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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—Publications. 6—Sunday Schools. 7—Temperance. 8—Missions. 9—Christian Education. 10—Appoint Correspondents.
- 8 Reports of committees.
- 9 Unfinished business.
- 10 Close with Devotional Exercises.

MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES.

R. F. Rogers,.....	Lake City, Fla.
C. V. Waugh,.....	Lake City, Fla.
J. O. Harris,.....	Lake City, Fla.
B. R. Moseley,.....	Ft. White, Fla.
R. E. Parnell,.....	Wellborn, Fla.
S. D. DuPree,.....	Wellborn, Fla.

MINUTES.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 1898.

The Beulah Baptist Association met this day in its Nineteenth Annual Session, in the First Baptist Church of Providence, Bradford County, Fla.

The Association was called to order by G. W. Clyatt, former moderator.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. G. W. S. Ware, at 11 a. m., after which the Association adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at the appointed time. Bros. R. F. Rogers and G. W. S. Ware, were appointed to read the letters from the several churches, and the names of Messengers were enrolled as follows:

Lake Butler.—F. A. Andreu and T. P. Register.

Providence.—G. W. Clyatt, W. R. Weeks and L. J. Green. Phillippi.—T. C. Carroll.

Mt. Beulah.—W. W. Newson and Willie Parker.

Ft. White.—J. A. Green.

Mt. Pleasant.—S. M. Parker and H. E. Braddock.

First Baptist Church of Providence.—W. W. Wilkerson, A. J. Beilling, Dorus Bivins and C. C. Odom.

Elim.—T. W. Getzen, John F. Smith and Simeon Harrel.

Lake City.—R. F. Rogers.

On motion rules were waved, and Bros. G. W. Clyatt elected Moderator and C. C. Odom, Clerk, by acclamation. On motion Bro. H. E. Braddock was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

PETITIONARY LETTERS.

Smyrna and Oak Grove churches presented letters and

asked to be admitted into the Association with the following Messengers: Hampton Knight, David Knight and Henry Siles. On motion Bros. T. W. Getzen, H. E. Braddock and G. W. S. Ware, were appointed to examine Church Letters and made the following report.

The Committee on Petitionary Letters report that Oak Grove and Smyrna churches are found sound in faith and doctrine, which is the result of our missionary, B. H. Damon, laborer in our Association.

- G. W. S. WARE,
 - T. W. GETZEN,
 - H. E. BRADDOCK,
- Committee.

On motion new churches were received into the Association, and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to their Messengers.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

- On Preaching—M. R. Weeks, T. P. Register and S. M. Parker.
- On Queries—T. P. Register, M. R. Weeks and W. W. Newsom.
- On Finance—T. W. Getzen, T. C. Carroll and Hampton Knight.
- Deceased Ministers and Deacons—H. E. Braddock, F. A. Andrew and A. J. Beilling.
- On Publications—G. W. S. Ware; J. A. Green and Simon Harrel.
- On Sunday Schools—T. C. Carroll, S. M. Parker and J. F. Smith.
- On Temperance—R. F. Rogers, W. H. Parker and David Knight.
- On Missions—T. W. Getzen, G. W. S. Ware and Henry Siles.
- Woman's Work—R. F. Rogers, L. J. Green and W. W. Wilkerson.
- On Christian Education—R. F. Rogers, G. W. S. Ware and J. F. Smith.

Committee on Preaching reported as follows: Rev. R. F. Rogers to preach to-night at 7:30 o'clock, and Rev. B. H. Damon to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock a. m.

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SATURDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. T. C. Carroll.

The following report was presented, read and discussed by Bros. R. F. Rogers, H. E. Braddock and T. W. Getzen, on motion was adopted:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Your committee most urgently recommends that Baptists make all necessary sacrifices to give their children a christian education.

This should begin in childhood, "Train up a child in the way it should go and when it gets old, it will not depart from it." Thus, step by step, parents should throw christian influence around their children, with an eye single to God's glory and the welfare of men. While we recognize God alone as the author of salvation, by example as well as precept, parents can educate and develop their children in lives of usefulness.

Knowledge is power, and in this day of skepticism and heresy, we need men and women who are educated in orthodox religion, to overturn the bulwarks of heretical faith.

We cheerfully commend our own Stetson University, located at DeLand, Fla., as being the best equipped College in the State and the equal of any in the South, and an institution where a thorough christian education can be obtained.

- Respectfully submitted,
- R. F. ROGERS,
 - G. W. S. WARE,
 - J. F. SMITH,
- Committee.

Committee on Temperance made the following report, after reading, was ably discussed by Bros. R. F. Rogers, B. H. Damon, T. W. Getzen and G. W. S. Ware. on motion was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee deem it unnecessary to make an elaborate report on Temperance. While we deem the subject one of vast importance, yet we realize that a lack of space forbids that full justice can be given in this report.

As Baptists we desire to continue our record as being un-

qualifiedly opposed to the use, sale and traffic of intoxicating liquors.

We therefore recommend to the churches, composing this Association, to withdraw fellowship from any member who persistently sign petitions for the sale and traffic of liquors, wines and beer, and that discipline be applied to all church members who excessively use intoxicating liquors, or frequent bar-rooms and places where intoxicants are sold.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. F. ROGERS,
W. H. PARKER,
J. D. KNIGHT,

Committee.

Committee on Publications presented the following report, after reading, was discussed by Bros. G. W. S. Ware and R. F. Rogers. On motion the report on Publications be continued at 3 o'clock p. m.

Committee on Missions reported as follows, after reading and remarks by Bros. T. W. Getzen, R. F. Rogers and G. W. S. Ware, was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

It seems to be the design and will of God to accomplish His purposes with the aid of human agencies.

Christ in performing miracles used human aid. In His first miracle he commanded the servants to fill the pitchers with water. He commanded the blind man to wash his eyes in the pool of Siloam and the stone to be rolled from the mouth of the grave of Lazarus, using human means to do all the work possible, only using divine power to do that which was beyond human power, thus contrasting human and divine power and showing the necessity of both in accomplishing his ends on earth.

In the spread of the gospel, the same plan is pursued. Christ commanded his disciples to go into all the world, preach the gospel to every creature. "He that believeth and is baptised, shall be saved." The same order of labor exists today, human and divine.

We as Baptists recognize in our very name "Missionary Baptists," the divine order of work, for Missions means to send, and Missionary, one who is sent. How then can we neg-

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lect to work in the fields before us? China and Africa are crying for help, Mexico and South America are gladly accepting the gospel, and by recent events Cuba at our very door is opened to the gospel and calls especially upon the Southern Baptists for aid. In looking at the necessities of the foreign fields we should not however forget or neglect our home field.

To neglect that means to neglect our own, which is criminal. There are places of destitution spiritually in our own country, which need encouragement and help at least for a time. There are errors to be combatted and to meet which need men of prudence and intelligence, men devoted to the cause of Christ. In urging upon the brethren the necessity of aiding in sending the gospel to foreign and home fields, we do so with confidence, for Christ has promised, "That His word shall not return void and that He will be with us the end," His promises are sure.

Men cannot work in these days without money. Therefore your committee urge upon the churches composing this Association to contribute to the work of Missions, remembering that freely they have received and freely they should give.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. GETZEN,
G. W. S. WARE,
HENRY LITES,

Committee.

On motion adjourned for preaching and refreshments until 2 p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Reassembled at the appointed hour.

Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons presented their report. After reading it was adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We submit the following report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons: We are thankful to learn that all of the lives of our ministers and deacons have been spared through another year.

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for dealing so kindly with us.

H. E. BRADDOCK,
F. A. ANDREU,
A. J. BELLING,
Committee.

The report on Queries was read, and discussed by Bro. G. W. S. Ware, and adopted.

REPORT ON QUERIES.

Your Committee on Queries find nothing from the letters of the churches which elicits any report. We recommend that the next session of this body be held with Ft. White church. We further recommend that the time of meeting be changed to Friday before the first Sunday in November.

T. P. REGISTER,
M. R. WEEKS,
W. W. NENSOM,
Committee.

Report on Publications taken up at the appointed hour and amended. On motion the report as amended was adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Reading is a characteristic mark of man from the brute creation. It is an art that can only be learned by a being who has a spirit. Hence, it does not come entirely from the brain, for the brutes have that, and it is evidence to man that he shall never be in spirit like the beast that perish. The world is full of good thoughts that convey truths to the christian mind by reading and mental digestion. The Baptist who only reads his county paper is having a spiritual famine, and buries a talent that should distinguish him from a worldly man.

Oh! that more of our Baptist people would wake up to the importance of reading Baptist literature and sound knowledge and cease feeding on advent trash, Mormon sin and pedo Baptist nonsense. We most unhesitatingly and emphatically condemn and caution parents against the yellow back papers of the day filled with police stories, etc., and urge that they be rejected at the post office and not be permitted to pollute the

minds of our children with their foul advertisements and stories. Lord speed the day.

G. W. S. WARE,
J. A. GREEN,
J. S. HARRELL,
Committee.

On motion the Committee on Sunday Schools should report Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

The Executive Board presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Beulah Baptist Association: Your committee beg to report that they met and organized in November, last, by electing Bro. G. W. Clyatt, chairman; G. W. S. Ware, Secretary, and R. L. Rodgers, Treasurer. Your committee desired to employ a missionary for the bounds of our Association and did engage Eld. B. H. Damon at a salary of \$100, to be paid by your committee, and \$100 to be paid by the State Board of Missions, the State Board agreeing to pay as much as the Association. Bro. Damon has done very active and efficient service in the mission field, having organized two churches, which are now members of your body, and preached many sermons in destitute places. The report of your Treasurer will show how much of the above salary has been paid. Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. CLYATT, Ch'n.

The Treasurer of the Executive Board presented his report in connection with the above report; after reading and remarks by Bros. G. W. Clyatt and G. W. S. Ware, was adopted.

REPORT OF R. F. ROGERS, TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD,
BEULAH ASSOCIATION.

1898.	Amounts received from:	Dr.
Jan. 30th	—Ft. White Union Meeting.....	\$ 14.75
"	Field collected by Mis'nary Damon.....	10.52
"	Col'tion Union Meeting, Ft. White..	5.64
May 28th	—Smyrna church.....	1.00
"	Lake Butler church.....	3.50
"	First church, Providence.....	2.07
May 29th	—Col'tion Sunday Mt. Pleasant.....	5.35
June 4th	—Phillippi, by T. C. Carroll.....	1.01
June 9th	—Elim church.....	1.75
"	Providence church.....	4.00
"	Col'tions on field by Bro. Damon.....	17.85
July 31st	—Col'tions on field by Bro. Damon....	3.25
"	G. W. S. Ware.....	.50
"	Providence church.....	1.75
"	First church, Providence.....	2.00
"	Mt. Pleasant church.....	1.38
"	Lake Butler church.....	1.87
"	Col'tion Sunday Lake Butler.....	2.75
"	Collected on field.....	2.50
Oct. 22d	—R. C. Martin, 50c; J. A. Green, 50c...	1.00
"	Lake Butler church.....	2.00
"	Treasurer Braddock.....	2.00
Oct. 23d	—Collection Association Sunday.....	11.48
	Total.....	\$100.04

Amounts paid Eld. Damon, Missionary Beulah Association.

1898.		Cr.
Jan. 30th	—Paid Eld. B. H. Damon.....	\$ 14.75
"	" " ".....	10.52
"	" " ".....	5.64
May 28th	" " ".....	6.57
"	" " ".....	17.85
June 9th	" " ".....	5.36
July 31st	" " ".....	6.76
	Total amount paid out.....	\$ 81.05
Oct. 22d	—Amount collected on field.....	2.50
	Amt. rec'd at Asso. and paid Bro. Damon....	16.47
	Total paid Bro. Damon.....	\$100.02

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. ROGERS, Treas. Ex. Com.

Elder B. H. Damon, Missionary of the Beulah Association, presented his report; after reading was adopted and ordered printed in the Minutes.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

Sermons preached 185, visits made 207, baptized 5, churches organized 2, churches supplied 3, stations 4, churches repaired 1, miles traveled 1000, Sunday Schools organized 3, tracks distributed 80, members added 66.

B. H. DAMON, Missionary.

On motion a collection should be taken up Sunday for Missionary of Beulah Baptist Association.

Committee on Preaching reported as follows:

Bro. G. W. S. Ware to preach to-night at 7:30 o'clock, and Bro. R. F. Rogers Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.

The Committee on Finance reported; after reading report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report of the amounts sent up by the different churches of this Association: Lake City .00; Lake Butler \$5.00; Phillippi \$2.75; Elim \$5.25; Ft. White \$2.00; Mt. Pleasant \$4.00; First Baptist Church, Providence, \$4.70; Mt. Beulah \$3.85; Providence \$2.60; Oak Grove .00; Smyrna .50. Total, \$30.65. Respectfully submitted,

T. W. GETZEN,

T. C. CARROLL,

HAMPTON KNIGHT,

Committee.

Bros. R. F. Rogers and T. P. Register were appointed as messengers to the Baptist State Convention to be held at Madison.

Bro. R. F. Rogers was appointed as correspondent to the Santa Fe River Association, and Bro. T. P. Register correspondent to New River Association.

The following resolution was presented by Bro. S. M. Parker, and adopted:

Resolved, That the name of any ordained minister who will

not continue in the work of preaching the Gospel, without good excuse, shall be dropped from the Roll of Ministers in our Minutes.

On motion the following Executive Committee for this Association was appointed by the Moderator: Bros. R. F. Rogers, chairman, G. W. S. Ware, H. E. Braddock, Hampton Knight and T. P. Register.

On motion the Clerk be paid \$5.00 for his services, and have 300 copies of Minutes printed at the lowest possible price

On motion Bro. J. O. Harris was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session, with Bro. R. E. Parrell as alternate.

On motion adjourned until 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Prayer by Bro. R. F. Rogers.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. G. W. S. Ware.

The Committee on Sunday Schools, at the appointed hour, presented their report: after reading and being ably discussed by Bros. T. C. Carroll, B. H. Damon, H. E. Braddock, G. W. S. Ware and R. F. Rogers, it was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, are pleased to report that all of the churches represented in the Association report having Sunday Schools except two. We hope the churches that have no Sunday Schools will organize immediately, for we believe this one of the most important branches of church work, for in it are trained the minds of the youths upon whom will devolve the future work of Church and State. We would advise the churches to be careful in selecting the literature used, also in the selection of teachers. The teachers should be God-fearing and God-loving men and women who are sound in the doctrine of the Bible as we understand it. Respectfully submitted,

T. C. CARROLL,

J. F. SMITH,

S. M. PARKER,

Committee.

Bro. G. W. S. Ware offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

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

After preaching by Bro. R. F. Rogers, a collection was taken amounting to \$11.48 for Missionary of Beulah Association.

On motion adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church at Ft. White, Columbia County, Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1899. Prayer by Bro. R. F. Rogers.

GEO. W. CLYATT, Moderator.

CHAS. C. ODOM, Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	No. Off. & T.			
		No. Off.	Pupils En'led	Total Mem...	Contributed for Expenses
Ft. White.....	E. G. Persons, Ft. White.....	7	67	74	\$21.40
Providence.....	W. O. Clyatt, Providence.....	6	60	66	7.05
Elim.....	T. W. Getzon, Ft. White.....	4	35	39	7.00
Phillippi.....	T. C. Carroll, Mikesville.....	2	8	10	3.25
Mt. Beulah.....	8	65	73	5.00
1st Bap., Pro'nce	J. M. Tralick, Providence.....	9	60	69	10.00
Lake City.....	J. O. Harris, Lake City.....	8	56	64	14.00

Mt. Pleasant, Lake Butler, Oak Grove and Smyrna did not report Sunday Schools.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	When Organized.	Membership Last Year.	Increase by Baptism.	Increase by Letter.	Increase by Restoration.	Decrease by Letter.	Decrease by Exclusion.	Decrease by Death.	Present Membership.	Pastor's Salary and Other Expenses.	Value of Church Building.	Value of Church Property.
Mt. Pleasant	W. C. Lee.	J. Sealy, Wellborn.	1855	69	7	4	1	2	1	1	76	\$ 75 00	\$ 600 00	\$ 600 00
Lake Butler	R. F. Rogers	J. G. Purvis, Lake Butler	1856	12	10	6	1	1	1	1	106	200 00	1000 00	1000 00
Elim	B. R. Moseley	T. W. Getzou, Ft. White	1856	15	6	1	4	1	1	1	120	100 00	400 00	500 00
Philippi	B. R. Moseley	P. D. Vinzant, Mikesville.	1877	57	1	1	4	1	1	1	48	75 00	400 00	500 00
Providence	O. J. Revels	S. M. Rowe, Providence.	1882	33	6	1	3	2	1	1	100	175 00	800 00	800 00
Ft. White	B. H. Dutton	G. P. Byrum, Ft. White.	1887	55	2	1	2	1	1	1	50	350 00	1000 00	1000 00
Mt. Beulah	R. H. Dutton	G. P. Howell, Leona.	1878	87	23	7	1	1	1	1	117	125 00	125 00	125 00
Oak Grove	R. H. Dutton	W. H. Long.	1887	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	150 00	1000 00	1000 00
Smyrna	R. F. Rogers	A. C. Boatright, Corinth	1897	49	16	3	1	1	1	1	69	150 00	1000 00	1000 00
1st Baptist, Providence	M. M. Wainbold	C. C. Odum, Providence.	1897	156	1	5	1	12	22	1	127	430 00	1000 00	1000 00
Lake City		A. B. Brown, Lake City												

Mount Zion, New Prospect and Hopeful failed to send letters.

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 the 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 in 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 labor 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 privilege 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 can-

not 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 writing.

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; 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 the election according to the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief 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; Romans 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; 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 22:18-20; 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 pro-

ceedings 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.

