

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Newton Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Union Church, Ozark, Ala.

October 7th, 8th, and 9th, 1893.

OFFICERS.

R. DEAL, Moderator, Ozark, Ala.

W. G. MATTHEWS, Clerk & Treas., “ “

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1st. Call for petitionary letters.
- 2d. Invite visiting ministers and agents to seats in the body.
- 3d. Call for correspondence.
- 4th. Appoint committee on divine service.
- 5th. Appoint committee on nominations.
- 6th. Appoint committee on Documents.
- 7th. Appoint committee on Finance.
- 8th. Arrange the hours of meeting and adjourning.
- 9th. Appoint correspondence.
- 10th Call for report of Executive Committee.
- 11th Call for Circular letters.
- 12th Call for report on Missions, Home and Foreign.
- 13th Call for report on Temperance.
- 14th Call for report on Sunday Schools.
- 15th Call for report on Education.
- 16th Call for report on Documents.
- 17th Call for report on Orphan's Home.
- 18th Call for Treasurer's report.
- 19th Call for report on nominations.
- 20th Call for report on Finance.
- 21st Appoint Standing Committees, 1st. on Home Mission, 2nd. on Foreign Mission, 3rd. on Sunday Schools, 4th. on Education, 5th. on Orphan's Home, 6th. on Temperance.
- 22d. Read and adopt the minutes.
- 23d. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

OZARK, ALA., OCTOBER 7, 1893.

The Newton Baptist Association met to hold her Twenty-eighth annual session with the church at Union. The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. B. T. Jones; text 21st chapter of John.

At 2 o'clock p. m., the delegates from the various churches assembled in the house, and was called to order by the Moderator R. Deal, singing hymn No. 29, reading the 23d Psalm, and prayer by Bro. R. B. Arnold. Letters were then called for and read by Brethren F. W. Zimmerman and J. C. Wells.

Delegates names enrolled as follows:

Bethel—Charles Hollis, W. B. Dowling.

Charlton—J. E. Barnes, S. W. Doster, T. C. Cherry.

Daleville—J. C. Wells, T. A. Byrd.

Enon—Not represented.

Mt. Pisgah—R. C. Deal, A. J. Beverette.

Mt. Zion—T. B. Sims, J. E. McDaniel.

Newton—P. M. Callaway, B. T. Jones, G. W. L. Park-
[man.]

New Hope—J. I. Covington, J. C. Alexander, R. L. Aman.

Pleasant Hill—A. C. Fields, J. L. Murdock.

Penial—R. B. Arnold.

Providence—A. E. Pinckard.

Pleasant Ridge—J. T. Jackson, D. Phillips, A. B. Stubbs, C. S. Pellum.

Spring Hill—D. W. Tew, S. P. Wilkinson.

Salem—J. M. York, W. F. Clements.

Chalk Head—E. E. Andrews, S. M. Maund.

Union—W. H. Simmons, W. L. Casey, P. L. Moseley,
R. Deal, H. H. Blackman, F. W. Zimmerman.

The rules were suspended and the Moderator and Clerk and Treasurer were elected by acclamation, which resulted in the election of Bro. R. Deal, Moderator, and W. G. Matthews Clerk & Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for when a letter was presented from Chalk Head, a newly constituted church, which was read and received, and right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

A committee on Divine services was appointed, consisting of Brethren L. Wilkinson, J. C. Wells and the delegates of this church.

Visitors were then called for, when Bro. J. G. Harris, of Montgomery, was introduced by Bro. P. M. Callaway. Bro. Harris made a short, but very impressive talk upon the unity of the brotherhood. After which the tune "How Firm a Foundation" was sung and prayer by Bro. P. M. Callaway. Correspondence was then called for. From Salem, D. C. Allen, E. Brooks; Montgomery, J. G. Harris; Zion, J. M. Robinson; Haw Ridge, E. Hayes, Lewis Moseley. The Moderator was granted time to prepare and announce the committees of the present session. Fix the time of meeting and adjourning. Meet at 8:30 a. m., and 1:30 p. m., and adjourn at will. Thirty minutes in the morning to be spent in devotional exercises. Returned Correspondents: Haw Ridge, C. S. Pellum, J. C. Wells, P. L. Moseley, R. Deal, P. G. Belcher; Geneva, A. E. Pinckard, G. W. L. Parkman; Eufaula, P. M. Callaway Sr., P. L. Moseley, R. Deal; Salem, P. L. Moseley, R. Deal; Montgomery, P. L. Moseley. R. Deal.

Bro. J. G. Harris was accorded time to urge the claims of the "Alabama Baptist" upon the people which he did in a calm and impressive manner.

A motion was made by Bro. J. C. Wells that the collections of to-morrow be divided as follows: One third to Home and State Missions, one third to Foreign Mission, and the remainder to the suffering Ministers at Brunswick Ga. The Association then adjourned until 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

SUNDAY, A. M. 8 O'CLOCK.

After devotional exercises of 30 minutes the report on Sabbath Schools was read by W. H. Simmons, and discussed by the following Brethren: P. M. Callaway Sr., P. L. Moseley, J. G. Harris, H. H. Blackman and others. Adoption deferred until to-morrow 3 o'clock p. m. The report on Temperance was read by Bro. J. C. Wells, and was discussed by the following Brethren: J. C. Wells, P. M. Callaway, W. B. Crumpton, and J. G. Harris. The adoption of this report was deferred until Monday October 9th. Adjourned till Monday morning at 8:30.

OCTOBER 9TH, 1893.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises of 30 minutes was conducted by Bro. D. C. Allen. After which the minutes of the Association was read and necessary corrections made. Report on Temperance was then taken up and adopted. See appendix A.

Report of Treasurer read and report to Finance Committee. Report on nominations was read and amended by adding Bro. A. T. Borders as a delegate to the State Convention, and Bro. R. Deal added to the Executive Committee. Report adopted. See appendix B.

Standing committees were then announced by the Moderator. A motion was made to create a standing committee on Orphan's Home. Report of Missions called for and read by Bro. P. L. Moseley, and upon the adoption of said report, discussions were made by Bro. B. T. Jones, N. C. Underwood and W. B. Crump-

ton. A song was then sung, after which Bro I. E. Culbreth addressed the Association on the report. Report adopted. See appendix C.

Report of Finance Commettee read and adopted. See appendix D.

The Association then adjourned until 1:30 p. m. The Association met according to adjournment

Report on Sunday Schools was then offered from the table when Bro. P L. Moseley read a substitute for the one read on Sunday. Adopted. See appendix E.

The Executive Committee was not ready to report, therefore, they were granted further time, and ordered to make their report to the Clerk.

The report on Documents was read and concurred in. Adopted. See appendix F.

The report on Education was read and discussed by Bro. W. B. Crumpton. The report was concurred in and upon the adoption of this report Bro. P. L. Moseley offered resolution No. 1. Report adopted. See appendix G.

Resolution No. 2 was offered by Bro. W. H. Simons. Report of Executive Committee. See appendix H.

MISCELLANEOUS.—There was a motion made to adopt the apportionment made at the last Association, concurred in. A collection for the Orphans of our State was then taken up. Cash, \$7.85 and two quilts. There was a collection taken up for the benefit of Bro. E. Brooks, which amounted to \$5.90.

Resolution No. 3 was offered by Bro. A. E. Pinckard and concurred in.

A motion was made that the Clerk have \$15 for his services and the remainder go for printing minutes.

The Association adjourned to meet with the church at Charlton on Tuesday before the 2nd Sabbath in October, 1894.

R. DEAL, Moderator.

W. G. MATTHEWS, Clerk & Treas.

TO THE NEWTON ASSOCIATION.

In Session with the Church at Ozark, Alabama.

We, the Committee on TEMPERANCE respectfully submit the following as our report:—Appendix A.

Temperance—how significant—precious in a man—what a boon! It means to be moderate, abstemious, sedate, sober, free and exempt from inordinate desires, passions and indulgences. The converse of these characteristics, is, to be immoderate, going too far, and beyond due limits, excessive in any kind of action, or indulgences, addicted to the immoderate or excessive use of intoxicating liquors. These two pictures cover the whole catalogue of virtue, crime and the last subdivision of the second picture is thought to be more pregnant, more excessive and more hurtful to the church than all the other grades of immoderate and excessive indulgences.

It is not the first, nor only sin, but the symptoms are so positive and emphatic in teaching “That no drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven,” that it behooves us as a denomination, to teach, through our ministry and indoctrinate, our membership in the strict observance of this scriptural admonition.

Drunkenness is one of the most open and notorious evils of this generation. It arouses the passions, stimulates the slanderous tongue and disarms virtue. Drunkenness and its consequences supplies the press with more news, the orator with more pathos, the courts with more crimes, lawyers with more practice, doctors with more patients, jails with more inmates, penitentiaries with more convicts, and has bathed this country with more tears, than all the other evils known to fallen humanity.

Therefore, we, as a denomination, should pause, watch and pray. Have we as christians been equal to the emergency? Have we tried to stay the rapid march of this monstrous evil? Have we been as for.

bearing, gentle, kind and affectionate towards our weak and unfortunate brothers as we should have been?

To each of our brethren and sisters may we not ask how many have you reclaimed? Nay, how few have any of us, earnestly, zealously and prayerfully tried to reclaim?

Is that plan most usually and sometimes, (we fear) rashly and too hurriedly adopted by our churches, through committees to discipline the unfortunate drunkard the best.

We respectfully submit, that for open and notorious drunkenness, no member of any church should suffer himself alligned into a committee, clothed with authority from the church to wait upon one of these unfortunate brothers, until he has first approached and labored privately with him; as a christian, upon the subject of his reformation. He will regard you as his friend, and brother and you may reach and reclaim him, but he might look suspiciously at your committee. He regards them as the officers or messengers of the church and is more than apt to rebel, for it may be, that on this committee, he has seen or heard of evidences of intemperance in some of its other varied forms and practices. For true temperance and such as should be observed by all christians, covers MORE EVILS than the excessive use of intoxicating liquors.

The Apostle Paul says "we should be temperate in all things." Therefore, we heartily commend his admonition for the reason that the temptations which allure and entrap the soul through the weakness of the flesh are so numerous, so inviting, so seductive and so dangerous that the best of christians need to be vigilant and watchful to keep his appetite, taste and desires in complete subjection. If we would be safe and feel qualified to aid in saving others, we should exercise as perfect control over our own desires, passions and appetites as possible. Self denial, not only as to strong drinks, but as to all the other varied and

manifold evils should be observed all along through life. The opposite, self-indulgence, has wrecked more fortunes, blasted more hopes, brought more tears, saddened more hearts and lost more souls than any evil of any other name found in our lexicographers.

“Our flesh and sense must be denied,
Passion and envy, lust and pride,
While justice, temperance, truth and love
Our inward piety must approve.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. C. WELLS.
B. T. JONES,
L. WILKINSON, } Committee.

We, the committee on NOMINATIONS respectfully submit the following report.—Appendix B.

We nominate to preach our next Annual Introductory Sermon, Bro. P. L. Moseley, alternate, Bro. R. B. Arnold.

We nominate as the Executive Committee of our Association, Brethren H. H. Blackman, F. W. Zimmerman, Q. C. Hunter, W. L. Casey, and R. Deal.

We nominate as our Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, Bro. R. Deal, alternate, Bro. P. L. Moseley.

We nominate as our Delegates to the State Baptist Convention, Brethren R. Deal, P. L. Moseley, A. E. Pinckard, P. M. Callaway Jr. W. L. Casey, H. L. Martin, H. H. Blackman, Dr. R. F. Harper, B. T. Jones, H. M. Sessions, W. H. Simmons and A. T. Borders.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. L. CASEY,
J. C. WELES,
R. C. DEAL, } Committee.

REPORT ON MISSION.—APPENDIX C.

The Apostle Paul, the greatest of ancient missionaries, said "If any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his" and it is affirmed by the greatest of modern missionaries that the spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ. So we are drawn to the conclusion that every christian who has a clear conception of the doctrines of the Bible will exert his utmost efforts to carry out the divine injunction. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Therefore, we heartily recommend to all the churches of this Association that they take up monthly collections for this purpose—using for the purpose the canvassing book and envelopes recommended by the State Board of Missions, which may be had free, by writing to Bro. W. B. Crumpton at Marion Ala.

P. L. MOSELEY.

(Appendix D.)

WE YOUR COMMITTEE ON FINANCE REPORT

| | CASH | VOUCHERS. |
|------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| For Home Mission, | \$34.91 | \$ 8.47 |
| For State Mission, | 4.62 | 30.67 |
| For Foreign Mission, | 26.94 | 203.18 |
| For Associational purposes, | 2.85 | |
| For Minutes, | 28.51 | |
| For Ministerial Education, | .65 | |
| For Bible and Colportage, | | 1.52 |
| For Centennial Mission fund, | | 33.25 |
| Total, | \$98.48 | \$277.09 |

We have examined the Treasurers' report and find it correct.

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| F. W. ZIMMERMAN, | } | Committee. |
| J. I. COVINGTON, | | |
| J. E. BARNES, | | |

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS, APPENDIX E.

The day is past when it is necessary to argue the importance of scripture study by our members and their children on Sunday in a school provided by godly men and women as teachers. All admit its importance and necessity. We have in this Association churches and Sabbath Schools. We recommend to the use of our schools the Convention series of lesson helps printed at Nashville, Tenn. If the literature be ordered through J. B. Collier, Opelika, Ala., it will cost no more, and add something to the colportage work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. R. SEARCY.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS, APPENDIX F.

We have examined the letters from the churches of this Association and find that the church at Charlton ask for the next session of the Association, and we recommend that it convene with them on Tuesday before the second Sabbath in October 1894.

Respectfully submitted,

P. L. MOSELEY.

REPORT ON EDUCATION, APPENDIX G.

“Education” is defined as the art of training human beings for the functions for which their nature is fitted, or, the art of drawing out or developing the faculties. It is a universally accepted fact that Education, in order to fulfill her mission, must develop our three fold nature, the physical, the mental and the moral. We here to-day deal only with the latter, as the physical and mental is left to our schools and colleges. The object with us is to develop in our moral nature such fine perceptions that we might properly change the term of the philosopher from “moral to religious.” There is an inherent disposition within every human being to worship some deity. To direct this worship

toward the true God is the object of religious Education.

Now comes the question: "Whose duty is it to impart religious training?"

Example is the greatest of instructors and the most successful. Every man's character, his every day life and his individuality has an influence for good or for evil. Every man is an example for some one. The moral or religious training is not begun in the Sabbath School or the church, but only farther developed. The foundation is laid as early as the mind is capable of receiving the first impression, and is continued by example or by training until the page of mind is inscribed either with thoughts and aspirations as pure as the foundation of life, contemplating only the good, the true and the beautiful, or represent the wreck of a seatossed ship, without sail to give it impetus for good, without rudder to shape her course aright. The former gives the hope of heaven and life eternal, the latter leads naturally downward to vice, degradation and spiritual death.

It remains the duty of parents to lay the proper foundation, and it is in their power by their example and training to inaugurate in the hearts of their children a reign of gloom and sadness and despair or fill them with religious peace and happiness and faith. Whatever the child is that will the man or woman be. They will, according to their training, be either the hope and pride of the home, the church and their country, or they will be atheists, infidels and unprofitable servants, who, having received a talent, buried it rather than multiply it for the good of their fellowmen and themselves.

The work is ours, the responsibility is ours, and the Lord shall prosper our work according to his good pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. ZIMMERMAN.

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association,

that as Baptists, we should encourage those educational institutions that are owned and controlled by our own denomination, especially the Judson Female Institute at Marion, Ala., presided over by Dr. S. W. Averett, and Howard College at East Lake, Ala., for young men; presided over by Rev. A. W. McGaha, D. D. We also urge upon our churches to rally to the support of our Ministerial Board which is endeavoring to raise funds for the education of indigent young men called of God to preach the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

P. L. MOSELEY.

RESOLUTION NO. 2.

The following resolution was offered by brother W. H. Simmons and adopted by the body. Whereas we learn with sadness that our beloved sister Martin, the faithful wife of our brother A. L. Martin is now languishing in sickness, surrounded by her husband and children.

Be it resolved by this body that we deeply sympathize with our sister in her sad affliction, and with brother Martin and children in their grief and sorrow. That we recognize in sister Martin a devout christian, affectionate wife and devoted mother; that her many virtues are equaled by few, and surpassed by none, That we pray God to spare her to us longer, if it is His Holy will: that brother Martin whose presence we greatly miss and counsels we need, may bear with christian fortitude the troubles and grief that weigh so heavily upon him, and may the dark shadows of this home be cleared away.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. SIMMONS.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee reports that there were no matters brought before it during the Associational year.

W. H. SIMMONS, Chairman.

RESOLUTION NO. 3.

Resolved, That we the delegates of this Association hereby tender our heartfelt thanks to the brethren and sisters of this church and to the city for their kind hospitality and favors. Respectfully submitted,

A. E. PINCKARD.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON MISSIONS.

H. H. Blackman, C. S. Pellum and F. W. Zimmerman.

ON TEMPERANCE.

B. T. Jones, P. M. Callaway, Jr. and J. M. York.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

M. A. Smith, J. E. Barnes and S. W. Doster.

ON EDUCATION.

P. L. Moseley, J. O. Pinckard and J. C. Wells.

ON ORPHAN'S HOME.

J. C. Wells, A. E. Pinckard and J. E. James.

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Statistics of New York Baptist Association, 1897.

| CHURCHES. | COUNTY. | PASTOR. | CLERK. | POST OFFICE. | Present Membership | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | |
|-----------------|---------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----|----|----|---|----|----|---|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| | | | | | Membership last report. | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | |
| Bethel, | Dale, | G. S. Pellum, | W. B. Dowling, | Newton, | 34 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| Charlton, | " | R. Deal, | E. R. Phillips, | Charlton, | 38 | 31 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71 |
| Chalk Head, | " | R. C. Deal, | S. M. Maund, | Sagrada, | 10 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Daleville, | " | P. M. Callaway, Jr. | S. C. D. Brown, | Daleville, | 72 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| Newton, | " | B. T. Jones, | O. C. Doster Jr. | Newton, | 144 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 148 |
| New Hope, | " | R. B. Arnold, | I. E. Grantham, | Bertha, | 92 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 105 |
| Providence, | " | C. S. Pellum, | J. F. Pouncey, | Clayhatchee, | 72 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 82 |
| Pleasant Hill, | " | C. S. Pellum, | J. W. Dean, | Ozark, | 57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 |
| Penial, | " | R. B. Arnold, | C. W. Mizell, | Clopton, | 55 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 83 |
| Pleasant Ridge, | " | R. B. Arnold, | N. R. Phillips, | Arguta, | 159 | 0 | 5 | 25 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 181 |
| Mt. Pisgah, | " | R. C. Deal, | B. M. Balkum, | Art, | 53 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 |
| Mt. Zion, | " | C. I. Matthews, | D. W. Tew, | Reeder's Mill, | 61 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64 |
| Spring Hill, | Dale, | J. W. Phillips, | W. F. Clements, | Pinckard, | 58 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 |
| Salem, | " | J. M. Poyner, | W. G. Matthews, | Ozark, | 173 | 16 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 203 |
| Union, | " | P. L. Moseley, | | | 1078 | 101 | 51 | 56 | 6 | 40 | 19 | 5 | 1260 | | | | | | | |

The (*) in the figure columns above denotes "increased by" and the (+) denotes "decreased by."

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Financial Exhibit of Dewey Baptist Association, 1895.

CHURCHES.

| | State Mission | | Home Missions | | Foreign Missions | | Centennial Mis | | Bible & Col'ge | | Ministerial | Minutes | Associational Purposes |
|----------------------|---------------|-------|---------------|------|------------------|--------|----------------|------|----------------|------|-------------|---------|------------------------|
| | Cash | Vhr | Cash | Vhr | Cash | Vhr | Cash | Vhr | Cash | Vhr | | | |
| Bethel,..... | | | | | | | | | | | | 1.50 | 80 |
| Charlton,..... | | | 1.25 | | 1.50 | | | | | | 65 | 1.50 | |
| Chalk Head,..... | | | 2.85 | | | | | | | | | 75 | |
| Daleville,..... | 4.62 | | 1.35 | | 9.24 | | | | | | | 1.50 | |
| Newton,..... | | | 4.61 | | | 197.32 | | | | | | 1.00 | |
| Providence,..... | | | 75 | 4.40 | | | | | | | | 1.10 | |
| Pleasant Hill,..... | | | | | | | | | | | | 1.00 | |
| Pleasant Ridge,..... | | | 5.00 | | 5.00 | | | | | | | 1.50 | |
| Mt. Pisgah,..... | | | 6.05 | | 2.00 | | | | | | | 8.15 | |
| Mt. Zion,..... | | | 2.00 | | 4.20 | | | | | | | 60 | |
| Spring Hill,..... | | | 2.50 | | | | | | | | | 1.60 | |
| Salem,..... | | | 1.60 | | | | | | | | | 4.40 | |
| New Hope,..... | | | 2.00 | | 5.00 | | | | | | | 75 | 2.05 |
| Union,..... | | 3067 | 5.00 | 4.07 | | 5.86 | | | | | | 2.00 | |
| Total..... | 4.62 | 30.67 | 34.91 | 8.47 | 28.94 | 203.18 | 32.25 | 8.10 | 1.52 | 1.52 | 65 | 25.35 | 2.85 |

35.29

43.38

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Collection for Minutes.....

Total.....\$28.51

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