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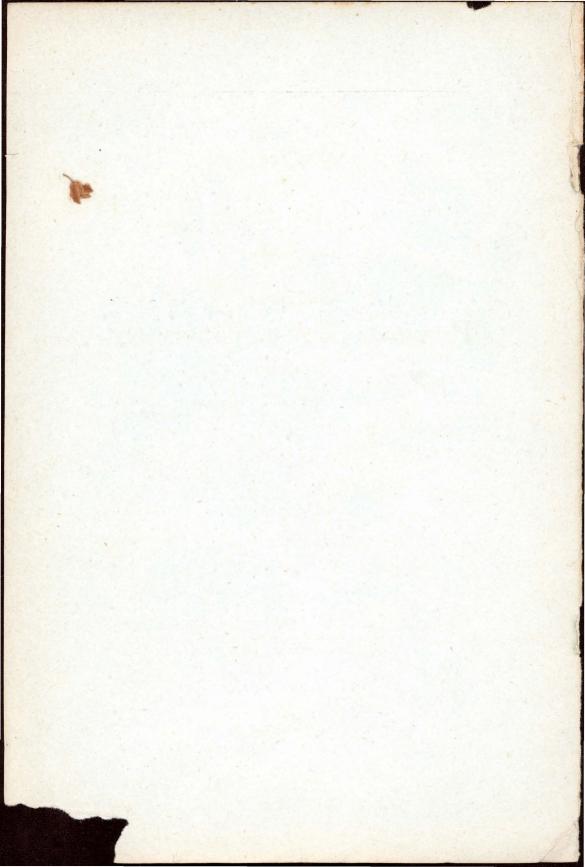
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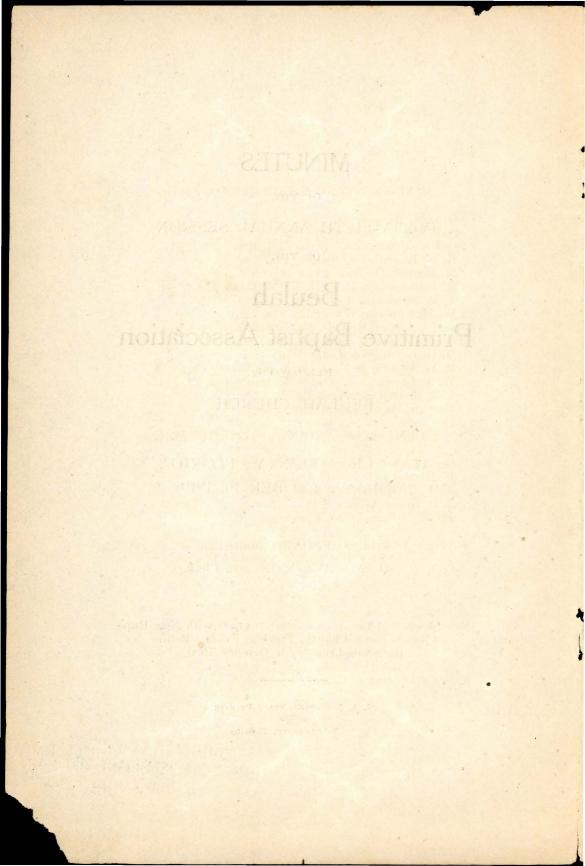
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C. C. Scarborough, Spring Hill, Fla.
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J. M. Shephard, Pavo, Ga.
W. M. Lawhon, Woodville, Fla.
I. S. Coleman, R. F. D. No. 1, Ebb, Fla.
John McKinsey, Sanborne, Fla.
H. G. Lewis, Woodville, Fla.
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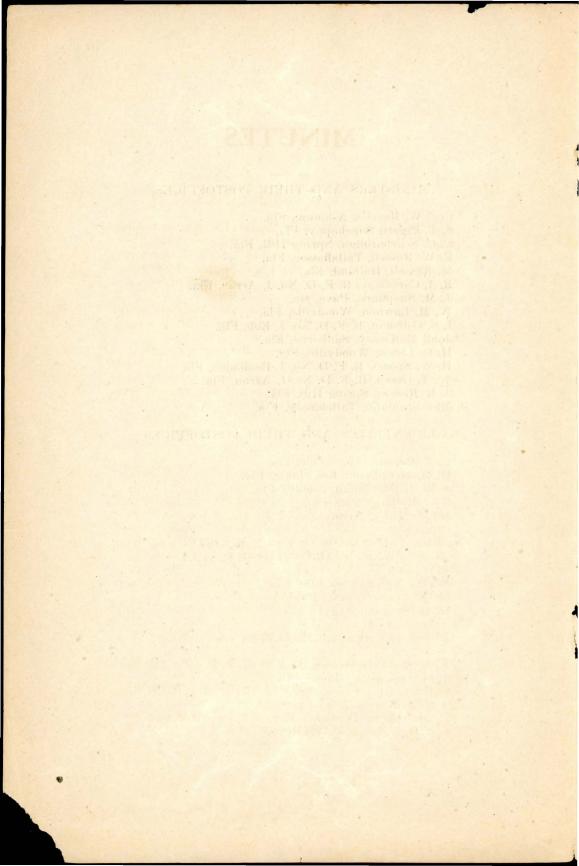
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NAMES AND POSTOFFICES OF MINISTERS OF THE WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.

W. D. Carroll, Westville, Fla.M. M. Carroll, Westville, Fla.H. H. Stewart, Argyle, Fla.

LICENTIATES.

E. E. Redd, DeFuniak, Fla. J. C. Ainsworth, Gainer, Ala.



MINUTES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1919.

The Association held with Beulah Church, convening Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1919.

The introductory was preached by Rev. R. J. Carraway, from the second verse of the 14th Chapter of St. John: "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you."

After intermission of two hours, the Association was called to order by former Moderator, Rev. J. M. Sheppard. Prayer by Rev. Geo. Revell.

Moved and carried that we call for correspondence.

Received seven letters and statements from Pleasant Grove by Rev. W. M. Lawhon, pastor; also statement from Prosperity by Brother J. F. Herndon; also statement from Lake Jackson by Brother Leon Moody.

On motion, letters, statements and delegates were received.

Moved and carried that we adopt the order of business of last session.

On motion, Bro. J. M. Sheppard was elected Moderator and Bro. H. C. Rehwinkle, Jr., Clerk.

On motion, we call for petitionary letters. Received none.

On motion, we call for correspondence from sister associations.

Received Rev. W. D. Carroll, Bros. J. G. Ray, M. G. Halford and W. O. Carroll.

Moved and carried that delegates with statements be received from West Florida Association.

On motion, the Moderator appointed five committees, as follows:

Preaching Committee—S. L. Moore, T. H. Wilder, N. C. Council.

Finance Committee—J. C. Pigott, W. R. Gray, D. Boatwright.

Correspondence Committee-J. F. Herndon, W. M. Lawhon, J. A. Revell.

Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons-W. T. Green, H. G. Lewis, G. W. Revell.

On motion, the Moderator and Clerk were added to the last named committee.

On motion, that 150 copies of Minutes be sent to West Florida Association, was carried.

On motion, the Association adjourned until Saturday morning, October 11, at 9:30 o'clock.

The Association met, pursuant to adjournment, Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

The Moderator called the Association together.

Prayer by Elder W. D. Carroll.

On motion, we renewed the call for petitionary letters. Received none.

On motion, we called for report of Committee on Correspondence, which was received.

On motion, we called for report of Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, which was received.

On motion, we called for report of Committee on Obituaries, which was received.

On motion, we called for report of Finance Committee, which was received.

On motion, we called for report of the Treasurer, which was received.

A motion that we correspond with the West Florida Association was carried.

On motion, the Moderator was asked to appoint two delegates to West Florida Association.

On motion, it was decided to hold the next session of the Association with New Hope Church, Leon County, Florida, at Spring Hill, Fla.

The delegates appointed to attend the West Florida Association were: Rev. John McKinsey and Rev. C. C. Scarborough.

On motion, the delegates were instructed to invite delegates from the West Florida Association.

On motion, the free will offering was given to Bro. J. M. Shephard.

On motion, the minutes were read and approved.

On motion, the Association adjourned until the next time and place.

Ministers occupied the stand as follows:

Friday Morning-Elder R. J. Carraway, followed by Elder Geo. W. Revell.

Saturday, 2 P. M.—Elder W. D. Carroll, followed by Elder I. S. Coleman.

Sunday, 11 o'clock A. M.—Elder J. M. Shephard, followed by Elder John McKinsey.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on Correspondence beg to submit the following report:

Dear Brothers and Sisters—God in love has seen fit to spare a goodly number to meet one more time this side of the grave. We are thankful, as we ought to be, and give God the glory that we should for all His blessings. May God help us not to be discouraged by Satan, but filled with the Spirit of the Lord.

May we all be faithful to the end.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. HERNDON, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg to submit the following report:

We find, from the letters and statements of the sister churches composing the Association, that God in His wisdom and mercy has seen fit to spare the lives of all our ministers and deacons, for which we are very thankful. But we have to report the death of our sister, Bettie Causseaux, deaconess, the widow of Brother W. W. Causseaux, deacon at White Church. She died in the faith, and while it has been our Heavenly Father's will to call her to rest, we miss her, and trust our loss is her gain, and we can say farewell, sister, till we meet in Heaven.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. CARRAWAY, Foreman.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to make the following report:

We find that the Lord has seen fit, in His great wisdom and love, to call from our midst our brothers, S. M. Revell, born April 11, 1856; died April 30, 1919; A. J. Revell, united with the church in 1915; died December 22, 1918; Amon Crosby, united with the church August 31, 1918 (had been a member of the White Church many years prior to this); died September 12, 1919; and Sisters Sarah Green, died February 9, 1919; Cora Porter, died January 21, 1919; all of Mt. Beason Church.

Sister Annie Davis, of Whidden Lake Church, died January 9, 1919.

Brother G. W. Atkinson, united with the church about thirteen years ago, at Lake Jackson Church; Brother Ben Smith, united with the church in 1917, died in 1919, of New Hope Church: Brother T. M. Herring, united with the church twenty years or more ago; died February 9, 1919; of White Church.

Also Brother E. B. Revell, of Lake Jackson Church.

We trust all died in the faith, entering that rest that remains to the people of God. Though we miss them, their memory is sweet, and let us strive, through faith, to meet them on the other shore by and by.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. GREEN, Foreman.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance submits the following report:

We have received from the churches, \$24.50. We recommend the printing of 500 copies of our Minutes. After printing and distributing the same, the clerk is to have \$5.00 for his services. Balance reported, as free-will offering, \$5.10.

> Respectfully submitted, D. BOATWRIGHT, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND ORDER, AT BEULAH CHURCH, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLA., ON OCTOBER 3, 1874.

The cause of this Constitution was not for convenience from geographical situation, nor from enmity to any of our sister churches or brethren, nor from a feeling of exclusiveness or selfishness or desire to be let alone, nor from a difference of opinion with our brethren or a disbelief of the long established doctrines and usages of the old Baptist, as to add to or detract from the command ments, nor with a view of severing the church of Christ

into another fragment, or setting up another religious sect, thereby weakening the cause of our Master, already enfeebled by divisions, and lessening the power and influence of the Gospel by trying to force nice distinctions, thus substituting ourselves and affording to others a pretext to substitute a system of perverse disputing and disgraceful wrangling for the simplicity of Christ's revealed will as taught in His word. We do rather pray for unity and a healing of the breaches already made. But we have been thrown into a dilemma, either to submit to the exclusion and unchurching of a part of our body directly, and all of us ultimately, and suspend religious services as in the fear of God, asserting the sovereignty of the Church and meeting together in a church and associational capacity for our mutual comfort and edification. We believe that the cause of truth demands that we adopt the latter alternative, assured from an intimate acquaintance with our Sister Elim, that she has not nor had not departed from the faith of God's elect, and that her exclusion from the Ocklocknee Association under the above charge, and the dropping of our Sister Mt. Zion for endorsing her supposed departure, was in the highest sense unjustified by facts associational, constitutional or scriptural, and a lamentable disregard of Ephesians 4 and 3.

The order of this Association and of the Churches of which she is composed is preserved unchanged in any particular, being that of the Primitive Baptist all over the world, to-wit: Salvation by grace through faith, which is the gift of God, Ephesians 2:8; that a Church is a body of immersed believers, Acts 2:41, who only are entitled to the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Saint's feet, John 13; together with the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum, common to our people, which we omit in this provisional minute.

J. N. COGGINS, Moderator.

J. N. BARROW, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three in the Godhead, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Isaiah 44:8; 45:21; I John 5:7; I Cor. 8:6.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Tes-

taments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. II Tim. 3:16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election of grace. Titus 3:7.

4. We believe in one Lord, one Faith and one Baptism. Ephes. 4:5.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability. John 5:7.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ. I Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:5.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost. Romans 15:16 and 8:30; II Thes. 2:13; II Peter 1:2.

8. We believe the faithful shall grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. II Peter 3:18; Colos. 1:10.

9. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and the Washing of Feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the only mode of Baptism is by immersion. Mat. 28:19; I Cor. 24 to 26; St. John 13:14; I Tim. 5:10; Mat. 3:16.

10. We believe the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting, and the joy of the righteous will be eternal. Mat. 25:46.

11. We believe that no Minister has the right to the administration of the Ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery. I Tim. 4:14.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment. Rev. 20:5; Rom. 14:10.

J. M. SHEPHARD, Moderator.

W. T. GREEN, Clerk.

CHURCHES	COUNTY AND STATE	DELEGATES	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter		Expelled	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Total Contributions	Free Will Offering	YEARLY MEETINGS
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