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ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Devotional Service.
- 2. Present Letters and Enroll Messengers.
- 3. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
- 4. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
- 5. Call for petitionary letters.
- 6. Call for Correspondents.
- Appoint Committees on Preaching, Nominations, and Order of Business, Finance, Deceased Members, Publications, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Missions, (State and Home and Foreign), Christian Education, Woman's Work, Orphanage, Digest of Letters and the B. Y. P. U.
- 8. Appoint Correspondents.
- 9. Reports of Committees.
- 10. Unfinished Business.
- 11. Close with Devotional Service.

ORDAINED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP WITH US

E. C. J. Dickens, Lake City, Fla.

John Dicks, Rt. A, Lake City, Fla.

J. R. Eubanks, Lake City, Fla.

W. N. Cone, Lake City, Fla.

W. C. Taylor, White Springs, Fla.

E. D. Rogers, White Springs, Fla.

LICENSED MINISTERS

H. W. Markham, Lake City, Fla.

A. T. Robertson, Lake City, Fla.

MINUTES

OF THE BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Convened in the forty-fourth annual session with Fort White
Baptist Church, Columbia County, Fla., Oct. 18, 1923.

THURSDAY MORNING

10 a. m.—In the absence of the former Moderator, Rev. W. R. White, the body was called to order byy C. M. Ray, Clerk. Rev. John Dicks was elected temporary Moderator and the following names were enrollded from the several churches:

BETHLEHEM-R. J. Craig.

ELIM-J. J. Swails, J. F. Dennis, Mrs. J. F. Dennis, T. E. Getzen, Mrs. L. G. Getzen, Mrs. M. G. Sennis.

FELLOWSHIP-J. H. Newsome, J. A. Morris, Mr. M. G. Dennis.

LAKE CITY—E. A. McColskey, D. B. Duke, Rev. E. C. J. Dickens, Rev. J. R. J. Eubanks, B. H. Groover, Mrs. T. H. Meeks, Mrs. Jas. McCormack, T. H. Meeks, Mrs. T. H. Meeks, A. R. Wise, Mrs. A. R. Wise, W. C. Godbolt, Rev. W. N. Cone, C. M. Ray, Mrs. C. M. Ray.

OLD PROVIDENCE-W. A. Bailey, Mrs. S. W. Lamb, J. T. Gay.

WATERTOWN-Mrs. P. F. Batten, Mrs. L. L. Trailer, Mrs. H. T. Batten, E. P. Loomis, Mrs. J. T. Williams.

WELBORN-Letter.

WHITE SPRINGS-Miss Jennie Camp.

FORT WHITE-W. C. Ellis, E. G. Persons, W. B. Hollingsworth.

HOPEFUL-Rev. John Dicks.

MT. BEULAH-R. H. Carver, A. J. Miller.

MT ZION-Letter.

Oak Grove-Letter.

PHILLIPPI—G. L. Churchwell, Miss Mary Small, P. D. Vinzant, Mrs. P. D. Vinzant.

FIRST CHURCH, PROVIDENCE, J. J. BEILLING, W. H. Shaller, Mrs. C. O. Beilling, C. O. Beilling, Mrs. C. A. Beilling. SHILOH—Mrs. D. W. Dubose, Beatrice Colson, Ella May Guinn.

Permanent Officers were elected as follows: Rev. John Dicks, Moderator; C. M. Ray, Clerk; and John Newsome, Treasurer. Visitors were invited to seats, and the following accepted the courtesy: Rev. R. W. Bugg, Mrs. R. W. Bugg, Mrs. J. D. Logan, Mrs. M. A. Priest. The following committees were announced:

On Preaching—Rev. R. W. Bugg, W. C. Ellis, E. G. Persons. On Nominations—Rev. E. C. J. Dickens, E. W. Dubose, D. B. Duke.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

Association re-convened, and devotional service was led by Rev. W. N. Cone.

Finance Committee-J. H. Newsome, C. M. Ray and T. E. Getzen.

Deceased Members-E. G. Persops, S. H. Groover, A. J. Miller.

Publications—H. W. Markham, E. A. McColskey, Mrs. T. H. Meeks.

Sunday Schools—J. J. Swails, M. G. Dennis, T. E. Getzen. Foreign Missions—Rev. E. C. J. Dickens, R. H. Carver, C. M.

State Missions-Rev. W. C. Taylor, Miss Jennies Camp, Mrs.

C. M. Ray.

Home Missions—Rev. John Dicks, S. W. Lamb, J. N. Howell. Christian Education—Mrs. C. M. Ray, Mrs. A. R. Wise, Mrs. C. O. Beiling.

Orphanage- G. L. Churchwell, E. G. Persons, Mrs. L. G. Getzen.

Temperance—Rev. J. R. Eubanks, E. P. Dubose, Mrs. Jessie

*Ministerial Aid—Rev. W. N. Cone, D. W. Dubose, Mrs. Jas. McCormack.

Sabbath Observance—L. E. McCall, Mrs. P. E. Batten, Mrs. D. W. Dubose.

B. Y. P. U.—Earle Carver, Mrs. Maud Trylor, Mrs. J. T. Williams.

Correspondents to other Associations—Mrs. P. E. Batten, to Central Association; D. W. Dubose, to Harmony Association. GADLLEY TWO

Letters from the churches were read.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Miss Jennie Camp and pending adoption was spoken by Mrs. Camp, B. H. Groover and E. A. McColskey. Adopted. (See Report in minutes of Woman's Meeting.)

Report of the Committee on Preaching announced Rev. John Dicks would preach this eavening.

Report of the Com on Sunday Schools was read by J. J. Swails, and pending adoption spoken to by Rev. E. C. J. Dickens, T. M. Getzen, J. A. Morris and R. H. Carver.

Adopted.

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The Report on deceased members was read by E. G. Persons. We the committee on Deceased Members regret the loss of 13 members reported from the churches of the Beulah Association, and recommend the Clerk of the Association have the names of the deceased members published in the minutes on a page set apart for that purpose.

E. G. PERSONS, A. J. Miller BENJ. H. GROOVER

Adjournment—to re-convent tomorrow at 10 a. m.

GALLEY NO. TWO

FRIDAY MORNING

The devotional service was led by Bro. T. E. Getzen, after which the Association was called to order, and other messingers enrolled.

The report of the State Baptist Orphanage was read by Bro. G. L. Churchwell, and after motion to adopt, was discussed by the author.

Adopted (See page)

The report on Temperance was read by Rev. J. R. Eubanks, pending adoption was discussed by the author, T. E. Getzen, Rev. E. C. J. Dickens, Rev. John Dicks, J. A. Morris, A. J. Miller, C. M. Ray, and Rev. W. N. Cone. Adopted.

The reports of committees on State, Foreign, and Home Missions were read by Rev. John Dicks, Rev. E. C. J. Dickens, and one prepared by Rev. W. C. Taylor and on a motion after discussion were adopted.

11 a. m.—The Committee on Preaching selected Rev. E. C. J. Dickens to preach the Missionary Sermon.

After the sermon an offering was takin for Missions amounting to \$10.

Intermission for dinner.

Re-convened at 2 p. m.

Devotional service was led by Rev. J. R. Eubanks.

The report of the committee on ministerial aid of which Rev. W. N. Cone was chairman was read by the Clerk; spoken to by Bro. Cone and C. M. Ray. Adopted. (For report, see page—)

The report on Christian Education was read by Mrs. C. M. Ray. Discussion by Rev. E. C. J. Dickens and E. G. Persons. Adopted. (For report, see page—)

H. W. Markham was the appointed chairman of the Committee on publication, but was absent and no report presented. The clerk was instructed to ask Brother Markham to write this report to be inserted in the minutes. The subject was discussed by Rev. John Dicks, T. E. Getzen, and Miss Jennie Camp.

The report on Sabbath observance was read by E. G. Persons, and pending adoption was spoken to by him, and Rev. W. N. Cone. Adopted. (Report on page—)

The report on the B. Y. P. U. written by Earle Carver was read and adopted. (Report on page—)

The report of Committee on Nominations was read by Brother Dickens. Report. Adopted.

A resolution was introduced by Brother Churchwell that the next association meet with Fellowship church in October 1924, the days of meeting to be arranged by the executive committee. Adopted.

A resolution of thanks to Fort White church and community was read by Brother Dickens and adopted.

Adjournment with a song and hand-shaking.

MINUTES OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union of Beulah Association met Oct. 9, 1923, at the Lake City Baptist Ccurch. Mrs. James McCormack led the devotional service, after which the President, Miss Jennie Camp took charge. Mrs. H. W. Markham welcomed the ladies of the association. Miss White, a Convention Field Worker was introduced to which she made graceful response. The ladies were much pleased to have Mrs. Peelman present.

Miss Camp gave a good report of her year's work. At Mrs. Peelan's suggestion the ladies rose to express their appreciation of Miss Camp's service.

Mrs. Markham made an interesting talk on the training school, and read a letter fram Miss Nell Futch telling some of her experiences there. It was suggested that the Societies send boxes of fruit and nuts to Training School students.

Miss Camp told of Miss Mary Waters' being on the water nearing Japan at the time of the earthquake. Miss White led in prayer for her and other new missionaries.

Mrs. Peelman spoke on the 75-million Campaign. She spoke of the importance of the study of "Stewardship and Missions."

The report on young people's work by Mrs Cone, of White Springs was edifying. Miss White made a strong appeal for the young people's work, followed by Mrs. Peelman.

Dismissed for dinner.

Afternoon Sessions. Devotional led by Mrs. Billings.

Mrs Camp read the following recommendations, which were adopted:

RECOMMENDATIONS

H. W. Markham was the appointee of the Committee on pub-

1. Maintenance of family altars.

Regular use in our homes and society meetings of Caldar of Prayer in Royal Service.

3. Observance of weeks of Prayer.

- Use, especially at circle meetings of Bible studies in Royal Service and other recommended studies on the Bible.
- 5. Support associational worker.
- At least one mission study class during the year in each Woman's Missionary Society, preferably one in each circle.
- 7. White Cross supplies to S. B. C. Foreign Hospitals.

8. Biible plan of giving and stewardship.

 What the W. M. S. should consider itself responsible for the organizations for the young people, providing its leader and fostering its work.

Treasurer reported \$26 received, which was paid to Miss Camp. Society reports were read by Miss Camp.

Nominating committee recommended the following names for election to the several officers for the ensuing year.

Presiden, Miss Jennie Camp, White Springs, Fla.

Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. C. M. Ray, Lake City, Fla.

Young Peoples' Leader, Miss Lois Wise.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. C. M. Ray, Lake City, Fla.

Publicity chairman, Mrs. T. H. Meeks.

Missionary Study chairman, Mrs. Billings.

Steward Chairman, Mrs. D. N. Cone, White Springs, Fla.

District No. 1: Elim, Ft. White, Shiloh, Phillippi, 1st Providence, Old Providence, Superintendent, Mrs. Robert Persons.

District No. 2: Lake City, Hopeful, Athens, Oak Grove, Hopewell, Mt. Pleasant, Superintendent, Mrs. J. R. Eubanks.

District No. 3: Mrs. E. F. Brown, superintendent, Wellborn, Mt. Beulah, Mt. Zion, Mt. Carmel, Fellowship.

District No. 4: Mrs. A. M. Lake, Superintendent, Watertown, Guilford Bethlehem, Lulu, White Springs. Report adopted.

Mrs. Peelman gave a very interesting report of her trip to the meeting of the Worlds Baptist Alliance. Miss White made a plea for the county churches, and for a greater devotion on the part of all. Adjourned until evening when the young people put on a most interesting program, and Miss White gave another good talk.

MRS. C. M. RAY. SEC.

B. Y. P. U. REPORT

During the last ten years there has been a great development in the work of the B. Y. P.U.

There are now within the Convention 13,988 Unions, a gain of 3,300 in the pase year. The aggregated membership now ranging around 485,000. In Florida we have 16 B. Y. P. U. federations, reaching from Miami Association to the Pensacola City Union.

Our Field Worker, Miss Ditmar, is kept busy conducting study courses throughout the state and we are glad to say that within the last year there have been 863 Senior Diplomas, 131 Intermediate and 140 Juniors.

Florida has 383 unions, with a membership of 10,451.

The work of the B. Y. P. U. is to train the young Christians in every part of church work, such as Missions Bible Study, Stewardship, personal work, evangelism, church enlistment, prayer, etc. In fact it is an essential in moulding the character of the growing Christian.

Respectfully submitted,

EARLE E. CARVER.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF W. M. U, BEULAH ASSOCIATION

At this our first W. M. U. Annual Meeting, apart from our regular Associational Meeting, we are glad to meet with the Lake City Society. We trust that the apparent progress of the town is speaking for us the growth of our work for the Master the in-coming year.

As I, your president for the past year, look back one year I am thinking of the many things I had hoped might be done by this time. I am glad for all that has been accomplished and want to express my appreciation for each one who has had a part in the work and have been sofaithful and helpful. I regret for the lack of time and other reasons I have not done more. I had desired to visit each church and to teach some Mission Study Classes. I do want to see every one of our churches

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with a Missionary Society, so that their women and young people may rejoice in this wonderful opportunity of service for our Savior.

May not the saling of our forty recent new missionaries for foreign fields bring to us a sense of both joy and solemn responsibility. We rejoice that the Lord has honored us and them in calling into the highest Christian Servise; and we are soberly by the reflection that almost half a hundred of our choicest, best-prepared most valuable young people left home, kindred, and the things that are dear to the natural heart to go into the midst of prejudice, superstition, ignorance and disease, trusting us to provide for them the necessities of life and adequate facilities for successful work.

We are depending on them to be faithful representatives. Have they not a right to depend on us to support them with interest, prayer, sympathy, and our money. What a shame to us would it be if we fail them. And not only these but our Home Mission interest. State Missions, Aged Ministers, Christian Schools, Hospitals, and our Orphans are all looking to us to carry on to success our great Missionary Campaign. The closing year will only be victorious by every one who truly loves our Savior doing their level best.

All these interests and our 550 missionaries are to us a constant challenge to faith that knows no defeat and love that knows no denying. God grant that the millions who remain shall be worthy of those who have gone in our stead.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Miles traveled, 379 approximately.

Letters and cards written, 115.

Letters and cards received, 85.

- 3 Ex. Com. of As. W. M. U. attended.
- 2 Wm. M. U. First Providence and Watrtown.
- 1 State Convention.
- 1 District Meeting, Live Oak.
- 1 Assembly
- 4 churches visited.
- 9 talks made.
- 1 Sunbeam Band organized.

\$26 received for expenses. Work in association about covered amount.

Respectfully committed, JENNIE CAMP, White Springs, Fla.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

When our Lord said in the closing verses of Matthew, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," He gave an everlasting command to all Disciples, and, Brethren, are we calling on our people and impressing upon them this call to service? The Devil is trying to monopolize all the modern inventions of the world which are given to bless the world. There is but one way to have them properly used by teaching as commanded. The Sunday School is recognized as the "great charging station" in our Christian work. Therefore, delegates of the churches, consecrate your lives to inspiring your consistency to the task of teaching every member of your church the eternal commands and exhortations as given us by the Inspired Book-"The Bible."

Fraternally submitted,
J. J. SWAILS, Chairman
T. E. GETZEN
M. G. DENNIS

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We, your committee in Temperance, herein submit our report: First, let us consider Temperance from the viewpoint of intoxicating drink. The conditions as now existing are not very satisfactory to either side. Men who live to revel in drinking complain, and that proves they are limited; the men who oppose intoxications are not strict enough. However, we are glad to report that conditions are much better than it was under the old open-bar times.

How can we improve contitions? This is an important question and worthy of our consideration. This may be answered briefly. If every good citizen will put his shoulder to the wheel and push it will begin to roll. When boot-leggers see that the law is enforced, they will begin to realize that their business is closing out.

Who will be the most likely to take the initiative in bringing about this improvement? Men and women who believe in God to the saving of their souls. Men and women who fear to do it will show what they are. The man who loves his neighbor too much to see that he is punished for his sin, loves God less; the

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man who fears to see that the boot-legger is punished, is a moral coward. Those were the kind of men whom God could not use in Gideon's army. They may answer to the church roll call, but God doesn't know them.

When must good men begin to enforce law? Now, begin at once and keep it up until lawbreakers are punished to the limit. Punishment can be administered till obedience comes.

Second, we should not direct our battery entirely on intoxicating drink. There are more things that men are intemperate on. We should practice Temperance in all things. We briefly mention a few things on which the American people are drunk: cardplaying, dancing, theaters, ball games, prize fighting and movies.

> J. R. EUBANKS E. P. DUBOSE JESSIE GUYNN

Committee

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Your committee submits the following report:

The first responsibility of Florida Baptists is to encourage and support the interests of the Kingdom of our Lord, within the bounds of our state: then to lend a helping hand to needy sections in other territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, and to support the preaching of the Gospel "unto the uttermost parts of the earth," in obedience to our Lord's commands.

To accomplish these ends, we have our Baptist State Mission Board, as the clearing house for all our work outside the local church, both within our state, and beyond the state boundaries.

The Mission Work is vast and vital. Florida is largely Mission territory and will be for years to come. Some facts are herewith presented, based on figures of 1922, revealing activities and problems of our State Mission work.

Associations in Florida, 29, white Baptist churches, 766, total membership 77,846. Baptisms, 5,578; of these 919 were by our missionaries. Received into churches on our mission fields, 1,843. Employed in whole or in part 81 missionary pastors and evangelists.

Contributed \$20,469.37 to pastorial aid at needy points, 80 per cent of which went to the aid of country and village churches.

Paid on appropriations for church-building, \$14,539.94. Collected and reported by field workers for this purpose, \$24,968.52.

Appropriated for Sunday School Department, \$4,044.01; for W. M. U., \$4,272.93; for B. Y. P. U., \$2,522.60.

Appropriated to Ministerial Relief to disabled preachers in this state, \$3,060.05.

Paid into Treasury of Orphans Home, \$19,562.32. Florida contributed to Foreign Missions, 31,655.86.

For Home Missions, \$29,281,67.

For Christian education pad into endowment of Southern Ministry, \$24,889.43.

For Christian Education Board and Southwide Institutes or education of ministers and mission workers, \$2,018.05.

There was collected for the campaign last year \$158,279.32. This far-reaching work deserves our intelligent allegiance and consecrated co-operation.

Respectfully submitted by committee, Wm. C. TAYLOR MISS JENNIE CAMP MRS. C. M. RAY

Committee

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

In all these years since the Southern Baptist Convention was organized we have been accustomed to think of our Foreign Mission work as purely an effort to save people of the various heathen and Pagan nations. While that feature of the work still remains true, yet in these later days following the World War the facts revealed another situation. The same lofty reasons which impelled Woodrow Wilson and Congress to step in and whip Germany, yes, the same facts forces American Christians to support the preaching of the Gospel all over the world.

We are forced to recognize for not noly Religious, but even commercial reasons that unless we Christianize Europe and the countries south of us they will heathenize us. Such a spectacle.

We are leavong off the ordinary statistics. There are however some 600 missionaries now supported to work in the various foreign lands besides many teachers in our schools, which are really a part of our missionary forces.

We have not the facts as to financial status of things, but we do know that owing to failure of many to pay their campaign pledges our Foreign Board is short at least a million dollars. This is fatal to the cause. That our World Mission work should as never before be pushed is as important now as that of the local churches.

May our God lead us to make such sacrifices as lie within

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our power to meet the need.

E. C. J. DICKENS, Chairman C. M. RAY R. H. CARVER

Committee.

HOME MISSION REPORT

The Home Mission Board made a great report to the Souhtern Baptist Convention in Kansas City last May. Eighteen years ago, the Convention met in that city, and the Board rendered the following report.

Receipts, \$169,988.92.

Baptisms, 10,551.

Additions to the churches, 20,570.

Last May the Board reported:

Receipts, \$1,002,193.07.

Baptisms, 38,770.

Additions to the churches, 59,597.

A great gain in eighteen years. Much has been done, and yet the opportunities are larger than ever before. More than half the people within the territory are yet unevangelized.

Approximately 4,000,000 foreigners, and persons of foreign parentage are in our bounds.

And the Negro race of the South, with a population approximately of 10,000,000 people affords a great opportunity and a mighty challenge to Southern Baptists. This Board is the one South-wide missionary agency and has been the greatest one factor in helping to make the South a mighty Baptist empire.

While Southern Baptist have made wonderful progress, and each department of our work has been enlarged, and success has crowned our efforts. Yet our Home Mission Board has been forced to borrew money to carry on its work planned on the basis of the campaign. Many opportunities have been neglected because of inadequate funds. The Board is facing financial embarrassment and the work must seriously suffer, unless funds are provided for its immediate relief.

The testing time has come to Southern Baptists. Our honesty, integrity, and fidelity is being tried. Shall we be true or obligatednow is the time foralfor all go odmen toicmfwyp false in carrying out the great 75-Million program as we obligated to four years ago or shall we let our Lord's cause trail in the dust and bring shame upon ourselves as well?

Let us resolve to come up to the help of the board, and all

other interests as well as paying our campaign pledges and paying for a great spiritual awakening and thank God and take courage.

JOHN DICKS
J. N. HOWELL, Com.
S. W. LAMB

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The Baptist Children's Home is located in the beautiful little city of Arcadia, Fla., and consists of an 80-acre farm with five additional lots donated by friends of the institution, all within the corporate limits of Arcadia. They have at this time six permanent buildings. All two-story structures except the nursery building. They have also the necessary out-buildings. The capacity of the home is about 125 children, provided they range in ages to fit into the different dormitories. At present there are only 105 children in the home ranging in age from two to eighteen years. This was made nececcary on account of not having sufficient funds to care for a greater number of children. There is a matron for each building, whose duty it is to look after the welfare and comfort of the children, and to direct in the affairs of the work. They have a farmer to look after and superintend the outside work with the boys, also a foreman to look after and operate the steam laundry which has only recently been added to the home, and of which the children are all justly proud. As it was only made possible by the liberality of a few staunch friends of the institution. The work of the home being distinctively Christian, the religious side of the home life is emphasized. Personal devotion is encouraged on the part of the children. They also attend Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. at the First Baptist Church and also have an opportunity of hearing each Sabbath sermons from one of our really great preachers, Dr. A. J. Holt. We have it from Brother Trice himself that with few exceptions all the children old enough have identified themselves with the Baptist Church. This beyond a doubt speaks well for all connected with the management of this great institution for we have the assurance that none but Christian men and wimen are employed to assist in this great work of our denomination. The financial system of caring for and supporting the home is not perfect by any means, but let us strive and hope and pray that a better plan may be worked out whereby there may be ample funds at all times to care for every worthy orphan child in this great state of ours, half as well as

full of orphans. It was found sometime ago that the 10 per cent of the 75-Million Campaign fund allowed for this worthy cause was not sufficient, so Brother Trice has been compelled through the columns of the Baptist Witness to make repeated calls for donations and contributions to assist in tiding over until relief could be had from other sources.

Brethren, this is a great charge that God has laid upon our hearts and consciences. We cannot afford to fail. Let us pray His richest blessings upon this worthy cause and assist with our means.

G. L. CHURCHWELL E. G. PERSONS MRS. L. G. GETSON

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL AID

We will present this subject as it relates to the ever-increasing number of supernumerated ministers who have bourn the toil and sacrifices of many years, and now in old age, often with their families, are in dire need; and then relative to adequate support of needy ministerial, and mission students, either in, or knocking at the doors of our educational institutions.

Plans for the care of both classes are in an apportionment of our 75-Million Campaign Fund, and now veterans of the cross, though the funds are not sufficient, the help will be greatly enlarged, will be appreciated, and well merited—a debt that we

Our ministerial students, and would-be students should have our enthusiastic and reasonable support. We believe that second only to spirituality the truly-called of God must be educated, and many must have financial help; however we favor the growing tendency to extend this help in the way of loans, with repayment always expected if the student fails to make good, and with others a moral obligation to which there must be exceptions.

The 75-Million Fund provides a great measure of relief to both classes, and must be enlarged by us in redeeming our pledges, and by supplemental offerings.

W. N. CONE, Chairman.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The importance of Christian education is apparent to every real Christian.

Education should always have in it a place, and facilities for

Christian training, in accordance with the Biblical injunction, "Train up a child in the way it should go, and when it is old it will not depart from it."

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So education may be to the individual, and to others in its far-reaching influences, a blessing or a curse.

We heartily endorse the Public School System, where every child is given a chance to get an education but we are forced to the conclusion that in our schools, Christian training oft-times is neglected, and even sometimes prohibited. It is our duty, as Christians and as parents, if we would stabilize society and our government and seek the best interests of humanity to use our influence as far as possible to employ Christian teachers only in our public schools, who are willing and glad to have the Bible read, and give the children moral and Christian instruction without the injection of the Sectarian beliefs.

Beyond elementary training we look to our colleges, and universities for higher education, to which a rapidly-increasing number of young people are going, where they must be trained for God and for the advancement of His Kingdom on earth, or for evil and gives impetus toward perdition.

We endorse our own denominational schools of higher education where teaching and environment make for Christianity, and trained Christians, where as we believe sacred Bible truths are taught and the product becomes a mighty army of trained Christians, and loyal Baptists.

For Committee,

MRS. C. M. RAY.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

The Sabbath Day is an institution of Divine appointment, given by God Himself.

God appointed it for the special benefit of man, designated to be a day of Spirtual blessing, and physical rest; for worship and communion with Jehovah.

Observation teaches us that whenever and wherever this day has been desecrated and used for other purposes and ends, iniquity, sin and crime of every kind has increased and nations have crumbled and desolved as a result of disregard for the Sabbath.

Knowing these things, we feel that a mightl protest should be made by Christian bodies, and especially in our pulpits against desecration of the Sabbath, and resolve that this association recommended that our officials more rigidly enforce the state laws passed for the protection of the Lord's Day, and a spirit be shown by our churches strongly in favor of Sabbath observance sufficiently strong to create a public sentiment against the desecration of the Lords' day.

L. E. McCALL, Chairman.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We recommend for members of our Associational Executive Committee for the ensuing year: Rev. John Dicks, E. A. Mc-Colskey, C. M. Ray, B. H. Groover, Rev. W. N. Cone.

Messengers to attend the Florida Baptist Convention: E. A. McColskey, Rev. John Dicks, Rev. E, C. J. Dickens, and R. H. Carver.

To preach the introductory sermon at next association—To be left to the Executive Committee.

For member Board of State Missions: Rev. E. C. J. Dickens. For Chairmen of Committee to report at next session.

Finance: E. A. McColskey.

Deceased Members: E. G. Persons.

Publication: H. W. Markham.

Sunday Schools: J. J. Swails.

Foreign Missions: B. H. Groover.

Home Missions: Rev. John Dicks.

State Missions: Rev. W. C. Taylor.

Christian Education: W. A. Bailey.

Orphanage: G. L. Churchwell.

Temperance: J. R. Eubanks.

Ministerial Aid: Rev. W. N. Cone.

B. Y. P. U.: Watts Bethea.

Sabbath Observance: J. J. Swails.

That the next session of this Association convenes with Fellowship Church. The date to be decided by the executive committee.

E. C. J. DICKENS E. G. DUBOSE

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Balance on hand as per report of Treasurer

Oct. 19, 1923.	15.19
Cash received as follows; date as above-	
Lake City Church, Minutes, and Clerk	15.00
Oak Grove Church, Minutes and Clerk	4.76
Shiloh Church, Minutes and Clerk	1.31
Bethlehem Church, Minutes and Clerk	2.00
Providence Village Church, Minutes and Clerk	5.00
Wellborn Church, Minutes and Clerk	2.00
Lulu Church, Minutes and Clerk	1.60

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION	19
Fort White Church, Minutes and Clerk	5.00
Mt. Beulah Church, Minutes and Clerk	4.30
Elim Church, Minutes and Clerk	
Fellowship Church, Minutes and Clerk	3.00
White Springs Church, Minutes and Clerk	2.00
White Springs, W. M. S., Minutes and Clerk	2.00
Old Providence Church, Minutes and Clerk	4.00
Watertown Church, Minutes and Clerk,	4.25
Hopeful Church, Minutes and Clerk	3.00
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Mt. Zion Church, Minutes and Clerk	2.75
Oak Grove Church, Home Missions	2.00
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Nov. 19, Cash Collections, Mission	10.00
Nov. 30, Mt. Pleasant Church, Minutes and Clerk	1.90
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TREASURER'S REPORT—1923 To the Beulah Baptist Association, 1922 Nov. 15, Balance on hand	54.60 4.00 5.00 18.00 1.00
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Nov. 20, 1922, from Oak Grove Church, Home Missions \$	4.00
Dec. 26,, H. L Dodd, Printing Minutes	57.00
Jan. 2, C. M. Ray, for services as Clerk	25.00
Jan 9, H. L. Dodd, Balance Printing Minutes	7.00
Mar. 17, to C. M. Ray, for postage	3,25
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J. H. NEWSOME, Treas.

Constitution

Section 1. This Association shall be known as the Beulah Baptist Association.

Section 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-fiv emembers or majority fraction thereof.

Section 3. Any regularly organized Baptist Church of the same faith may become a member of this Association upon application by a petitionary letter and Messenger as above provided.

Section 4. This Association shall at their regular meeting elect from their members by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer who shall serve for one yoar.

Section 5. The object of this Association shall be: First, to promote unity and brotherly love among the Churches; second to promote gospel discipline; to encourage the universal spread of the Gospel and practical religion throughout our bounds and elsewhere.

Section 6. The Moderator shall appoint at each annual session of the Association an Executive Committee composed of six members whose appointment shall be approved by the body, Their duties shall be: First, to inquire into destitution within our bounds; second, to make contracts with the 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.

Section 7. The Moderator shall invite correspondents and visiting misisters and brethren to seats with the body when in session. They shall be entitled to the privilege of aiding the Association with their counsel.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 11. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of al messengers. Any amendment offered shall be in writing.

Amendment 1. This Association shall take an offering during its sessions to defray the expenses of the Executive Committee, for printing, postage, etc. Approved October 1920.

Amendemen 2. The Executive Committee of this Association shall hereafter be composed of eight members. Approved November 1921.

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.
- We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the inspired Word of God and the only rules of faith and practice. 2 Timothy 3:17.
- We believe in election according to the fore-knowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.
 2nd Thes. 2:13.
- '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; Act 17:30.
- 5. We believe in the depravity of 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; First Cor. 3:5-7.
- 6. We believe in justification by faith, which gives peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Roman. 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.

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. I Peter 1:5; Rom. 8:28; Phi. 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 believ that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Jesus Christ to be commemorated by His followers and that none but baptised believers have a Scriptual 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 eternal life. Acts 24:15

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, and the names of the Messengers are enrolled.

Article 2. When the letters from the Churches shall have been read the names of the 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.

Article 3. Each day's session of the Association shall be opened with prayer.

Article 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.

Article 5. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to approval by the body.

Article 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 protem shall be elected.

Article 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 an unkind allusion to a brother while speaking.

Article 8. No motion shall be debated until seconded and stated by the Moderator or read by the Clerk.

Article 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.

Article 10. Any member voting with the majority on any question in debate may move a consideration at any time during the session.

Article 11. Visiting brethren and correspondents of any 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.

Article 12. No brother shall speak more than twice on a subject in debate without the consent of the Association.

Article 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.

MEMORIAL PAGE

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