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R. F. ROGERS	Lake City, Fla.
W. J. SULLIVAN.....	" " "
S. G. BARNETT.....	" " "
C. V. WAUGH.....	" " "
T. S. HUBERT.....	" " "
J. O. HARRIS.....	" " "
S. D. DUPREE.....	" " "
R. E. PARNELL.....	R. F. D. " " "
J. R. WALDRON.....	Benton, Fla.

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, Christian Education and Woman's Work.
8. Appoint correspondents.
9. Reports of committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. Close with devotional exercises.

MINUTES.

The Beulah Baptist Association convened in twenty-fifth annual session with the Elim Baptist church, Columbia county, Fla., on Friday, the 4th day of November, A. D., 1904.

After divine services, conducted by Rev. P. D. Cason and an intermission for refreshments, the body was called to order by the former Moderator, Hon. T. W. Getzon.

Letters from the following churches were read, and the messengers named were enrolled :

Roll of Messengers.

Mt. Beulah—R. H. Carver, W. H. Parker, J. H. Newson and W. T. Copeland.

Lake City—Rev. J. A. Harris, C. M. Ray and Mrs. C. M. Ray.

Providence Village—C. C. Odom and Rev. D. L. James.
Ft. White—J. W. Childs.

Bethlehem—J. R. Chastain and Bro. Roberts.

Mt. Pleasant—G. W. Helton, L. M. Chambers and Mrs. Annie Helton.

Mt. Zion—A. R. Moore.

Hagen—L. W. Tyre.

Elim—J. J. Swails, John F. Smith, Duncan McNair and T. W. Getzon.

Lake Butler—T. P. Register.

Hopeful—A. P. Smith and Mrs. A. P. Smith.

Mt. Carmel—M. H. Chambers and Gus Padgett.

Philippi—J. W. Cone and J. R. Pope.

Providence—G. W. Clyatt, L. F. Gay and Mrs. L. F. Gay, and M. Bailey.

Oak Grove—John Avery and D. C. Albritton.

Permanent Organization.

After call of roll, on motion of G. W. Clyatt, the rules were waived, and T. W. Getzon was elected Moderator and C. C. Odom Clerk, by acclamation.

The Moderator then invited visiting members and correspondents to seats in the body. Invitations were accepted by Revs. P. Q. Cason, of Suwannee Association; S. J. McCloud, of Piedmont Association, Ga.; W. H. Holmes, Suwannee Association; Rev. F. C. Edwards, representing Southern Baptist Witness; Miss Jennie L. Spalding, representing the Ladies' Missionary Union.

On call for petitionary letters, the Baptist church at Watertown, Columbia county, responded by her messenger, Rev. P. I. Cason, with a letter from the new church, asking fellowship with the association. On motion, the application was referred to a special committee, consisting of G. W. Clyatt, J. F. Smith and E. Polk. Committee retired, and after examination of the organization, faith and orthodoxy of said church, submitted the following report:

Your committee, appointed to take under consideration the orthodoxy of Watertown, Baptist church, beg to report that said church was duly organized by Revs. L. D. Geiger and J. T. Betts; that said church was organized under the regular order of the Baptist faith. We, therefore, regard them as orthodox, and recommend that they be received into the fellowship of this association and their messenger be accorded a seat as a member of this body

G. W. CLYATT,

J. F. SMITH,

E. POLK,

Committee.

On motion, report received and adopted.

Appointment of Committees.

Committees appointed by Moderator as follows:

Preaching—Sim Harrel, G. W. Helton and J. F. Smith.

Queries—R. H. Carver, J. R. Pope, W. H. Parker and J. H. Newsom.

Finance—G. W. Clyatt, J. J. Swails and Duncan McNair.

Deceased Ministers—L. F. Gay and E. Polk.

Publications—P. Q. Cason and C. M. Ray.

Sunday Schools—G. W. Clyatt, J. W. Cone and W. T. Copeland.

Temperance—C. M. Ray, L. M. Chambers, A. P. Smith.

Missions—Revs. J. A. Harris, D. L. James and M. H. Chambers.

Christian Education—P. Q. Cason, J. F. Smith and G. W. Helton.

Woman's Work—Mrs. C. M. Ray, Martha Gay, Annie Helton and Mrs. A. P. Smith.

Committee on Preaching reported as follows: Rev. J. A. Harris to preach Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion, adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Benediction by Rev. P. Q. Cason.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The association was called to order at 9:30 o'clock.

Reading by Rev. F. C. Edwards and prayer by Rev. J. A. Harris.

On motion, reading of minutes dispensed with.

Report of Missionary, D. L. James, received and read. After remarks by Rev. D. L. James and G. W. Clyatt, on motion, was referred to Executive Committee.

Report.

To the Executive Board and Brethren of Beulah Baptist Association:
Dear Brethren—As your missionary, I hereby submit my report for the associational year just ending.

I began work for your body in February, this year, and have preached regularly, Saturdays and Sundays, once a month, at Hopeful and Oak Grove churches; also monthly at Hopeful school house and Palmetto school house, and occasionally at Bethlehem and Sistrunk school house, and on the road, fireside and everywhere.

I have traveled in performance of my mission duties 1,000 miles, preached 75 sermons, delivered 15 lectures, made numerous visits,

distributed 6,000 pages of tracts, several foreign and home journals, held 25 family prayers, received by letter 2, by baptism 2, organized 3 Sunday schools; one church started and doubtless will be built soon. Received from Board, \$80; from churches, \$49; total, \$129. Have done my best, under the circumstances.

Fraternally, D. L. JAMES, Missionary.
Providence, Fla., Nov. 4, 1904.

Committee on Deceased Ministers submitted the following report:

We are thankful to report that none of our ministers and deacons have been called beyond the dark river during the past year.

Respectfully submitted, L. F. GAY,
E. POLK.

Messengers appointed to State Convention, as follows: Rev. J. A. Harris, G. W. Clyatt, R. F. Rogers, T. W. Getzon and D. L. James.

Executive Board, as follows: Bros. C. M. Ray, G. W. Helton, S. M. Parker, M. S. Knight and J. E. Wise.

Sister J. L. Spalding, representing Ladies' Missionary Union, made a very interesting and impressive talk, illustrated by maps, which was instructive and enjoyed by all.

Committee on Publications submitted the following report, after addresses by Revs. F. C. Edwards, R. F. Rogers, J. A. Harris and G. W. Clyatt. On motion was adopted, after being amended to include Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field.

Report on Publications.

We, your Committee on Publications, beg leave to report as follows: Being cognizant of the fact that there are many pernicious and poisonous publications afloat, we recommend that especial care be exercised in our choice of reading matter and general literature for our various uses. In our opinion, the Southern Baptist publication's articles possess an especial adaptability to the use of Sabbath schools. Being of an explicit construction and at the same time particularly impressive, they are conducive to the inculcation of valuable and lasting lessons.

The "Baptist Standard" is an excellent missive and worthy the consideration of us all. The "Western Recorder" is replete with useful knowledge and wise suggestions. We recommend the ardent support of the "Southern Baptist Witness," since it has become the property of our denomination.

We would emphasize the continual use of these and others, all of which are easily available. We are taught in God's word that our mission in life is to declare the knowledge of Christ to the sons of men. May God help us to so declare it, is our prayer.

Respectfully submitted, P. Q. CASON, Chairman.
G. M. RAY,
GUS PADGETT.

On motion, Beulah Association tenders the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Appropriation Resolution.

Since we have \$78 in the treasury, and will probably have no missionary in the field during the ensuing year, and recognizing the duty of every church and association to aid and foster so worthy an institution as the Orphanage, situated at Arcadia, we suggest and recommend that \$20 of said funds be donated for the maintenance of said Orphanage.

G. W. CLYATT,
S. G. BARNETT.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The association met at the appointed hour. After singing and prayer, was called to order by the Moderator.

Report on Missions was made by Rev. J. A. Harris, with a very able address, and a descriptive lecture by Miss J. L. Spalding.

The Executive Board submitted the following report which, on motion, was adopted:

Report of Executive Board.

Your Executive Committee respectfully report that on the 30th of last January we employed Rev. D. L. James to serve as missionary for one-half his time, beginning 15th of February. The Missionary's report herewith attached speaks for itself, so far as the work accomplished and results obtained.

We hereby appropriate \$6 more to be added to the \$129, alluded to in Bro. James' report, making a sum total of \$135, paid our missionary for the time served. After repeated efforts on the part of your committee to cover our local field in past years, we cannot, in justice to the churches, recommend a continuance of a local missionary.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. ROGERS, Chairman.
G. W. CLYATT,
G. W. HELTON.

Bro. S. M. Parker, treasurer of Association, asked to be relieved. On motion, Bro. C. M. Ray was unanimously elected treasurer.

On motion, adjourned until 9:30 o'clock, Sunday morning.

Divine services held Saturday evening, by Rev. R. F. Rodgers.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The Association met at 9:30 o'clock, Sunday morning, and after singing and prayer by Bro. S. G. Barnett, was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, remarks to reports be five minutes in length.

Committee on Sunday schools submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted, after remarks by Bros. G. W. Clyatt and S. G. Barnett:

Report on Sunday Schools.

Your committee on Sunday schools regret to report that some of the churches of our Association have no Sunday schools. Others report large, flourishing schools, and much progress along these lines.

We would recommend to the churches the importance of making the needed sacrifice of money and time to organize and maintain a Sabbath school in every church and locality where the word of God may be taught the children.

We earnestly recommend that the Sabbath school be superintended and taught by Christian men and women, and not by the unconverted.

G. W. CLYATT, Chairman.

J. W. CONE,

W. T. COPELAND.

Committee on Christian Education submitted the report following, and after remarks by Rev. F. C. Edwards and G. W. Clyatt, was adopted:

Report on Christian Education.

We, your Committee on Christian Education, report as follows: That, from our knowledge and observation, we conclude that Education is power and the ability to effectually employ it. This being granted, how very essential that an appropriate and Godly knowledge be the fundamental principle of our power. Education begins in

early childhood and ends at death. Were we ever so desirous, we cannot avoid our minds being a constant receptacle for a knowledge of good or evil. Hence arises the warning, "Abstain from every appearance of evil." "Train up a child in the way he should go," is a command, or rather a counsel, to parents. Parents, then, should be careful to embrace every opportunity to promote every moral and Christian virtue on the part of their children's conduct. It is a sad fact that so many parents are so unmindful of the opportunities extended by our excellent free school system.

We heartily recommend our John B. Stetson University and Seminary, at Louisville, for higher institutions of learning. We are unpardonably negligent in regard to the education of our young ministers. When a young brother in our bounds possesses especial gifts for the momentous and manifold callings of the ministry, we should see to it that an opportunity for the improvement of his gifts are given him. If we carelessly neglect to do this we sin. "He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin."

The time has past when ordinary qualifications will suffice for the arduous duties of the ministry. Brethren, let us do our whole duty, and so glorify our Father by more substantially advancing His cause.

P. Q. CASON, Chairman.

Committee on Woman's Work submitted the following report, after an address by Sister J. L. Spalding, was adopted:

Report on Woman's Work.

Your Committee on Woman's Work report progress in this important branch of church activity, in some, if not all of its features. Our organized work is becoming more and more recognized and appreciated as an auxiliary for the advancement of christianity in all of its phases. The working capabilities of no Baptist church are complete without a Woman's Missionary Union. The primal object, as is well known, is the advancement of missionary effort. First, by infusing more of the spirit of the missions among our members; second, by systematic collections of funds, both among our union membership and by such other means as appeal to our judgment, and not in conflict with Bible teaching, for the furtherance of God's will in extending the Gospel to a sin sick and sin cursed world. But we take occasion to condemn, as without the sanction of the Divine will the methods of some societies in attempting to raise missionary or other funds by questionable entertainments. Such methods will tend to dwarf and retard the development of the missionary spirit.

Woman's work in the mission field, especially in the heathen nations of the world, is universally recognized as indispensable; for in teach-

ing, our women can freely enter the homes of these people and have an influence upon the women and children to a saving knowledge of Jesus that can be exerted by no other means. Let us consecrate our time and means in this organized work, and that there may be a greatly increased interest in this among our sisters is our plea to them, and our prayer to God

MRS. C. M. RAY,
MRS. MARTHA GAY,
MRS. ANNIE HILTON,
MRS. A. P. SMITH.

Report of Committee on Queries.

Your Committee on Queries beg leave to report that there are no Queries.

Lake City Baptist Church has invited this body to meet with them in its next annual session. We would so recommend.

Respectfully submitted. R. H. CARVER, Chairman.

Committee on Temperance submitted the following report, on motion adopted, after remarks by Bro. G. W. Clyatt and Rev. F. C. Edwards.

Report on Temperance.

We, your Committee, submit the following report: We are truly gratified to note the awakening of christians to a realization of the enormity of the evils of intemperance, and our duties as individuals and citizens in lessening these. As individuals the apostolic injunction to avoid the very appearance of evil is no less binding to us of today than to christians of former ages, but as the evil tendencies and results of the drink habit have grown so enormously, and still growing where measures have not been taken for the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors, the drink habit, not only has the appearance of evil, but is a sin in itself because of the well known influences and results.

No true christian can afford to indulge in the use of intoxicants for beverage purposes.

We praise God and congratulate the christian voters of Florida for the many local or county prohibition victories in our State during the last few years. The results according to our information, are that of the 45 counties in the State but 6 remain as license or "wet" counties. Every true christ an in our Stat- must be interested in behalf of these six counties, where the traffic has been greatly stimulated by the closing of saloons in about nine-tenths of the territory. Most of these six counties remain the strongholds of the iniquitous traffic as in them are located our largest cities, the most prominent of which are Jacksonville, Pensacola, Key West and Tampa.

Probably little further can be accomplished in the near future by local prohibition elections in these counties, and we, the christian order loving and law abiding citizens of Florida, must look to the next session of the State legislature, which meets next April, for the legislation by constitutional amendment that will give us the remedy by effective State prohibition, and to effect this, as surely it can and must be done. We understand that organized work will soon begin and we hope will be prosecuted throughout the State to secure signatures, petitioning the legislature to give the needed legislation.

Let us encourage this work in every way possible, and by this means impress upon the minds of our legislators the unmistakable will of the people, then they cannot afford, and surely will not dare, to ignore the will of their constituents. By this means our State can be placed in the prohibition column, and several other States, especially in the South where the temperance sentiment predominates, will surely follow Florida's example.

C. M. RAY,
A. P. SMITH,
L. M. CHAMBERS,

Committee.

The Moderator appointed the following correspondents:

R. H. Carver to the Suwannee Association.

A. R. Moore to the Hamilton Association.

To the Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. J. A. Harris.

To preach Introductory Sermon at next session, Rev. J. A. Harris, Lake City.

Rev. R. F. Rodgers offered the following resolution, on motion unanimously adopted.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved: That the thanks of the Beulah Association are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to John B. Stetson for his generous donation of the Southern Baptist Witness to the Baptists of Florida.

Resolved 2nd: That in appreciation of this liberal contribution we must earnestly stand by and support the Baptist Witness as our denominational organ.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

Report of Finance Committee.

We find the following amounts paid by the several churches during the year:

G. W. Clyatt offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the messengers and visitors to this Association, by rising vote, tender to this church and community their sincerest thanks for the abundant and cordial entertainment accorded to us while in session at this place.

Resolved, That the clerk have 400 copies of Minutes printed and distributed, and that he be paid \$15 for his services.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Lake City Baptist church, on Friday before the first Sunday in November, A. D., 1905.

T. W. GETZON, Moderator.

C. C. ODOM, Clerk.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Rev. F. C. Edwards preached a very interesting and edifying missionary sermon, after which a collection for missions was taken up, amounting to \$13.43. Personal collection, C. M. Ray, \$10; E. Polk, \$5, and S. Edwards, \$5. Total, \$33.43.

Thus closed the twenty-fifth session of Beulah Baptist Association.

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CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairing.	Visiting Ministers.	Sunday-school Expenses.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Orphanage.	At this meeting ministers and associational purposes.	Missions from Sunday Schools.	Total.
Lake City.....	\$100 00		\$40 00	5 00	5 00	2 15		\$14 75		531 46	\$7 75	\$79 21
Mt. Pleasant.....	100 00		5 00	5 00	3 50	1 50		11 79	\$7 08	22 25		129 15
Mt. Beulah.....	125 00	\$5 00	2 50	2 00	10 00		14 08	7 70		3 00		136 04
Mt. Carmel.....	18 00		2 00	2 00						5 00		12 54
Providence-Village.....	150 00		26 00	10 00	12 00		25 00	2 00		10 00		179 59
Hopeful.....	125 00		5 00				18 00			4 25		235 00
Blim.....										5 58		152 25
Providence.....										9 00		5 58
Mt. Zion.....								1 00		4 00		9 00
Lake Butler.....	34 20		60		1 00	1 00				2 10		41 84
Oak Grove.....										1 00		2 10
Philippi.....										1 60		1 60
Hagan.....										2 00		2 00
Bethlehem.....												
Ft. White.....												
Watertown.....		535 08				30 94						566 02
Amount received from.....												20 00
Treasure of last year.....												42 75
Union meeting held with Hagan church, fifth meeting in October.....												5 00
Elim church for each Union.....												5 00
Lake Butler church, each Union.....												5 00
Total.....												\$72 75

NOTE.—Lake City, Mt. Zion, Lake Butler, Philippi, Hagan, Bethlehem and Ft. White were represented by messengers, but without associational letters, and could not get full report.
G. W. CLYATT, for Committee.

MINUTES W. M. U.

Minutes of Women's Missionary Union, held with Elim church, Beulah Baptist Association.

Miss J. L. Spalding, Corresponding Secretary W. M. U. of Florida, met the sisters of Beulah Association Nov. 5; but previous to this meeting she, by invitation of the Association, gave an illustrated talk on mission work and the need of woman's help, following which a meeting with the sisters was held. After stating the object of the meeting, Sister Spalding gave a talk encouraging better organization of local unions.

Churches were represented as follows:

- Providence church (old)—Mrs. Martha Gay.
- Providence church, village—Mrs. L. A. Odom and Mrs. R. G. Ware.
- Eliam church—Mrs. J. S. Harrell.
- Hopeful church—Mrs. A. P. Smith.
- Lake City church—Mrs. C. M. Ray.
- Mt. Pleasant church—Mrs. A. E. Hetton.
- Ft. White church—Mrs. J. W. Chiles.

We hope that Miss Spalding's work will be an impetus to greater effort and better results.

MRS. C. M. RAY, Secretary.

List of Churches, Pastors and Clerks and Statistics of the Church.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	PASTORS FOR ENSUING YEAR	CLERKS	POST OFFICES	Membership Last Year	Increase			Decrease		
						Baptism	Letter	Restored	Death	By Letter	Expelled
Mt. Beulah	P. Q. Cason	P. Q. Cason	G. P. Howell	Welborn	124	18	1	1	1	2	186
Lake City	A. Harris	A. Harris	E. A. Hickson	Lake City	207	12	8	1	6	48	172
Providence Village	G. W. S. Ware	G. W. S. Ware	C. C. Odom	Providence	60	10	8	1	5	1	57
Ft. White	D. L. James	D. L. James	A. J. Green	Ft. White	71	12	2	1	6	1	78
Bethlehem	B. R. Moseley	B. R. Moseley	F. M. Waldren	Lake City R F D No. 1	71	12	2	1	6	1	78
Mt. Pleasant	B. R. Moseley	B. R. Moseley	D. L. Jernigan	Lake City	71	12	2	1	6	1	78
Mt. Zion	P. J. Reeves	P. J. Reeves	E. B. Everett	Lake City	71	12	2	1	6	1	78
Elim	N. B. Plummer	N. B. Plummer	T. W. Getzon	Ft. White	71	12	2	1	6	1	78
Lake Butler	D. L. James	D. L. James	J. G. Parvis	Lake Butler	21	8	2	1	2	1	28
Hopeful	W. H. Holmes	W. H. Holmes	A. P. Smith	Lake City R F D No. 4	21	8	2	1	2	1	28
Mt. Carmel	D. L. James	D. L. James	M. H. Chambers	Lake City R F D No. 1	21	8	2	1	2	1	28
Philippi	D. L. James	D. L. James	W. B. Vinzant	Wilkesville	95	1	1	1	1	1	94
Hagan	D. L. James	D. L. James	L. J. Pyre	Hagan	62	2	1	1	1	1	65
Providence	D. L. James	D. L. James	O. M. D. Weeks	Mason	62	2	1	1	1	1	65
Oak Grove	D. L. James	D. L. James	J. C. Albritton	Lake City R F D No. 5	62	2	1	1	1	1	65
Watertown	Organized Mar. 18, '04 P. Q. Cason	Organized Mar. 18, '04 P. Q. Cason	J. T. Williams	Watertown	62	2	1	1	1	1	65

NOTE.—The reports from Ft. White, Bethlehem, Lake Butler, Mt. Zion, Philippi and Hagan did not give any statistics of membership or pastors, were represented by messengers but not by letters. Some of them promised to send clerk statistics but have failed to do. Hence cannot make any 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 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 an Executive Committee composed of five members, whose appointment shall be approved by the body. Their duties shall be: First, to diligently enquire 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 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 meeting 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.

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; 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 bap-

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

