. D. Dees, who had been a minister of Lake Butler church for many years, died about No-

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vember 1896, but have not learned the particulars with respect to his age, work, etc.

We are thankful that our Heavenly Father has spared the lives of so many of our church officers.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN VINZAT,
E. C. LAMB,
H. E. BRADDOCK,
Committee.

The report on Missions was read, discussed by Bros. Farmer, Moseley, Ware, G. W. Clyatt, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Mission work is of divine origin, and the spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ. The whole race of man is condemned by the law of God, from which no one can deliver himself. Sinners have no promise of salvation from the penalty of the law, except by calling on the name of the Lord. But, as the Apostle Paul says, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Christ has provided for this by the command to his disciples, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations"; and if we are not called of God to do the preaching, it is our duty to send the preachers and to contribute to their support. While we rejoice over what has been accomplished in publishing the gospel, yet there remains millions of souls in the darkness of heathen idolatry, and many destitute fields in our own country and State. Within the bounds of Beulah Association there is need of missionary work. The Foreign and Home Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention should have our support, and our State Board has claims upon us which must be regarded. Therefore we recommend that the pastors teach, and that all church members practice some plan of systematic giving. "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as the Lord hath prospered him," is the apostolic plan of providing for the Lord's work. Why should

we not adopt this Scriptural method? Let us awake to our responsibility, and honor God with our substance.

D. B. FARMER,
JOHN CROFT,
WM. L. TERRY,
Committee.

The committee on Sunday-schools presented their report, which was spoken to by Bros. Moseley and G. W. Clyatt, and then adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Thank the Lord for Sunday-schools. There is manifest improvement. Once we had only one Sunday-school reported. But we are far from perfection yet. When every member of every church shall be properly interested in this department of religious instruction, we may sing hosannas. The Lord speed that day.

B. R. MOSELEY,
C. C. ODOM,
G. P. HOWELL,
W. H. SHALLAR,
Committee.

The report of committee on Finance was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We have examined the report of Bro. T. S. Chalker, treasurer, also Eld. R. F. Rogers' report of funds collected and disbursed for the benefit of churches in the storm district, and believe that they are correct.

The churches have contributed for Associational purposes as follows: Elim: \$5.10; Lake Butler, \$1; Mt. Beulah, \$1.25; Ft. White, \$3; Lake City, \$2.20; Mt. Pleasant, \$2.50; Providence, \$2.50; Phillippi, 65 cents; Hopeful, 25 cents; First Baptist of Providence, \$3. Total, \$21.65.

D. B. FARMER,
JOHN VINZANT,
W. L. TERRY,
Committee.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERIES AND NOMINATIONS.

Only one query is before us, namely: "Is it right for a

church which has regular services, to neglect the observance of the Lord's Supper?" Our answer is, we believe that every church should remember and observe all of our Lord's commands. We recommend that the next Association meet with the First Baptist Church of Providence, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1898.

H. E. BRADDOCK,
JOHN CROFT,
J. W. CONE,
Committee.

Elected Eld. D. B. Farmer as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Eld. B. R. Moseley as alternate.

The following brethren were appointed as messengers to the next State Convention: John Croft, J. G. Purvis, B. R. Moseley, H. E. Braddock, E. G. Persons.

It was then voted that any member of this Association shall have the right to fill a vacancy as messenger to the State Convention.

On motion it was agreed that all members of this body who attend other Associations, be authorized to act as correspondents.

Bro. J. G. Purvis offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That we as members of this Association hereby tender our heartfelt thanks to the Providence church, and to the First Baptist Church of Providence, also to the kind friends in the community who have assisted in entertaining us, for their bountiful hospitality during this session.

The committee on preaching reported as follows:

Bro. D. B. Farmer to preach at Providence village to-night, and in Providence church at 11 a. m., Sunday. Bro. B. R. Moseley to preach in the Adams school house to-night.

The moderator appointed Bros. R. F. Rogers, G. W. S. Ware, G. W. Clyatt, Thomas Carroll and H. E. Braddock, as Executive Committee.

On motion, Eld. D. B. Farmer was appointed to preach the

Introductory sermon at the next session, with Bro. G. W. S. Ware alternate.

The Clerk and Bro. Farmer were authorized to have the minutes printed at the lowest possible cost.

The Association then adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church of Providence, Bradford County, Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1898.

Prayer by Bro. B. R. Moseley.

G. W. CLYATT,
MODERATOR.

CHAS. C. ODOM,
CLERK.

After the sermon Sunday morning a collection was taken, amounting to \$6.62, for Associational mission work and turned over to the Treasurer, subject to the order of the Executive committee.

CLERK.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICERS.	Off'rs & teachers	Pupils Enrolled	Tot'l Membership	Contributed for Expenses	Contributed for Missions
Elim	T. W. Getzen, Fort White	545	50	\$ 5 00	.....	.....
Fort White	E. G. Persons, Fort White	765	72	25 00	.....	.....
Lake City	J. O. Harris, Lake City..	966	75	20 00	.....	.....
Philippi	J. W. Cone, Mikesville.....	114	15	.....	.....	.....
First Church of Providence	A. C. Odom, Sr., Providence	665	71	.....	.....	.....

Mount Pleasant, Mount Zion, Beulah, Providence, Hopeful, New Prospect and Lake Butler, did not report Sunday-schools.

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 regular 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 correspondence 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

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICE OF CLERKS	When Organized		INCREASE			DECREASE			Pastor's Salary & other Expenses	Church Building	Church Property	Value of
				Last Year	Membership	By Baptism	By Letter	Restoration	By Letter	By exclud'n	By Death					Present Mem-
Ellin	B. R. Moseley	G. W. Getzen	Fort White	1836	123	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	175 00	1	300 00
Fort White	G. P. Letimer	Wm. F. Brynum	Fort White	1887	38	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	500 00	1	200 00
Lake City	D. B. Farmer	A. B. Brown	Lake City	1878	136	3	8	0	0	4	0	1	300 00	10	1000 00
Mount Beulah	R. J. Revels	G. P. Howell	Lake City	1856	100	0	0	0	0	8	0	1	100 00	10	125 00
Mount Pleasant	W. C. Lee	J. J. Sealey	Wellborn	1856	75	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	300 00	200	200 00
Providence	B. R. Moseley	S. M. Rowe	Providence	1832	132	0	0	0	0	33	0	1	140 00	200	200 00
Phillippi	G. S. Grosby	P. D. Vinzant	Mikesville	1877	66	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	100 00	400	400 00
Lake Butler	K. F. Rogers	J. C. Purvis	Lake Butler	1867	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1st Chr Providence	K. F. Rogers	C. C. Odom	Providence	1867	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Hopetun, Mount Zion and New Prospect churches failed to send letters.

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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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that these are one. See Matt. 28:19; 2nd 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 2nd Tim. 3:16-17.

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

4. We believe that the grace of God that bringeth 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; 1st John 4:10; 1st 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 God through faith unto eternal salvation. John 8:31; 1st Peter 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 "baptised believers" have a Scriptural right to partake thereof. Luke 22:18-19-20; 1st 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.

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 the 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 the 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 a 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.

