

MINUTES
OF THE
Fifteenth . . Annual . . Session
OF THE
LIBERTY ASSOCIATION
OF
**The United Frewill Baptist
Church of Christ.**

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*CONVENED WITH*  
**Harvest Home Church, Escambia County, Ala.,  
OCTOBER 25, 26 AND 27, 1906.**

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OFFICERS:
REV. J. B. RAY..... Moderator
REV. A. J. BROWNING..... Assistant Moderator
BRO. R. M. CHAMBLESS..... Clerk
BRO. E. A. MARTIN..... Associational Treasurer
BRO. W. C. GATES { Associational Deacons
BRO. T. M. COLEMAN {
BRO. W. R. BLACKWELL..... Home Mission Treasurer

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The next session of this Association will meet with Shiloh Church in Escambia  
County, Fla., Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m.

| CHURCHES.            | CLERKS.               | POST OFFICE.         |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Shiloh.....          | W. O. Siggers.....    | Atmore, Ala          |
| New Home.....        | R. M. Chambless.....  | Lottie, Ala          |
| Harvest Home.....    | W. H. L. Peebles..... | Canoe Station, Ala   |
| Friendship.....      | T. J. Newberry.....   | Pollard, Ala         |
| Mt. Willing.....     | M. F. Byrd.....       | Jones Mill, Ala      |
| Shady Grove.....     | Masonria Wiggins..... | Hammac, Ala          |
| Macedonia.....       | James Pok.....        | Jay, Fla             |
| Union Grove.....     | R. T. Shipp.....      | Volina, Ala          |
| Antioch.....         | E. Hollingsworth..... | Nokomis, Ala         |
| Dry Springs.....     | C. B. Fairecloth..... | Nokomis, Ala         |
| Pleasant Plains..... | Frank King.....       | Perdido Station, Ala |
| Pilgrims Rest.....   | J. A. Peacock.....    | Evergreen, Ala       |
| Good Hope.....       | E. M. Emmons.....     | Wallace, Ala         |
| Juniper Grove.....   | J. R. Enfinger.....   | Shumuckla, Fla       |
| Liberty.....         | L. M. Boan.....       | Stapleton, Ala       |
| Midway.....          | W. H. Blair, Sr.....  | Appleton, Ala        |
| Love Well.....       | Jesse Walley.....     | Byrd, Miss           |
| Mt. Sherron.....     | B. S. Wallace.....    | Cottage Hill, Fla    |



Mad. Bro Hulsan III

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Sister M Davis II

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# PROCEEDINGS.



MORNING SESSION, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 1906.

Thursday, the 25th, at 10 o'clock A. M., there not being a quorum present, it was decided to wait until 2 P. M. to organize. 11 A. M., Rev. J. W. Joiner preached the introductory sermon.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 P. M., in the absence of the former Moderator and Assistant Moderator, the former Clerk, R. M. Chambless, called the body to order and appointed Brother W. H. L. Peebles, Clerk pro tem, who enrolled the names of the Ministers and Delegates present. The Ordained Ministers and their postoffices are as follows:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Rev. A. J. Browning..... | Hammac, Escambia County, Ala         |
| Rev. J. B. Ray.....      | Canoe Station, Escambia County, Ala  |
| Rev. J. W. Joiner.....   | Nokomis, Escambia County, Ala        |
| Rev. Warren Renfroe..... | Flomaton, Escambia County, Ala       |
| Rev. G. W. Little.....   | Canoe Station, Escambia County, Ala  |
| Rev. W. R. Thompson..... | Perdido Station, Baldwin County, Ala |
| Rev. R. T. Coleman.....  | Perdido Station, Baldwin County, Ala |
| Rev. R. P. Watts.....    | Jones Mills, Monroe County, Ala      |
| Rev. W. H. Bailey.....   | Jones Mills, Monroe County, Ala      |
| Rev. W. L. Rowland.....  | Range, Conecuh County, Ala           |
| Rev. N. G. Baggett.....  | Brewton, Escambia County, Ala        |
| Rev. N. T. Cardwell..... | Bluf' Springs, Escambia County, Fla  |
| Rev. B. S. Wallace.....  | Cottage Hill, Escambia County, Fla   |

## VISITING MINISTERS.

Rev. E. L. St. Claire.....Edison Postoffice, Calhoun County, Ga

## MINISTERS NOT PRESENT.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Rev. J. J. Thomley ..... | Perdido Station, Baldwin County, Ala |
| Rev. C. C. Hanks.....    | Brat, Escambia County, Fla           |
| Rev. W. J. Morgan.....   | Wallace, Escambia County, Ala        |
| Rev. J. A. Burch.....    | Appleton Escambia County, Ala        |
| Rev. W. H. Nowling.....  | Jay, St. Rosa County, Fla            |

## CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Shiloh Church.....       | A. H. Coleman and Ernest Wiggins |
| New Home Church.....     | R. M. Chambless                  |
| Harvest Home Church..... | Gib Peebles and J. H. Finley     |

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|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mt. Willing Church.....                  | M. F. Byrd                      |
| Shady Grove Church.....                  | Y. T. Wiggins and John Freeman  |
| Macedonia Church.....                    | J. S. Mowling and J. P. Freeman |
| Union Grove Church.....                  | E. A. Martin and B. W. Baggett  |
| Antioch Church.....                      | J. R. Hollingsworth             |
| Dry Springs Church.....                  | T. M. Coleman                   |
| Pilgrim's Rest Church.....               | Z. W. Joiner                    |
| Pleasant Plains Church.....              | Frank King                      |
| Good Hope Church.....                    | J. G. Emmons and G. W. Emmons   |
| Friendship Church.....                   | Represented by Letter           |
| Juniper Grove Church.....                | Represented by Letter           |
| Liberty Church.....                      | Represented by Letter           |
| Midway Church.....                       | Represented by Letter           |
| Lovewell Church, Green County, Miss..... | By Letter                       |
| Canaan Church.....                       | Not Represented                 |
| Seamiars Springs Church.....             | Not Represented                 |
| Pleasant Hill Church.....                | Not Represented                 |
| New Hope Church.....                     | Not Represented                 |
| Range Church.....                        | Not Represented                 |

#### NEW CHURCH COME IN.

Mount Sherron Church.....Escambia County, Fla

The Body was organized by electing

Rev. J. B. Ray.....Moderator

Rev. A. J. Browning.....Asst. Moderator

Bro. R. M. Chambless.....Clerk

Bro. E. A. Martin.....Associational Treasurer

Bro. W. C. Gates, { .....Deacons

Bro. T. M. Coleman, {

Bro. W. R. Blackwell.....Home Mission Treasurer

The officers elect take their seats, and while singing an appropriate hymn the right hand of fellowship was extended to all present.

The Moderator announced the body ready for business, and appointed Rev. Warren Renfroe and W. H. L. Peebles, to read the letters from the different churches as they are handed in.

Call for letters and same is adopted as read, and the state of the same is noted.

Call for petitionary letters and received one, Mount Sherron, Escambia County, Fla., and the state of the same is noted.

Call for correspondence, and Rev. E. L. St. Claire, of Edison, Ga., responded as a visitor, and his name was placed on the roll and a welcome hand extended.



A letter was read from Lovewell Church, in Green County, Miss., and on motion a letter of dismission is granted the church.

The Moderator appointed the committees as follows:

On Preaching—W. H. L. Peebles, Z. T. Wiggins and J. G. Emmons.

On Sunday Schools and Temperance—E. A. Martin, Gib Peebles and J. R. Hollingsworth.

On Finance—B. S. Wallace, John Freeman and J. H. Finley.

On the State of the Ministry—W. H. L. Peebles, G. W. Emmons and John Freeman.

On Home Mission—W. H. L. Peebles, A. M. Coleman and M. F. Byrd.

On Obituaries—A. J. Browning, W. H. Bailey and Warren Renfro.

On Suggestions—T. M. Coleman, E. A. Martin and Frank King.

The Committee on Preaching reports as follows: Rev. E. L. St. Claire will preach every night during the session and Sunday at 11 A. M., and Rev. W. Bailey will preach Friday at 11 A. M., and Rev. R. P. Watts, Saturday at 11 A. M.

W. H. R. PEEBLES, Chairman.

The report was adopted and the committee discharged.

On motion we adjourn to meet Friday, at 9 o'clock A. M.

#### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The body met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Moderator. Scripture reading by Rev. Warren Renfro and prayer by Y. T. Wiggins.

The Moderator announced the body ready for business, and the Clerk called the roll, and the names of the ministers and delegates arriving since adjournment were enrolled, and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to them. The letters were read and the state of the same noted.

Call for the report of ministers was read as follows:

Rev. W. H. Bailey—Miles traveled, unknown; sermons preached, unknown; members received, 5; number baptized 2.

Rev. N. T. Cardwell—Miles traveled, 540; sermons preached, 57; members received, 17; number baptized, 12; money received, \$62.73; railroad fare, 75c.

Rev. Warren Renfro—Miles traveled, 600; sermons preached, 72; members received, 14; number baptized, 5; money received, \$55.17; railroad fare, \$10.00.

Rev. J. W. Joiner—Miles traveled, 200; sermons preached, 27;

members received 20; baptized 2; churches organized, one; money received \$7.45; railroad fare, 15c.

Rev. W. R. Thompson—Miles traveled, 791; sermons preached, 40; members received, 1; money received, \$29.15; railroad fare, \$12.04.

Rev. J. B. Ray—Miles traveled, 1016; sermons preached, 36; members received, 3; money received, \$11.30; railroad fare, \$16.18.

Rev. R. T. Coleman—Miles traveled, 300; sermons preached, 31; members received, 12; baptized, 4; money received, \$2.80.

Rev. G. W. Little—Miles traveled, 1483; sermons preached, 75; members received, 17; number baptized, 11; money received, \$33.64; railroad fare, \$28.22.

Rev. A. J. Browning—Miles traveled, 3318; sermons preached, 130; members received, 43; number baptized, 11; churches organized, 2; money received, \$172.01; railroad fare, \$35.74.

Rev. D. N. Rowland—Miles traveled, 564; sermons preached, 39; members received, 4; money received, \$8.60; railroad fare, \$3.76.

On motion we adjourn to meet at 2 P. M., and the Home Mission Board holds a short session to transact such business as may come before it.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator, with Scripture reading, singing; prayer by Rev. N. G. Baggett; we omit roll call.

Call for letters and received 5, and the delegates names are enrolled and the Moderator extends the right hand of fellowship to them.

Call for the reports of the Committees and none being ready to report, we suspend the regular order of business to hear some suggestions from Rev. E. L. St. Clair, and on motion said suggestions are laid over for miscellaneous business.

The Committee on the State of the Ministry, reports as follows:

We, your Committee, beg to make this our report: We believe the ministers are too slack with their work, the churches are not at work as they should be, and we believe that the ministers are to be held responsible to a certain degree. While they, as far as we know, have not conducted themselves so bad, but their neglect of duty in their pastoral work, we would like to see more vim in the ministry.

W. H. L. PEEBLES, Chairman.

The report is adopted and the committee discharged.



## ON SUGGESTIONS.

We, your committee, suggest that the first 5th Sunday meeting meet with Harvest Home Church on Friday before the 5th Sunday in December, 1906, at 10 o'clock A. M., and the second 5th Sunday meeting meet with New Home Church on Friday before the 5th Sunday in March, 1907, at 10 o'clock A. M., and the 3rd to meet with Macedonia Church in St. Rosa county, Fla., on Friday before the 5th Sunday in June, 1907, at 10 o'clock A. M., and the 4 to meet with Friendship Church, Escambia county, Ala., on Friday before the 5th Sunday in September, 1907, at 10 o'clock A. M., and that the next annual session of this Association meet with Shiloh Church, Escambia county, Fla., on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1907, at 10 o'clock A. M.

T. M. COLEMAN, Chairman.

The report is adopted and the committee discharged.

## ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TEMPERANCE.

We find from the reading of the church letters that very few of our churches have any Sunday School, and we request that the pastors of each church encourage their churches to build up their Sunday Schools, as we believe that a Sunday School is the very life of any community and the backbone of the church. We further recommend that each church use such literature as would be the upbuilding of the Sunday School cause, and we suggest the use of the Freewill Baptist Literature, Published at Ayden, N. C., when practicable. We also request that the body take some step toward sending out some one as a Sunday School worker to build up the cause in our Association as to Temperance. Brethren, we think we should be temperate in all things.

E. A. MARTIN, Chairman.

The report is adopted and the committee discharged.

No other committees being ready to report, we hear the reading of the circular letter by Rev. W. R. Thompson, and a collection is taken up for Rev. A. J. Browning, amount collected, \$1.65; and on motion we adjourn to meet Saturday, at 9 A. M.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The body met pursuant to adjournment. Scripture reading by Rev. A. J. Browning and prayer by R. M. Chambliss.

The Moderator announced the body ready for business, and the Clerk called the roll, and Rev. D. N. Rowland came forward and his name was enrolled, and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to him, and he hands over 85 cents for Minutes and 55 cents for Home Missions, to the credit of Range Church.



On motion, Rev. J. B. Trotter, a Methodist minister, is accorded a welcome hand and a seat with us.

#### COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

We find that there has been only \$21.93 paid into this fund this year up to this meeting, less amount paid for blanks, &c., \$1.55; balance on hand, \$20.38; sent in by letters and otherwise collected during this meeting, \$11.53; total on hand, \$31.91.

We believe that this Association could do better if we will try, and if we all had the love of God in our hearts as we should have, would not let this good work by, as we need so much Mission work done in our Association.

W. H. L. PEEBLES, Chairman.

The report is adopted and the committee discharged.

#### COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We, your committee, upon examination of the different church letters, find three deaths at Seamiars Spring, to-wit: Sister Amanda Brown, Brother George Allen and Sister L. V. Jernigan, also one at Juniper Grove, and one at Mount Willing Church, to-wit: E. Pervice, and one from Midway Church, and one from Shady Grove, Sister Ellen Hammac, and one from Pilgrims Rest. We regret to part with those we love, but let us hope to meet above, where parting come no more, and let us realize that our loss is their happy and eternal gain.

A. J. BROWNING, Chairman.

The report is adopted and committee discharged.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We your committee, find on hand brought over from last year on Minutes, \$6.12; paid in this year, \$22.13; total on hand for Minutes, \$28.25. We find on hand for Home Mission work and in the hands of the Home Mission Treasurer, \$31.91.

B. S. WALLACE, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Call for Miscellaneous Business.

On motion the body elects three Trustees as follows: R. M. Chambless, W. H. L. Peebles and T. M. Coleman, whose duty it shall be to look into the titles of church property in this Association, and all deeds should be made to said Trustees and their successors in office, for the use and benefit of the Freewill Baptist of the Liberty Association.

At the suggestion of Rev. E. L. St. Claire, a motion prevails that this Association will become a member of the National Gener-

al Conference of Freewill Baptists and Brother R. M. Chambless is elected by the body, and Rev. A. J. Browning is appointed by Elder St. Clair as delegates to represent this Association in the next session of said Conference and each church is asked to take up collections for the purpose of raising funds to defray their expenses.

On motion Rev. G. W. Little, R. P. Watts, N. G. Baggett and N. T. Cardwell are elected Messengers to the State Convention of Freewill Baptists.

Motion to adopt the Freewill Baptist, a paper published at Ayden, N. C., and also Zion's Hymn Books, as the organs of this Association, is adopted.

On motion we adjourn to 2 P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Scripture reading by the Moderator and prayer by Rev. N. G. Baggett. The Clerk called the roll and the Moderator announced the body ready for business.

Motion by Rev. R. P. Watts to change the time of the meeting of the Association in annual session, is defeated.

#### THE HOME MISSION BOARD

Reports as follows: Money in the hands of the Home Mission Treasurer at present, \$31.91. We suggest that this money be held subject to the order of the Home Mission Board, and that the said Board be given power to transact any business that may come before it both financially and morally, and that they report to the annual Association.

W. H. S. PEEBLES, Chairman.

R. M. CHAMBLESS, Secretary and Treasurer Pro Tem.

On motion of W. H. L. Peebles, the body decides not to put out any Evangelist this year.

Motion by Brother Peebles that all preachers in this Association shall report to the Home Mission Board at each Fifth Sunday Meeting, either in person or by letter, all churches known to be without a pastor, general condition, &c. Motion is carried.

After considerable discussion, pro and con, the following resolution is adopted:

Be it Resolved by this body that a committee of five be selected to draw up a form of government for the guidance of the Liberty Association; said document to be presented to the next Fifth Sunday meeting, and then and there be put in shape to be carried before the churches for their approval or rejection; and that each



church instruct its delegates to the annual session of this association for or against said government, in order that the same may be then and there fairly and finally ratified or rejected by the majority of the churches. The committee is as follows: R. M. Chambless, G. W. Little, N. G. Baggett, Warren Renfroe and T. M. Coleman.

On motion, Rev. Warren Renfroe was elected to write the next circular letter, and Rev. G. W. Little was elected to preach the next introductory sermon; Rev. R. P. Watts his alternate.

On motion, the treasurer was instructed to pay the clerk \$8 for his services in getting up the minutes and \$15 to have same printed; and a collection was taken up for Home Mission work. Amount collected \$2.68.

On motion of Rev. R. P. Watts we extend a vote of thanks to the church and community at large for their hospitality and kindness to this body during this session. Also on motion of W. H. L. Peebles we extend a vote of thanks to Rev. J. B. Trotter for his kindness and brotherly love in calling in his appointment at the M. E. Church on account of our association being in session.

On motion, we adjourn to meet with Shiloh Church, Escambia County, Fla., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m.

REV. J. B. RAY, Moderator.  
R. M. CHAMBLESS, Clerk.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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General principles taught by the United Freewill Baptist Church of Christ.

1—As to God—One God and Father of all. Eph. 4:6.

2—As to the Scriptures—All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. 2 Timothy 3:16.

3—As to the freedom of the will—Ye will not come unto me. John 5:40. Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17.

4—As to the conditions of salvation—He (Christ) died for all. 2 Cor. 5:15. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Rom. 10:13. For in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Gal. 6:9. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Rev. 2:10.

5—As to election—God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted with him. Acts 10:34-35.

6—As to grace—For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men. Titus 2:11. For by grace are ye saved through faith. Eph. 2:8.

7—As to faith—Justified by faith. Rom. 5:1. This is the victory which overcometh the world, even our faith. 1 John 5:4.

8—As to works—Faith without works is dead. James 2:26. God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Eph. 2:10.

9—As to baptism—And they went down both into the water. Acts 8:38. And when they were come up out of the water. Acts 8:39. We are buried with him by baptism unto death. Rom. 6:4.

10—As to subjects of baptism—If thou believest with all thine heart thou mayest. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Rom. 14:12.

11—As to the oneness of the Christian Church. Is Christ divided? 1 Cor. 1:13. I am the vine, ye are the branches. John 15:5. That they may be one as we are. John 17:11-21. There is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling. Eph. 4:4.

12—As to communion—This do in remembrance of me. Luke 22:19. But let man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. 1 Cor. 11:28. Let no man therefore judge you. Col. 2:16.

13—As to the resurrection—For the hour is coming in which all that are in the grave shall hear His voice and shall come forth. John 5:28. For the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed. 1 Cor. 15:52.

14—As to judgment, reward and punishment—For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Rom. 14:10. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Matt. 25:46.

15—As to feet washing—Ye also ought to wash one another's feet. John 13:14. For I have given you an example. John 13:15. Verily, verily I say unto you the servant is not greater than his lord. John 13:16. If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them. John 13:17. Because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example. 1 Peter 2:21.



# STATISTICAL REPORT.

| CHURCHES.            | MEMBERSHIP | PASTORS.            | APPOINTMENTS. |                                            |   |   |   |        |
|----------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------|---|---|---|--------|
| Shiloh.....          | 39         | R. T. Coleman.....  | \$ 22 80      | 1st Sun and Sat night before in each month |   |   |   | \$1 18 |
| New Home.....        | 30         | J. B. Ray.....      | 18 10         | 3rd "                                      | " | " | " | 1 50   |
| Harvest Home.....    | 57         | N. T. Cardwell..... | 27 70         | 3rd "                                      | " | " | " | 1 50   |
| Friendship.....      | 61         | J. J. Thomley.....  | 25 00         | 1st "                                      | " | " | " | 55     |
| Mt. Willing.....     | 78         | N. G. Baggett.....  |               | 2nd "                                      | " | " | " | 1 50   |
| Shady Grove.....     | 24         | W. H. Nowling.....  | 12 75         | 3rd "                                      | " | " | " | 1 50   |
| Macedonia.....       | 52         | J. J. Thomley.....  | 23 85         | 2nd "                                      | " | " | " | 1 50   |
| Union Grove.....     | 36         | N. G. Baggett.....  | 16 47         | Not given                                  |   |   |   | 1 00   |
| Antioch.....         | 23         | R. T. Coleman.....  | 2 40          | 3rd Sun and Sat night before in each month |   |   |   | 1 50   |
| Dry Springs.....     | 39         | J. W. Jones.....    | 2 40          | 4th "                                      | " | " | " | 2 00   |
| Pilgrims Rest.....   | 52         | J. B. Ray.....      | 22 35         | 2nd "                                      | " | " | " | 1 00   |
| Pleasant Plains..... | 82         | J. J. Thomley.....  | 13 27         | 2nd "                                      | " | " | " | 50     |
| Good Hope.....       | 12         | W. H. Nowling.....  | 8 60          | 1st "                                      | " | " | " | 1 75   |
| Juniper Grove.....   | 35         | N. G. Baggett.....  | 32 25         | 3rd "                                      | " | " | " | 80     |
| Liberty.....         | 18         | G. W. Little.....   | 14 15         | 3rd "                                      | " | " | " | 50     |
| Midway.....          | 60         | D. N. Rowland.....  |               | 1st "                                      | " | " | " | 1 00   |
| Love Well.....       | 22         | H. N. Smith.....    | 25 85         | 2nd "                                      | " | " | " |        |
| Mt. Sherron.....     | 6          | J. W. Joiner.....   |               | 1st "                                      | " | " | " | 2 00   |
| Total.....           | 720        | Total.....          | \$267 94      | Total.....                                 |   |   |   | 21 28  |

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