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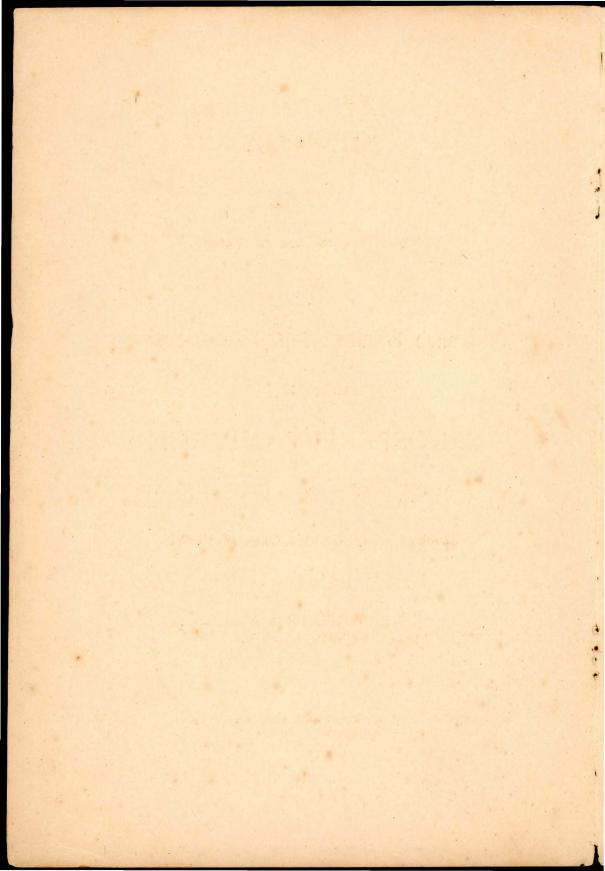
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MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

S. C. Revell, Sopchoppy, Fla.

Geo. W. Revell, Ashmore, Fla.

S. T. Pigott, Ivan, Fla.

J. F. Spears, Ivan, Fla.

C. C. Scarborough, Spring Hill, Fla.

E. W. Russell, Tallahassee, Fla.

M. Russell, Holland, Fla.

R. J. Carraway, Arran, Fla.

J. M. Shephard, Pavo, Ga.

W. M. Lawhon, Woodville, Fla.

I. S. Coleman, Arran, Fla.

LICENTIATES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

G. T. Barrow, Woodville, Fla. H. G. Lewis, Woodville, Fla. John McKinsey, Sopchoppy, Fla. Wright Spears, Arran, Fla. H. H. McCalister, Rehwinkle, Fla. J. W. H. McClellon, Aucilla, Fla. J. L. Holland, Ebb, Fla.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1910.

The introductory was preached by Elder H. G. Lewis, assisted by Elder W. D. Carroll, from the sixteenth chapter and 18th verse of St. Matthew: "And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

After intermission of one hour, the Association was called to order by Brother J. M. Shephard.

1. Moved and carrierd that Brother J. M. Shephard be appointed Moderator pro tem.

2. On motion, we take up the order of business of last session.

3. On motion, called for correspondence; received letters from four churches.

4. On motion, the letters of correspondence were read and received.

5. On motion, Elder J. M. Shephard was appointed Moderator and H. G. Lewis Clerk.

6. On motion called for petitionary letters; received none.

7. On motion called for correspondence from sister Associations; received W. D. Carroll from the West Florida Association.

8. On motion, the Moderator appointed three committees. First, on Preaching and Finance, consisting of J. A. Revell, W. J. Hobbs, W. M. Carraway. Second, on Correspondence—P. D. Lewis, W. D. Carroll, J. C. Pigott, Third, Deceased Ministers and Deacons—H. G. Lewis, I. S. Coleman and James Moody.

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

19. On motion the Moderator appointed a Committee on Obituary of Our Dead, consisting of H. G. Lewis, W. D. Carroll and I. S. Coleman.

11. On motion the Association stood adjourned until Saturday at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by W. D. Carroll.

SATURADY MORNING.

Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock, the Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by W. D. Carroll.

- 1. On motion renewed the call for correspondence; received letters from five churches.
- 2. On motion renewed the call for petitionary letters; received none.
- 3. On motion called for report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, which was read and received.
- 4. On motion called for report on Correspondence, which was read and received.
- 5. On motion the report of Finance Committee was read and received.
- 6. On motion report on Obituaries was called, which was read and received.

On motion the Beulah Primitive Baptist Association decided to send correspondence to the West Florida Association to convene with Union Valley Church, eight miles southwest of Ponce de Leon, Holmes County, Florida, Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1911.

- 9. On motion the Moderator appointed delegates to the West Florida Association, to wit: H. G. Lewis and E. W. Russell.
- 10. On motion that the report of Treasurer be read, the same was read and received.
- 11. On motion each church was asked to make a freewill offering for the most needy minister in the Association.
- 12. On motion that the Minutes be read, the same were read and received.
- 13. On motion, it was carried that the money in the treasury be paid to Brother S. C. Revell.
- 14. On motion it was decided that the next Association be held with Lake Jackson Church, Leon County, Florida, on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1911.
- 15. On motion the Association stands adjourned to meet at the above stated time and place.

Ministers occupied the stand as follows:

Friday, 11 o'clock, H. G. Lewis, W. D. Carroll. Saturday, 11 o'clock, E. W. Russell, I. S. Coleman. Saturday afternoon, H. G. Lewis, J. M. Shephard. Sunday, 11 o'clock, W. D. Carroll. Paid to S. C. Revell \$15.12, being what was on hand up to the 7th of October, 1910.

H. G. LEWIS, Tresurer and Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Lord has spared us to meet together again in the Thirty-seventh session of this Association and commune together in heavenly places here on earth. Brethren, God in His wisdom has wonderfully blessed us. but have we given Him the praise we ought to have given? Have we done all we could have done? Have we looked after our ministers as we should have done? If not, why not? Brethren, let us wake up to a full discharge of our Christian duties, that we may receive more of His blessings in the future than we have in the past. May God be with you till we meet again.

Respectfully submitted.

W. D. CARROLL, Chairman.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance has received from the churches the sum of \$19.00 for Minutes. We recommend the printing of 400 copies of our Minutes, and after paying for same, the Clerk to have \$5.00 for his services, and report the balance to the next Association.

Received for free-will offering \$1.50.

Respectfully submitted. W. M. CARRAWAY, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee on Ministers and Deacons beg leave to make the following report:

Dear Brethren—Since our last to you the Lord has, in His love and wisdom, seen fit to call home to his rest our dear brother, J. C. Council. He was born in Barber County, Alabama, September 10, 1833, and moved to Wa-

kulla County, Florida, at 18 years of age, and joined the Beulah Primitive Baptist Church at Beulah, in the year 1867, and was ordained to the deaconship in 1880, and died February 4, 1910, being 76 years 4 months and 24 days of age, being fully ripe for the Master's use. It is with sad hearts and bowed heads that we say, the Lord's will be done, for we know He doeth all things well; so we say, farewell, brother, in body we part, but we hope to strike hands in a World of Delight.

Respectfully submitted.
H. G. Lewis, Chairman.

OBITUARY.

Memorial of our dear Sisters Katurah Raker, Maggie Raker and Adaline Purvis, and Brothers David Russell, W. W. Burgess, J. W. Willis, and others, whom the Lord has called from labor on this earth to the rest above, where toil and sorrow will be no more. They are gone, but their memory is still sweet in our hearts. We bow in reverence to the Lord and say, farewell, dear Sisters and Brothers; rest with God.

Respectfully submitted.

H. G. Lewis, Chairman.

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

The cause of this Constitution was not for convenience from geographical situations, 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 commandments, 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 all 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 had not nor has 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. BARROW, Clerk. J. N. COGGINS, Moderator.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

- 1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are in the Godhead, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.
- 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
 - 3. We believe in the doctrine of election of grace.
- 4. We believe in one Lord, one Faith and one Baptism.

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.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe the faithful shall grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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.

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

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.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

J. M. SHEPHARD, Moderator.

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H. G. LEWIS, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY AND STATE.	MESSENGERS.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Discharged by Letter.	Expelled.	Confession of Faith.	Dead.	Total.	Contributions.	YEARLY MEETINGS.
Whidden Lake Friendship Mount Beasor Lake Jackson White Church Lake Monson Prosperity Pleasant Grove	Wakulla Co., Fla Wakulla Co., Fla Wakulla Co., Fla Leon Co., Fla Leon Co., Fla Leon Co., Fla Brooks Co., Ga Jefferson Co., Fla	Hugh McCallister	1 6 1 6 4 0	0 0 0 1 2 0 0 3 0	0 1 2 1 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 3 1 0 0	0 0 0 2 2 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0	3 0 1 2 0 0 0 0 0 0	16 26 68 38 78 18 42 25 10	2.75 2.50 2.00 3.00 1.50 3.75 1.50	June, 3d Sunday. July, 2d Sunday. May, 4th Sunday July, 1st Sunday July, 4th Sunday Aug., 2d Sunday Sept.,1st Sunday July, 4th Sunday July, 3d Sunday Sept., 2d Sunday

