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ORDER OF EXERCISES.

1. Opening meeting with singing, Scripture reading 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: Preaching, Queries, Finance, Deceased Ministers and Deacons, Publications, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Missions, and Christian Education and Woman's Work.
 8. Appoint correspondents.
 9. Report of committees.
 9. Unfinished business.
10. Close with devotional exercises.

MINUTES.

Lake Butler, Baptist Church, Nov. 1, 1901.

The Beulah Baptist Association met this the 1st day of November, A. D. 1901, with Lake Butler Baptist Church of Christ.

Called to order by Moderator T. W. Getzon. After singing and prayer Bro. A. C. Odom, Jr., preached the introductory sermon, after which the Association adjourned till 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON ASSOCIATION.

Reassembled at the appointed hour after singing and prayer by Rev. G. W. S. Ware.

Letters from the following churches were presented and read by Bros. R. F. Rodgers and A. C. Odom, Jr., and messengers from the different churches enrolled:

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Lake Butler—J. T. Futch, John Croft, J. L. Hill.
John Kellum—F. M. Rivers and Mrs. Matilda McKinney.
Mt. Beulah—G. P. Howell, R. M. Carver, J. E. Taylor and Miss Annie Carver.
First Baptist Church Providence—C. C. Odom, W. H. Shal-lar, J. W. Nesswith and A. C. Odom, Jr.
Oak Grove—L. L. Crews and D. C. Albritton.
Mt. Carmel—S. M. Parker, D. O. Rivers.
Bethlehem—No messengers.
Philippi—J. W. Cone and J. N. Howell.
Providence—G. W. Clyatt, B. R. Mosely, G. W. Bailey, G. W. S. Ware, Miss Cleo Clyatt.
Mt. Pleasant—N. A. Gailard, G. W. Helton, G. W. Cham-bers.
Elim—E. Polk, T. W. Getzon.
Hopeful—Henry Dicks, A. P. Smith.
Ft. White—No messengers.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

After enrollment of messengers the Association went into election of officers.

On motion, rules were suspended and the present incumbents were unanimously elected as follows: T. W. Getzon, Moderator; Geo. W. Clyatt, Treasurer; Chas. C. Odom, Secretary.

Bro. T. W. Getzon tendered his thanks to the Association for their confidence in him in a few appropriate remarks.

The Moderator welcomed to seats in the Association the following visiting brethren: Rev. J. C. Porter, from Alachua Association, and Rev. F. J. Fowler, from Sante Fe Association.

Rev. R. F. Rodgers was appointed as correspondent to Hamilton Association, and Rev. D. O. Rivers to Suwannee Association.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Preaching—John Croft, F. M. Rivers, J. T. Futch.

Queries—G. W. Clyatt, G. W. Chambers, W. H. Shallar, G. P. Howell.

Finance—R. F. Rodgers, E. Polk, J. W. Nesswith.

Deceased Ministers—D. O. Rivers, R. M. Carver, L. L. Crews.

Publications—B. R. Moseley, J. N. Howell, G. W. Bailey, J. L. Hill.

Sunday Schools—A. C. Odom, Jr., J. W. Cone, J. E. Taylor, Mrs. Matilda McKinney.

Temperance—R. F. Rodgers, S. M. Parker, D. C. Albritten.

Missions—G. W. S. Ware, G. W. Helton, Miss Cleo. Clyatt.

Christian Education—Geo. W. Bailey, A. C. Odom, Jr., A. A. Gailard, John Kellum, Miss Annie Carver.

While the Moderator was selecting the above committees, Rev. J. C. Porter, G. W. S. Ware, R. F. Rodgers, B. R. Moseley, F. J. Fowler and A. C. Odom, Jr., very ably addressed the Association in regard to taking, reading and supporting the Florida Baptist Witness, and the advantages and superiority of John B. Stetson university over all other schools in the south for giving our children a Christian education.

Committee on preaching, reported as follows: Rev. B. R. Moseley to preach tonight at 7 o'clock, and Rev. J. C. Porter Saturday at 11 o'clock.

On motion adjourned till 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Reassembled at the appointed hour. After singing and prayer by Bro. A. C. Odom, Jr., the Moderator called the Association to order.

Minutes read and approved. The following churches reported, letters were read and messengers enrolled as follows:

First Baptist Church Lake City—R. F. Rodgers, T. S. Herbert, T. J. Becks, A. H. Helveston. Woman's Work—Mrs. A. H. Helveston.

Mt. Zion—W. H. Ogden, E. B. Everett, Lemuel Hendricks. Smyrna—No messenger.

Petitionary letter from Suwannee Valley Baptist Church was received and read, and on motion referred to Committee on Queries.

Committee on Deceased Ministers reported as follows:

To the Beulah Association:

Your committee on Deceased Ministers has no deaths to report, for which we render our heartfelt thanks to the All Wise God for His unbounded mercy.

D. O. Rivers,
For Committee.

On motion, adopted.

Committee on Christian Education presented the following report, after remarks by A. C. Odom, Jr., and J. C. Porter, on motion was adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

When we think on the question of education in this era of push and sharp competition, we cannot but admit the imperative need of it. The merchant must have it, the mechanic can not succeed without it and the farmer would be much more successful with it. So if from the standpoint of time, we see the great need of education in general, much more from the standpoint of eternity do we see the more imperative need of Christian education in particular.

While salvation can not be obtained through a system of education, yet the conditions which make the possibility of salvation more certain can be provided by a system of Christian education.

Likewise conditions can be produced by unchristian education that make salvation a bare possibility.

As an evidence of these facts, most converts to the Christian

religion come from pious homes, denominational colleges and Christ can be more easily presented and is more readily accepted in nations that are distinctively Christian nations.

We almost feel like saying that parents who fail to give their children all the educational advantages possible commit a crime against society, and those who disregard our Christian institutions in selecting a place to give their children higher culture, disregard their spiritual welfare.

Above all we would insist that the times demand an educated ministry to cope with what the Apostle Paul calls spiritual wickedness in high places; what is commonly called or termed higher criticism and a disposition on the part of the highly educated to be skeptical in regard to bible truth and facts.

Our ministers swords should be as sharp as education and culture can produce.

As institutions where this product can be obtained in its highest form we would endorse no other institutions for a Florida Baptist, except "John B. Stetson University," DeLand, Fla., and "The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary," Louisville, Ky.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Odom, Jr.,
For Committee.

Committee on petitionary letter of Suwannee Valley reported favorably. On motion received with the following named messenger: B. B. Waldron.

Committee on Queries submitted the following report. On motion, adopted.

REPORT ON QUERIES.

Committee on Queries report that there are no queries, and no petitions from any church for the next session of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Clyatt
For Committee.

Report was read, and on motion, recommitted to the committee to include a request from Mt. Zion Church.

Your committee further report that a request from the messengers of Mt. Zion Church be accepted and therefore recommend that next session of this body convene with Mt. Zion Church Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1902.

G. W. Clyatt,

The Committee on Publications reported as follows:

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee recommend God's word. It is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path.

We commend the Florida Baptist Witness, Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal to all Baptists, especially to those of this state. They are oracles of intelligence and will make our men, women and children wiser, nobler, happier and more useful.

We commend all Baptist publications, except such as cry down our mission work.

As a man thinks so is he. Thus saith the scripture, and we believe that as a man reads so will he think.

Oh, brethren, take so much good reading for your children that there will be no room for vile literature.

We earnestly recommend a collection in each of our churches to supply our Associational Missionary with means for colportage work.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. Mosely,
For Committee.

After remarks by Bros. R. F. Rodgers, D. O. Rivers, J. C. Porter, T. S. Hubert and F. J. Fowler, after amendment was adopted.

Committee on Preaching reported as follows: Rev. T. S. Hubert tonight at 6:45 and Rev. R. F. Rodgers Sunday at 11 o'clock.

On motion adjourned till 2 o'clock for preaching.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Reconvened at the appointed hour.

Executive Board reported as follows:

After remarks by Bros. R. F. Rodgers, D. O. Rivers, J. C. Porter and B. R. Mosely, on motion, adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

To the Beulah Baptist Association: Your Executive Committee beg to report that on March 30th, last, they employed Rev.

W. H. Bradford of the Suwannee Association, to labor as missionary for us from the 3rd Sunday in April to the present annual session of this body

Your committee agreed with Bro. Bradford, to give him for his services, one hundred and seventy-five dollars and all collections contributed on the field of labor.

We have paid him up to date one hundred and seventy dollars, leaving a balance of five dollars due him, which balance your committee now has on hand and will forward to Bro. Bradford at once. Your committee regrets to learn that extreme illness in the family of Bro. Bradford has prevented him from attending this meeting of the Association and making a full and complete report of his work.

Your committee will obtain this report from him and have it published with the minutes of this session.

Bro. Bradford's labors have been appreciated by the people and very effective in his field of work, two churches organized and forty-three members received, one of the new churches, however, will unite with another Association. He has collected on the field fifty dollars and fifty cents.

On account of sickness in his family he was not able to work in his field of labor only about five and a half months since April last.

Your committee recommend to your body that a missionary be kept in the field, and literature be furnished to supply the field.

Very respectfully submitted,

R. F. Rodgers,
For Committee.

The Treasurer reported as follows: On motion referred to finance committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Geo. W. Clyatt, Treasurer, in account with Beulah Baptist Association.

1900.

Nov. 4—To amt. recd. of Beulah Association \$ 77.18

Dec. 19—To amt. recd Union meeting, Mt. Carmel 21.19

1901.

Jan. 19—To amt recd. D. O. Rivers, check on bank 2.85

Jan. 19—To amt. recd Elim church, per Bro. Getzon 2.65

March 30—To amt. recd. Union meeting, Providence 34.15

June 30—To amt. recd Union meeting, Philippi 41.86
 Sept. 29—To amt. recd. Union meeting, Mt. Pleasant 30.85
 To amt. recd. R. F. Rodgers, for W. H. Bradford 5.00
 To amt. recd. Mt. Zion Church, for W. H. Bradford 2.15

Total \$217.88

By amt paid C. C. Odom, Clerk \$ 10.00
 By amt. paid D. O. Rivers, bal. on salary87
 By amt. paid S. G. Barrett, missionary work 10.00
 By amt. paid W. H. Bradford, missionary 96.00
 By amt. paid J. C. Porter, printing minutes 20.64
 By amt. paid A. C. Odom, Jr., for minute book75
 By amt. paid W. H. Bradford, missionary 25.00
 By amt. paid W. H. Bradford, by R. F. Rodgers 41.86
 By amt. paid for postage, registered letter12
 By amt. paid W. H. Bradford, mis'n'ry., by R. R. Rodgers 5.00
 By amt. paid W. H. Bradford pledge of Mt. Zion Church 2.15
 By amt. to balance 5.49

\$217.88

To amt. on hand \$ 5.49
 To amt. collected since this meeting, Providence church.. 1.50
 To amt. collected since this meeting, 1st Church Providence 2.70
 To cash, unaccounted for 1.01

Total cash on hand \$ 10.70

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Clyatt,
Treasurer.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows: That some solid work has been done against king alcohol, but he dies hard.

There is much drunkenness in the land, and it is hard to keep it out of our churches. Yet we think that great progress has been made. A strong public sentiment prevails against intoxication; railroads, banks, factories and other corporations demand sober men to conduct their affairs.

We do not believe that a man who drinks could be elected president of the United States.

The last prohibition vote for president was nearly half a mil-

lion, and that party may soon demand a plank in political platforms, or else elect their own candidate.

Let us trust in God and go forward.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. Rodgers,
For Comimittee.

After remarks by Bros. B. R. Mosely, J. C. Porter, F. J. Fowler, A. H. Helveston, G. W. S. Ware, T. S. Hubert, D. O. Rivers, A. C. Odom, Jr., R. F. Rodgers and T. W. Getzon, on motion was adopted

The Committee on Missions reported as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following: God, Christians, a lost world, and money is the prerequisite of missions. God sends, Christians "Go," a lost world is saved and money is consumed in the salvation thereof.

When a Christian can overcome a dollar and use it thus, he has gained a victory and is a master in Israel. Made a "friend of the man of unrighteousness" and can say I am free in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The animal world is anti-missionary. The animal is for self and none for his fellows.

Man is half animal, God and pity and benevolence cannot enter there. Here is the devil's play ground—his battle field against God and the spiritual part of man.

What troubled our forefathers in 1836? Animalism. What is annoying the Baptist of Texas, North Carolina and China? Animalism. Why has not our medium of inter-communication, "The Witness," five thousand paying subscribers? Animalism. What prevents Beulah Association raising six hundred dollars for missions? Animalism. Where comes the cry that our mission money is squandered? Out of the base nature of men.

However, the mission interest in our association is very cheering. The past year is an epoch among us, for the glory of God, in the spread of the gospel. We would urge our pastors to organize Ladies' Missionary Societies in their churches, and get a pledge of money from every brother, to be paid quarterly, for Home and Foreign missions, and report to our union meetings and finally to the next session of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

For Committee.

After being ably discussed by Bros. G. W. S. Ware, D. O. Rivers, J. C. Porter, A. C. Odom, Jr., G. W. Clyatt, B. R. Mosely, on motion, report was adopted.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention were appointed as follows: Bros. R. F. Rodgers, T. S. Hubert and D. O. Rivers.

On motion the following executive board were appointed: A. H. Helveston, G. W. Clyatt, Geo. W. Helton, G. W. S. Ware and W. H. Ogden.

On motion, report of Sunday Schools be taken up Sunday morning at ten o'clock.

Finance committee presented the following report, and on motion, was received and adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

(Here insert table, which was omitted.)

The following amounts, per quarter, were pledged by the several churches for missionary work in Association:

Mt. Pleasant \$3.00, Lake City \$5.00, Providence \$5.00, Philippi \$2.00, Mt. Carmel 2.00, Providence First Church \$5.00, Hopeful .50, Elim \$5.00, Mt. Beulah —, Mt. Zion \$2.00, Lake Butler \$5.00 Ft. White —, Suwannee Valley \$1.00, Oak Grove \$2.00, R. F. Rodgers, individually, \$3.00

On motion adjourned till 6:45 p. m.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

After preaching by Rev. T. S. Hubert, the report on missions was again taken up and discussed by a number of brethren. On motion Rev. R. F. Rodgers was added to the Executive Board.

On motion the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that the churches be requested to send messengers of their ladies' societies to our union meetings and association.

On motion, a committee on woman's work be appointed to report at the next Association.

On motion, the clerk be paid ten dollars for services, and have 350 copies of minutes printed at the earliest practical date.

Rev. R. F. Rodgers and T. S. Hubert were appointed delegates to Southern Baptist Convention, Asheville, N. C.

Rev. D. O. Rivers was appointed to preach next introductory sermon, Rev. S. G. Barnett as alternate.

On motion, adjourned till Sunday morning at ten o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Reassembled at the appointed hour, after singing and prayer by Bro. A. H. Helveston, the Association opened in order.

On motion reading of minutes dispensed with.

The report of Sunday Schools was taken up and by request, was read by Bro. John A. King. After some very able talks by Bros. J. A. King, G. W. Clyatt and A. H. Helveston, on motion was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to submit the following: We note from the church letters coming in, that a majority of our churches have Sunday Schools; some of them having been only recently organized. We regard the latter part as an evidence of a more healthful, growing condition of the Sunday school work in our association, and hence, deem it entirely unnecessary to present any argument in favor of Sunday Schools themselves; but rather regard it our duty to present some thoughts that will act as a stimulus to our existing schools, and make them more efficient and urge the organization of them where there are none.

The officers in any school, especially the superintendent, should be the most energetic, wide-awake, and consecrated Christian in the church or community.

They should be men and women noted for their fidelity to Christian principles, personal piety and faithfulness to duty.

Under the last named characteristic would come punctuality in attending the school every Sunday and being there on time.

Nothing will kill a Sunday School quicker than unfaithful officers. The teachers should be characterized by all the above mentioned traits, and in addition should be distinguished for their ability to present Bible truth to the child's mind.

All of these things should be personified in officials and teachers if possible, if not, the more the better.

Then many of our Sunday schools go down for lack of attractiveness. Included under this head cover: A plentiful supply of good song books adapted to the work, a library if obtainable, variety in the exercises, and an impressive spirit of worshipfulness. Under variety of exercise we would heartily recommend the observance of Children's and Missionary day, both of which are not only good in the way of variety but above all, because they

cultivate the grace of giving in the children. The one great obstacle in the way of attractiveness is stinginess, for all these things require money.

Last and most important, we would insist on the evangelist feature of the Sunday School. If our Savior is not held up as the greatest attraction, "the one among ten thousand and altogether lovely," the Sunday School will be a failure. He himself said, "If I be lifted up will draw all men unto me," and this glorious vision will almost invariably draw out the love of the young heart in obedience to his command.

Can there be any greater privilege in life than leading the young to Christ, when he himself left this everlasting, but gentle rebuke, which should only be a loving admonition to us, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of heaven." Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Odom, Jr.,
For Committee.

On motion the following resolution, presented by Bro. A. H. Helveston, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are eminently due and are hereby tendered to the Baptist church and citizens of Lake Butler for their unbounded hospitality extended the messengers and visitors to this association in their entertainment, and especially do we thank the choir for the sweet songs of Zion so sweetly discoursed for our entertainment and pleasure.

A collection, for aged ministers, was taken up Friday night, which amounted to \$5.00.

After preaching, Saturday morning, by Rev. J. C. Porter, a collection for missions was taken up to the amount of \$9.39.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Mt. Zion Baptist church, Columbia county, Fla., on Friday before the First Sunday in November, A. D. 1902.

T. W. Getzon, Moderator.

Chas. C. Odom, 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 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: First, to promote unity and brotherly love among the churches; second, to promote Gospel discipline; third, 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 and Executive Committee composed of five members, whose appointment shall be approved by the body. Their duties shall be: First, to diligently inquire into the destitution within our bounds; second, to make contracts with ministers of the Gospel of this Association, or other Associations in correspondence with us, to supply such destitution with the Gospel; third, 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 privilege of aiding the Association with the 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, not 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 Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 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 Timothy 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.
2. 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; 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 13:99; 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; 1 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 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.

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 are 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 debated 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 ques-

tion 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 regular session of the Association by a majority vote of the members of the body.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Forwarded During Year		Foreign Missions.	Sent Forward to Association.
	State Missions.	Forwarded During Year As-sociational Missions.		
Elim	\$ 15 00	\$ 2 07		\$ 8 00
Hopeful	60	3 51		1 00
Providence, First	11 62	17 70		3 00
Mt. Carmel		8 00		2 75
Bethlehem		1 15		95
Providence		19 00		3 00
Philippi	1 60	8 00	2 78	2 00
Mt. Pleasant		15 00		7 75
Lake City		20 00		5 00
Mt. Beulah	61 91	8 00		5 00
Lake Butler		20 50		2 50
Mt. Zion		2 15		3 00
Ft. White, not represented.				
Oak Grove				3 00
Suwannee Valley		10 50		1 50
Totals	\$74 42	\$133 79	\$4 85	\$49 05
Collection Saturday A. M.				\$ 9 39
Total turned over to G. W. Clyatt, treasurer.				\$58 44

We have examined the account and vouchers of Treasurer G. W. Clyatt, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,
R. F. Rogers, for Committee.

133.79
9.39
143.18

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	When Organized	Membership Last Year			Increase		Decrease		Present Membership	Value of Church Building And Property.
		By Letter	By Baptism.	By Restoration.	By Dropping and By Exclusion	By Death				
First Church Providence..	1897	74			3	14	1	56	\$ 1000	
Oak Grove..	1879		3	3			3	2	70	
Elim..	1857						9	3	118	
Mt. Pleasant				5	3		4	4	65	
Mt. Carmel	1898	28	4				1		31	
Bethlehem	1850	20							200	
Mt. Beulah	1878	105	2	15					30	
First Baptist Church, Lake City..	1858	138	16	3	4	7	7	1	146	
Providence	1832	90					2	2	93	
Philippi	1877				2	2			56	
Mt. Zion					3	3			39	
Hopeful	1887	25	2				1	15	100	
Lake Butler			4	4				2	11	
Suwannee Valley	1901		3	4	4				92	
Ft. White									11	
Smyrna										
Total		486	34	40	12	35	68	0	928	\$16910

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Home Expenses	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Building Churches	Other Objects	Minutes	Total
Lake Butler	105 00	18 35		20 00				2 50	205 85
Suwannee Valley	100 00			3 50				1 00	11 55
Hopeful	137 50	78 50	60	17 70	2 00			3 00	25 10
First Church Providence	50 00	1 00		8 00	2 78	64 50		2 00	314 10
Phillippi	34 00	1 00		12 50		6 20		1 00	64 88
Oak Grove	75 00	400 00		4 15				1 00	54 70
Mt. Zion	125 00			19 25		20 00		3 50	490 15
Providence				1 15				85	2 10
Bethlehem	25 00			8 00	2 00	13 00		3 00	51 00
Mt. Beulah	100 00		61 00	20 00				5 00	1080 00
First Baptist Church, Lake City	125 00			15 00	2 07			7 45	149 52
Mt. Carmel	18 00			15 00				2 75	28 75
Mt. Pleasant								7 75	22 75
Ft. White									
Smyrna									
Totals	1084 55	47 85	74 82	182 29	8 85	103 70	42 40	2674 46	

Church Clerks should be more careful in filling out their letters. I know of some churches that have really given more for Home and Foreign Missions and other objects than appears in their letters. They should report collection for any purpose taken during the year.

1684 55
494 85
2182 40

PASTORS, OFFICERS, ETC.

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT. AND POSTOFFICES
Lake Butler	F. J. Porter ^{Fowler} Starke, Fla.	J. T. Futch, Lake Butler, Fla.	John A. King, Lake Butler, Fla.
First Church Providence	J. C. Porter, Ocala, Fla.	C. C. Odom, Providence, Fla.	A. C. Odom, Jr., Providence, Fla.
Suwannee Valley	W. H. Bradford, Emerson, Fla.	B. B. Waldron, Brown, Pa.	Wm. Smith, Payne, Fla.
Hopeful	A. C. Odom, Jr., Providence, Fla.	A. P. Smith, Payne, Fla.	D. C. Albritton, Benton, Fla.
Phillippi	G. W. S. Ware, Mason, Fla.	W. B. Vinzant, Wilkesville, Fla.	F. M. Waldrep, Lake City, Fla.
Oak Grove	D. O. Rivers, Lake City, Fla.	D. C. Albritton, Benton, Fla.	R. H. Carver, Welborn, Fla.
Mt. Zion	R. F. Rodgers, Lake City, Fla.	E. B. Everett, Lake City, Fla.	J. D. Harris, Lake City, Fla.
Providence	B. R. Mosely, Melrose, Fla.	G. W. Bailey, Mason, Fla.	D. O. Rivers, Lake City, Fla.
Bethlehem	Not Any	F. M. Waldrep, Lake City, Fla.	
Mt. Beulah	J. J. Holmes, O'Brien, Fla.	G. P. Howell, Leona, Fla.	
First Baptist Church, Lake City	T. S. Hubert, Lake City, Fla.	J. L. Turner, Lake City, Fla.	
Elim	A. S. Priscoe, McIntosh, Fla.	T. W. Getzon, Ft. White, Fla.	
Mt. Carmel	D. O. Rivers, Lake City, Fla.	C. P. Montague, Lake City, Fla.	
Mt. Pleasant	W. C. Lee, Welborn, Fla.	D. L. Jernigan, Welborn, Fla.	
Ft. White		E. G. Persons, Ft. White, Fla.	
Smyrna		A. C. Boatright, Corinth, Fla.	

