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MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-First Annual Session

OF THE

Beulah Baptist Association

CONVENED WITH

Watertown Baptist Church

Watertown, Florida

1910

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Moderator, Rev. S. H. Thompson.....Lake City, Fla.
Clerk and Treasurer, J. C. DuBose.....Lake City, Fla.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

C. M. RayLake City, Fla.
J. C. DuBoseLake City, Fla.
J. T. WilliamsWatertown, Fla.
R. H. CarverWellborn, Fla.
S. H. ThompsonLake City, Fla.

Next Annual Session to Be Held With the First Baptist Church of
Lake City, Beginning Friday, October 20, 1911.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

1. Opening meeting with singing, Scripture-reading and prayer.
2. Reading letters from churches and enrolling names of messengers.
3. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
4. Invite visiting 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 (State, home and foreign), Christian education and woman's work.
8. Appoint correspondents.
9. Report of committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. Close with devotional exercises.

MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN BEULAH ASSOCIATION.

ORDAINED.

Rev. S. H. Thompson.....	Lake City, Fla.
Dr. H. W. Tribble.....	Lake City, Fla.
Rev. G. A. L. Cook.....	Norman Park, Ga.
Rev. J. C. DuBose.....	Lake City, Fla.
Rev. H. A. Jordon.....	Lake City, Fla.
Rev. J. T. Jenner.....	Lake City, Fla.
Rev. L. A. Rawls.....	Lake City, Fla.
Rev. J. C. Johnson.....	Lake City, Fla.
Rev. W. J. Sullivan.....	Lake City, Fla.
Rev. Nick Wilder.....	Columbia, Fla.
Rev. S. D. Dupree.....	Genoa, Fla.
Rev. Guss Padget.....	Lake City, Fla., Route No. 7

LICENSED.

Rev. F. A. Bone.....	Lake City, Fla.
Rev. Jesse Johnson.....	Lake City, Fla.
Rev. Sessions Moran.....	Jacksonville, Fla.

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; 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 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 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.

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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 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 upon 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 5:12.

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 16:15.

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 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.

MINUTES

The Beulah Baptist Association convened in Thirty-first Annual Session with the Watertown Baptist Church, Watertown, Fla., on Friday, the 21st day of October, A. D. 1910.

After singing "More Love to Thee," and prayer by Rev. S. H. Thompson, the Clerk, in the absence of the former Moderator, called the body to order and Rev. S. H. Thompson was elected Moderator pro tem.

After the reading of the Fifty-first Psalm and prayer by Rev. J. C. Johnson, the following named messengers were enrolled:

Bethlehem—John Chastine and Lesley Dorch.

Elim—S. J. Edwards and E. Polk.

Hopeful—Thomas Dix.

Lake City—S. H. Thompson, J. C. DuBose, J. C. Johnson, C. M. Ray, Mrs. C. M. Ray, G. W. Clyatt, C. T. Anderson and L. A. Rawls.

Lake Butler—T. P. Register.

Mount Beulah—J. E. J. Lee.

Mount Carmel—M. H. Chambers and H. F. Barwick.

Mount Pleasant—S. M. Parker and H. C. Parker.

Oak Grove—J. R. Avery and J. M. Hall.

"Old" Providence—G. W. Bailey and Wallis Bailey.

Providence Village—W. H. Shaller, Almond Bielling, M. W. Douglass and J. J. Bielling.

Philippi—J. N. Howell.

Watertown—J. T. Williams and E. J. Register.

After the enrollment of messengers, the temporary organization was made permanent.

The Moderator invited visiting ministers to seats with us and invitations were accepted by Rev. Harrison Griffin, of the South Florida Association, Rev. E. A. Albritton, of the Peace River Association, and Sister Peelman, secretary of woman's work, of the Jacksonville Association.

Petitionary letter from Blount's Ferry church was received and referred to the following committee: G. W. Clyatt, S. M. Parker and L. A. Rawls. After investigation they reported favorably on the application and Blount's Ferry church was unanimously received into the fellowship of Beulah Baptist Association.

Adjourned for dinner.

After noon the Moderator called the body to order and the following committees were appointed:

Preaching—C. M. Ray and J. T. Williams.
 Queries—M. H. Chambers, John Chastine and J. M. Hall.
 Finance—G. W. Clyatt, J. T. Jenner and W. H. Shaller.
 Deceased Ministers and Deacons—S. M. Parker and T. P. Register.
 Publications—J. C. Johnson and M. W. Douglass.
 Sunday Schools—J. C. DuBose, J. R. Avery and J. E. Joyner.
 Temperance—C. M. Ray and J. J. Bielling.
 Missions—C. T. Anderson, J. T. Williams and Almond Bielling.
 Christian Education—Dr. H. W. Tribble, J. H. Granberry and J. H. Griffin.
 Woman's Work—Mrs. C. M. Ray, Mrs. J. A. Granberry and Mrs. S. H. Thompson.

The report on Publications was read by J. C. Johnson, discussed by J. C. Johnson, G. W. Clyatt, Sister Peelman and Rev. S. H. Thompson, and was adopted as read, which is as follows:

REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS.

We your Committee on Publications submit the following report:

We believe that many boys and girls have been misled by reading bad literature. We would warn you against certain books that are being sold over our country by men who claim them to be an explanation of the Bible. They are the doctrines of Mr. Russel and are misleading.

We suggest that you place good books in your homes and in buying books that you buy from Baptist institutions.

We recommend that the *Home Field* and the *Foreign Mission Journal* be read, but if you do not have but one paper let that be *The Florida Baptist Witness*. *The Witness* should have the first place in the home of a Florida Baptist, for it is only through its columns that we can be posted as to what we as Baptists are doing.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. JOHNSON,
 M. W. DOUGLASS,
 Committee.

A motion was carried empowering the Moderator to appoint the chairmen on the following committees a year ahead: Christian Education, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Publications, Temperance, Sunday School and Woman's Work.

These chairmen were appointed as follows: On Christian Education, Dr. H. W. Tribble; on Foreign Missions, J. C. DuBose; on Home

Missions, H. A. Jordan; on State Missions, C. T. Anderson; on Publications, J. T. Williams; on Temperance, J. A. Granberry; on Sunday Schools, J. E. J. Lee; on Woman's Work, Mrs. C. M. Ray.

The Committee on Preaching reported that Rev. C. T. Anderson would preach tonight at 7:30.

Adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING—OCTOBER 22.

The body was called together by the Moderator. After singing and prayer, Rev. C. T. Anderson read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum for information to the body.

The letters from the various churches were read to the body by the Clerk and J. C. Johnson.

The Treasurer read his report, which was turned over to the Committee on Finance for their approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT BEULAH ASSOCIATION.

RECEIVED.

1909.			
Oct. 25.	To	amount from C. M. Ray.....	\$ 3 87
"	"	cash from Lake City Church—	
		Minutes and Clerk.....	\$5 50
		State Missions	4 38— 9 88
"	"	from Elim Church—	
		Minutes and Clerk.....	5 00
		Association Missions.....	5 00— 10 00
"	"	from Shiloh Church—	
		Minutes and Clerk.....	2 00
"	"	from Mt. Pleasant Church—	
		Minutes and Clerk.....	2 00
"	"	from Mt. Carmel Church—	
		Minutes and Clerk.....	2 00
"	"	from White Springs Church—	
		Minutes and Clerk.....	3 50
		State Missions	3 81— 7 31
"	"	from Lake Butler Church—	
		Minutes and Clerk.....	3 50
"	"	from Beulah Church—	
		Minutes and Clerk.....	3 75
		Foreign Missions	1 50— 5 25
"	"	from Hagen Church—	
		Minutes and Clerk.....	1 65
"	"	from Woman's Missionary Union—	
		State Missions	1 65

Oct. 25.	To cash from Mt. Zion Church—		
	Minutes and Clerk.....	\$1 00	
" "	" from "Old" Providence Church—		
	Minutes and Clerk.....	3 00	
	State Missions	2 00—	5 00
" "	" from General Collection at Association—		
	State Missions	10 47	
Nov. 9.	" from Philippi Church—		
	Minutes and Clerk.....	2 10	
" "	" from Fort White Church—		
	Minutes and Clerk.....	1 00	
" "	" from Oak Grove Church—		
	Minutes and Clerk.....	2 00	
	Home Missions	1 00—	3 00
" "	" from Elim Church—		
	Foreign Missions	5 50	
Nov. 15.	" from Fort White Church—		
	Minutes and Clerk.....	2 00	
" "	" from Shiloh Church—		
	Foreign Missions	1 50	
Nov. 22.	" from Philippi Church—		
	Foreign Missions	1 15	
Nov. 29.	" from Providence Village Church—		
	Minutes and Clerk.....	1 50	
	Foreign Missions	8 00—	9 50
Dec. 12.	" from Shiloh Church—		
	Home Missions	1 00	
1910.			
Jan. 31.	" from Philippi Church—		
	Foreign Missions	2 00	
" "	" from Mount Beulah Church.....	2 00	
" "	" from Hagen Church.....	75	
" "	" from Lake City Church.....	4 14	
" "	" from Providence Village Church.....	1 95	
" "	" from "Old" Providence Church—		
	Home Missions	1 25	
	Foreign Missions	1 25—	2 50
" "	" from General Collection Providence Union—		
	Home Missions	5 00	
	Foreign Missions	5 00—	10 00
Feb. 6.	" from Elim Church—		
	State Missions	5 00	
	Columbia College	9 00—	14 00
Feb. 14.	" from "Old" Providence Church—		
	Church Building	4 51	
Mar. 6.	" from Elim Church—		
	Home Missions	7 15	
Mar. 10.	" from Mount Carmel Church.....	65	
Mar. 20.	" from Philippi Church—		
	Home Missions	5 00	

Apr. 3.	To cash from Elim Church—		
	Foreign Missions	\$5 22	
" "	" from Providence Village Church—		
	Home Missions	1 80	
Apr. 17.	" from Philippi Church—		
	Foreign Missions	5 25	
" "	" from Shiloh Sunday School—		
	Home Missions	80	
May 30.	" from Providence Village Church.....	2 00	
" "	" from Elim Church.....	7 09	
" "	" from Mount Beulah Church.....	2 07	
" "	" from Lake City Church.....	1 00	
" "	" from Mount Carmel Church.....	1 00	
" "	" from Philippi Church.....	2 50	
" "	" from General Collection Lake City Union.....	8 60	
Aug. 1.	" from Philippi Church.....	2 30	
" "	" from Mount Beulah Church.....	2 00	
" "	" from Providence Village Church.....	1 95	
" "	" from "Old" Providence Church.....	4 00	
" "	" from Lake Church.....	5 00	
" "	" from Elim Church.....	5 00	
" "	" from Mount Pleasant Church.....	2 00	
" "	" from General Collection Elim Union.....	9 35	
Oct. 2.	" from Elim Church Orphanage.....	14 20	
	All received during the year.....	\$231 31	
	Less amount paid out.....	192 97	
	Balance on hand.....	\$ 38 34	
1909.			
	PAID OUT.		
Oct. 25.	By cash paid J. C. DuBose, services as Clerk.....	\$ 29 00	
" "	" " Lewis Entzminger, State Missions.....	10 47	
Dec. 15.	" " Dodd Bros., printing minutes.....	22 60	
Dec. 16.	" sent S. B. Rogers—		
	State Missions	\$10 84	
	Foreign Missions	22 50—	33 34
Dec. 27.	" " S. B. Rogers, Missions.....	2 50	
" "	" " American Baptist Publishing Society, M. C.....	48	
1910.			
Feb. 8.	" " Dr. H. W. Tribble, Columbia College.....	9 00	
Feb. 9.	" " S. B. Rogers, Missions.....	19 50	
Feb. 14.	" " Shiloh Church, from "Old" Providence.....	4 51	
Mar. 7.	" paid J. T. Jenner, Mission work at Genoa.....	2 50	
Mar. 23.	" " A. Knight, Mission work at Genoa.....	1 25	
Mar. 28.	" " J. T. Jenner, Mission work at Genoa.....	1 25	
Apr. 18.	" sent S. B. Rogers, Missions.....	26 22	
Apr. 18.	" paid J. T. Jenner, Mission work at Genoa.....	1 25	
June 6.	" " L. A. Rawls, Mission work at Oak Grove.....	5 00	
June 15.	" " A. G. Powell, printing.....	3 50	
July 12.	" " J. T. Jenner, Mission work at Oak Grove.....	5 00	

July 12. By cash paid J. T. Jenner, Mission work at Blount's Ferry.....	\$10 00
Sept. 20. " " for telegram to witness.....	40
Oct. 3. " sent S. B. Rogers, Orphanage.....	14 20

Total paid out..... \$192.97

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. DuBOSE, *Treasurer.*

The report on Christian Education was read by Prof. J. A. Granberry, discussed by J. A. Granberry and Rev. S. H. Thompson, and adopted as read, which is as follows:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

We your Committee on Christian Education beg to make the following report:

To begin with, we lay down the premise that "The aim of *all* education should not be *learning* but character; and that there can be no formation of the ideals of which determine character aside from religion." What we mean by this is that religion should be the chief concern of the individual, of society, and of the State; and this being the case, and recognizing the fact that the State makes no pretense at educating our boys and girls along religious lines, we surely must admit that the Christian men and women, the leaders of Christian enterprises in the future, must be educated in our denominational schools and colleges; and we are confident that the very best addition to the citizenship of the State will come from those institutions of learning that are fostered and maintained by the church of Christ. The perpetuity and safety of the home and State is dependent on the religion of the home and the denominational school. Leave the education of the people *solely* to the State and soon anarchy will prevail.

The safeguard to all that is sacred and elevating in the world of education is the denominational school. And a word personal: Here in our own bounds we have an institution, owned and operated by the Baptists of Florida, whose chief aim and object is to educate along above lines. Columbia College should have one hundred boys and girls within the bounds of this Association. Brethren, let us have your boys and girls, diamonds in the rough; we promise to return them to you burnished and polished, and leaders of Christian thought and influence. It is yours to furnish the material, ours to develop and strengthen, which, under God, we recognize as a sacred trust.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. H. W. TRIBBLE,

J. A. GRANBERRY, SR.,

J. HARRISON GRIFFIN,

Committee.

Rev. C. T. Anderson read the report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons. The report, which is as follows, was adopted as read:

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons beg to report as follows:

We are sorry to have to report the untimely death of our much beloved Brother, A. Knight, of Lake City, Fla. Also the death of Brother F. M. Gay, Deacon of "Old" Providence church.

Your Committee would recommend that this associational body suspend business for a prayer in behalf of their widows and that a suitable page in our minutes be set apart to their memory.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. PARKER,

T. P. REGISTER,

Committee.

Rev. C. T. Anderson led a prayer in behalf of Sisters Knight and Gay.

The report on Queries, which is as follows, was read by M. H. Chambers, and adopted with the invitation clause stricken out.

REPORT ON QUERIES.

We your Committee on Queries beg to make the following report: We find no queries sent in by the churches and none have asked in their letters for the next Association, but we of Mt. Carmel church would invite the next session to meet with us.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. CHAMBERS,

J. M. HALL,

J. R. CHASTEEN,

Committee.

Adjourned for dinner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Moderator called the body together and after singing and prayer by Rev. H. W. Markham, the report on Missions was read by Rev. C. T. Anderson, discussed by C. T. Anderson, J. C. DuBose and S. H. Thompson.

The report, which is as follows, was adopted as read:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

"Stingily ye have given, stingily receive." If our Master had quoted these words in the place of "Freely ye have received, freely give," would we feel differently towards Missions?

If God so loved the world that He was willing to give His Best to redeem those who might call upon Him, is it not worth while to take cognizance of the fact that the path of the "Lowly Nazarene" is the path that He expects us to travel?

His life was a life of service, His work a work to press men into His field of labor. If we would retain God's word we must not try to hide it from the world.

It is a deplorable fact that many of our pastors lay such little stress on Foreign Missions that many of our laymen have come out openly and condemned the work as a work of man's hand and that it should not be fostered by our denomination.

We are sorry to note a dropping off in Missions in last year's report. We feel that there should be some means to arouse our churches to a sense of their duty towards Mission work that we have not used heretofore. We your committee recommend that this Association, through the State Board of Missions, employ a strong man, full time, as early as possible, to do missionary work within the bounds of our Association.

We have our Missions divided into State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Columbia College, Aged Ministers and the Orphanage, and we would recommend that each one of our churches take at least one collection each year for each division of our work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. ANDERSON,
J. T. WILLIAMS,
ALMOND BIELLING,
Committee.

The report on Finance was read by G. W. Clyatt and adopted as read, which is as follows:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We your Committee on Finance beg to make the following report. We find that the following amounts have been sent up from the various churches:

Bethlehem	\$ 1.55
Elim	5.00
Hopeful	1.50
Lake City	12.41
Lake Butler	5.00
Mount Beulah	5.50
Mount Carmel	3.00
Oak Grove	3.25

"Old" Providence	\$3.00
Providence Village	5.00
Philippi	2.50
Shiloh	2.40
Watertown	5.00
Blount's Ferry	4.00
Total	\$59.11

After examining the Treasurer's report, we find same correct, with a balance on hand of \$38.34.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. CLYATT,
J. T. JENNER,
W. H. SHALER,
Committee.

The report on Temperance was read by C. M. Ray, and discussed by C. M. Ray, J. A. Granberry and C. T. Anderson, and adopted as read, which is as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is indulgence in whatever tends to the injury of the individual, physically or morally. We can not advocate the enactment of laws against intemperance, but we should, entirely within the domain of right, help to enact laws for the removal of traps and deadfalls that catch their human victims and destroy life even to a far greater perceptible extent than do the less enticing traps catch the unwary birds. Such are the legalized saloons. Much has been said about the right way to deal with these, and the time for decision is at hand, for the question of saloons or no saloons must be decided by the qualified voters of the State of Florida on the eighth day of next November.

There is a right way and a wrong way to decide this important question. Important? Yes, the most important that has been before the people of Florida for many years. Let an enlightened conscience control the individual decision and all will be well. And we are encouraged in the belief that conscience is enlightened and awakened as never before.

No one should have liberty to do wrong when the wrong-doing affects the liberties and endangers the lives of others. Saloons in the few wet counties of Florida affect the liberties and endanger the lives of all the people of the State. Then State prohibition is as righteous as State laws against theft and murder.

We call attention to the local option dodge that the liquor interests

are circulating so freely in this State. It is not from any consideration of fairness that they favor local option. Their entire aim at present is to maintain the wet territory and, if successful, to enlarge the wet territory as soon as conditions will permit.

There has been a wonderful change in public sentiment on this important question in recent years and now more than half of the territory of the States, embracing nine entire States, with a population of forty-one millions of Americans, live in dry territory, and the battle is on for enlargement. Several States, including Florida, will decide for or against State prohibition in the next few days.

We cannot conceive how any Christian can consent to help perpetuate the devil's most potent agency for evil in the world today on any of the several pleas for continued life of the saloon in our cities, for there the saloon-keepers are defiant of law. The fact that twenty-two murders were committed in Jacksonville during the first months of this year should move all Florida to action.

Awaken, O Christian man! Remember if you vote wrong it will rebound against your influence as a Christian, and confidence in you will be weakened.

We respectfully submit this as an expression of the attitude of this Association, and we pray that God may direct and give us the victory, a great moral victory, and to Him we will give the glory.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. RAY,
J. J. BIELLING,
Committee.

The Moderator appointed C. M. Ray, C. T. Anderson and J. T. Williams as a committee to apportion the \$250.00 asked for by the Foreign Mission Board among the various churches.

Invitations for the next session of the Association were received from Lake City, Elim and Mt. Carmel. By ballot Lake City was the winning contestant.

The following committees and correspondents were appointed:

Executive Board—C. M. Ray, J. C. DuBose, J. T. Williams, R. H. Carver and S. H. Thompson.

Delegates to the State Convention—Dr. H. W. Tribble, L. A. Rawls and J. C. DuBose.

Correspondent to Suwanee Association—G. W. Clyatt.

Correspondent to Central Association—J. C. DuBose.

Rev. S. H. Thompson was elected as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention with Dr. H. W. Tribble as alternate.

Motion was carried that the clerk be paid twenty (\$20) dollars

for compensation and that he be empowered to draw on the Treasurer for a sufficient amount to print and distribute three hundred copies of the minutes.

Dr. H. W. Tribble was nominated as member of the State Board of Missions.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Sister C. M. Ray, and after discussion by J. C. DuBose and S. H. Thompson, was adopted as read, which is as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We rejoice that woman's work is recognized as important and that there are so many ways in which she may do effective Christian work. While heart preparation is essential, education is important. Especially should she be well informed along the line of work she is doing. Judgment, too, must be exercised to know when to give special effort to particular lines of work. The effective worker will constantly come in contact with those who give undue thought to certain lines of work and quite neglect other lines that are no less important. Some of our women give time and means to home work, but do not see the duty of helping in other fields. Our efforts are to begin at home, but must not stop there. The missionary spirit needs more and more to be cultivated that there may be harmony of thought and action and we better meet every obligation.

We are gratified to be able to report that we have in several of the churches of Beulah Association working societies. We regret we can not report societies in all our churches and we pray God we may be able to report more work of this kind another year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. M. RAY,
MRS. J. A. GRANBERRY,
MRS. S. H. THOMPSON,
Committee.

REPORTS FROM WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

LAKE CITY.

Missionary and Aid Society.

Foreign Missions	\$ 17 00
Home Missions	24 00
State Missions	13 00
Orphanage (Cash and Box)	38 25
Local Work	218 60
Total	\$310 85

LAKE BUTLER.

Missionary Society.

Foreign Missions	\$24 05
Home Missions	10 00
Columbia College	5 00
Orphanage	9 00
Poor at Home.....	22 25
Total.....	\$70 30

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Missionary Society.

Foreign Missions	\$ 1 25
Home Missions	2 50
State Missions	2 00
Columbia College	1 00
Orphanage	5 00
Total.....	\$11 75

MOUNT BEULAH.

Missionary Society.

Foreign Missions	\$ 2 25
Endowment	25
Orphanage	37 48
Total.....	\$39 98

LAKE CITY.

Young Woman's Auxiliary.

State Missions	\$ 1 85
Mountain Schools	80
Total.....	\$ 2 65

The Association adjourned to meet Sunday morning at nine forty-five. Benediction by the Moderator.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The Moderator called the body to order and after singing and prayer by Brother Ray, C. M. Ray read the report for the Executive Committee which was discussed by Rev. S. B. Rogers, Secretary of the State Board of Missions, and adopted as read, which is as follows:

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee is expected to have general advisory supervision of evangelistic work in this Association and to advise and assist in such manner as seems best in the collection of offerings for the several objects that need our help. To this end we respectfully suggest and recommend that all of our churches adopt a system of taking offerings at least once every year at such time as they see fit: First, for Home Missions; second, for Foreign Missions; third, for the Baptist Orphanage; fourth, for Columbia College, and that in addition collections be continued, as at present, at least four times each year for State Missions.

The Executive Committee during part of the past year has supplemented the salaries of two of our young ministers who are serving Oak Grove and Blount's Ferry Mission churches. These churches will continue to need help.

Let us contribute liberally to sustain and extend this work, for the need is urgent, many communities being destitute of the full truth as it is in a proper conception of what vital religion is.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. RAY,
For the Committee.

Motion was carried that the following announcements be adopted as read:

Time of holding the next session of this Association be Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, A. D. 1911. Place, First Baptist Church, Lake City, Fla. The introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. J. C. DuBose.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by J. C. DuBose and after discussion by J. C. DuBose and Rev. S. H. Thompson was adopted as read, which is as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your Committee on Sunday Schools beg to report as follows:

We find that there is less than sixty per cent of our churches that maintain a Sunday-school and that the lack is not on the part of the children, but with the older ones. In every church that has no Sunday-school there are children anxious to go to Sunday School if they only had someone to go ahead. Because of this lack of interest on the part of the old ones the children in the churches where they have no Sunday-school are drifting away into sin and places of vice. Oh! that we could only realize the great responsibility that is resting on us in bringing up our children in the way they should go.

There is a man in every church, yes in *every* church, that can take the lead, go ahead and conduct a Sunday-school, if the people will only stand by him and uphold his hands by their presence, support and prayer. Unworthy he! yes, unworthy of anything; but unworthiness is the first qualification of a good leader.

We your committee would recommend that each church that has no Sunday-school, and most of those that have, try this plan and see how well it will work. Look over the mistakes and short-comings of your leader, extinguish them as soon as possible, and speak a kind word to him and about him whenever occasion will permit and see your Sunday-school take on new life and begin to grow.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. DuBOSE,

J. R. AVERY,

J. E. JOYNER,

Committee,

The following resolution was offered by the Clerk and adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we the Beulah Baptist Association extend, by a rising vote, to the Watertown Baptist Church and community our thanks and appreciation for their generous hospitality and royal entertainment while here in their midst.

The Association adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church of Lake City, Lake City, Fla., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, A. D. 1911.

Missionary sermon was preached by Rev. S. H. Thompson. Collection for State Missions was taken amounting to \$12.32.

OUR HONORED DEAD.

ELIM.

Sister T. W. Getzen.
Sister Ada Hutchins.
Sister John Livingston.
Brother Guss Lord.
Brother Irve Kinard.

HOPEFUL.

Sister Lula Dix.
Sister Hodge.

LAKE CITY.

Brother Samuel Fackler.
Rev. Austin Knight.

LAKE BUTLER.

Brother T. P. Fowler.

"OLD" PROVIDENCE.

Deacon F. M. Gay.
Sister Lola Cobia.

PROVIDENCE VILLAGE.

Sister Ollie Fralick.

FINANCIAL.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.							WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.			OTHER SOCIETIES.			
Churches, W. M. S. and other Societies in the Church																			
For the Poor.	Minutes and Clerk.	TOTAL.	Value of Pastor's Home.	Value of Church Property.	Total Value of Property.	Name of Sunday School Superintendent and Postoffice Address.	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.	Number of Teachers.	Scholars Baptized.	Sunday School Expenses.	Missions and Benevolence.	Total for all Purposes.	Name of President and Postoffice Address.	Contributed for Missions and Benevolence.	Value of Missionary Boxes.	Total for all Purposes.	Name of Society.	President and Postoffice Address.
\$.....	\$.55	\$ 22.85	\$.....	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	5.00	238.59	.....	800.00	800.00	S. J. Edwards, R. F. D. No. 2, Fort White, Fla.	1	40	3	4	12.00	.....	12.00	Mrs. M. A. Harrall, Fort White, Fla.	9.00	.....	9.00	.....	.....
.....	1.50	28.00	.....	350.00	350.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8.70	12.41	1,521.49	2,500.00	10,000.00	12,500.00	W. J. O'Conner, Lake City, Fla.	1	100	13	2	80.50	15.00	95.50	Mrs. J. A. Granberry, Lake City, Fla.	292.70	25.00	317.70	B. Y. P. U.	Miss Lillian Thompson, Lake City, Fla.
.....	5.00	243.66	1,500.00	2,000.00	3,500.00	H. L. Fowler, Lake Butler, Fla.	1	110	9	.....	60.00	.....	60.00	Jannie Caver, Wellborn, Fla. ....	.....	.....	39.98	.....	.....
6.00	2.50	108.68	.....	500.00	500.00	R. H. Carver, Wellborn, Fla.	1	110	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	3.00	18.00	.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	3.25	69.50	.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	3.00	209.64	.....	600.00	600.00	J. F. Rosier, R. F. D. No. 1, Lulu, Fla.	1	32	4	1	.....	5.54	5.54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	5.00	168.75	.....	2,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	2.50	153.10	.....	500.00	500.00	P. D. Vinzant, R. F. D. No. 1, Fort White, Fla.	1	30	3	8	3.50	.....	3.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	2.40	154.65	.....	200.00	200.00	T. C. Hooper, High Springs, Fla.	1	35	2	.....	3.00	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	5.00	361.84	.....	1,200.00	1,200.00	J. T. Williams, Watertown, Fla.	1	50	5	.....	5.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	4.00	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
\$14.70	\$55.11	\$3,302.75	\$4,000.00	\$19,250.00	\$23,250.00	.....	8	507	45	15	\$164.00	\$ 20.54	\$184.54	.....	\$301.70	\$ 25.00	\$367.38	.....	.....