### PROCEEDINGS

#### OF THE

# SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Session of the South Georgia Association convened with Deep Creek Church, Jenkins County, Georgia, October 20 and 21, 1911.

The introductory sermon was preached on Thursday night, October 19th, 1911, by Rev. C. C. Butler; text, Hebrews, 18th chapter and first verse.

Prayer by Rev. C. C. Butler.

### FRIDAY-MORNING SESSION.

The body was called to order by singing No. 111 in Revival No. 6. Prayer by the Moderator. The Moderator then read the Decorum to the body.

Letters from the various churches called for. Bros. D. W. Zorn and C. C. Butler were appointed to read the letters, which were as follows :

Marietta-J. C. Sapp. Glenville-W. H. DeLoach and D. W. Zorn. Satilla-C. B. Hughes, G. W. Harrison and I. J. Blanton, Jr. Philadelphia-By letter. Pinholoway-By letter. Pine Level-R. Johnson. Ebrnezer-L. N. Purcell. Ebrnezer-L. N. Purcell. Alabaha-By letter. Cornth--E. W. Crews. Bethel--By letter. Mary's Chapel-Jesse Watson. New Hope-William Edenfield. Pilgrim's Rest-T. G. Crosby. Stoney Hill--Willie Rogers. Deep Creek-J. W. H. Oglesby, G. W. Scarboro, N. B. Bennett, E. P. Wiggins, H. M. Brinson, M. H. Drake and J. B. Johnson.

G. W. Scarboro, J. B. Johnson and J. C. Sapp were appointed as committee on preaching.

The names of the ministers and delegates were enrolled. By motion, the body adjourned till 1:30 o'clock, p. m.

### FRIDAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order at 1:30 o'clock, p. m., by singing No. 135 in Revival No. 6.

Prayer by Rev. E. Nobles.

The roll was called and the Moderator declared the body ready for business.

The body was permanently organized by electing Rev. J. A. Blanton, Moderator, and Rev. C. C. Butler, Assistant Moderator, I. J. Blanton, Jr., Clerk, and D. W. Zorn, Treasurer. Petitionary letters called for.

Visiting brethren invited to seats with us.

Corresponding Messengers called for. Rev. M. A. Woodard, of the

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The Moderator appointed Rev. C. C. Butler and D. W. Zorn to arrange the various committees.

By motion, the body adjourned fifteen minutes. The body was called to order as per adjournment.

The various committees were as follows :

Denominational Literature-E. B. Joyner, W. H. DeLoach and R Johnson.

Temperance-Wm. Edenfield; Jesse Watson and T. G. Crosby. Character and Usefulness of the Ministry-W. H. DeLoach, M. H. Drake;

D. W. Crews and Willie Rogers.

Education-J. C. Sapp, C. C. Butler, D. W. Zorn and I. J. Blanton. Obituaries-G. W. Scarboro, chairman. Destitution-N. B. Bennett. chairman.

Finance-E. P. Wiggins, chairman. Nominations-D. W. Crews, G. W. Harrison, C. B. Hughes and E. Nobles

State of Churches-A. D. Emanuel, L. M. Purcell, D. N. Crews and R. Johnson.

J. C. Sapp, G. W. Scarbero, W. H. DeLoach, M. H. Drake and I. E. Dodd were appointed to arrange the matter in regards to N. H. Parish.

By motion, the body adjourned till 8:30 o'clock, a. m , Saturday. Prayer by Bro. T. G Crosby

Preaching at 7:30 o'clock by Rev. M. A. Woodard; text. Joshua 1:11.

### SATURDAY-MORNING SESSION.

The body was called to order at 8:30 o'clock by singing No. 111 in Revival No. 6. Prayer by Bro. N. H. Parish.

The roll was called and the Moderator declared the body ready for business

By motion, Rev. R. S. Johnson be received as a member of this body as a Licentiate preacher. Bros. D. W. Zorn and G. W. Harrison were appointed as committee

on Superannuated Funds.

Reports of various committees called for.

By motion, report of Treasurer of Superannuated Funds received. Denominational Literature-Report received and adopted. (See report.) State of Churches-Report received and adopted. (See report.) Destitution-Report received and adopted. (See report.) Character and Usefulness of the Ministry-Report received and

adopted. (See report.)

Temperance-Report received and adopted. (See report.)

Obituaries-Report received and adopted. (See report.)

Mominations—Report received and adopted. (See report.) Education—Report received and adopted. See report.)

Report of the committee in the case of N. H. Parrish received. (See report.)

Finance-Report received. (See report.) Superannuated Funds-Report received. (See report.)

By motion, the body adjourned till 1:30 o'clock, p. m. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. E. Nobles.

### SATURDAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order at 1:30 o'clock by singing No. 62 in Revival No. 6. Prayer by Rev. M. A. Woodard.

### REPORTS.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following: Realizing the evil in strong drink, we recommend that our members abstain from all intoxicating drinks as a beverage. We also recommend that each church look after this and see that each member abide strictly by Paragraph 5 of the Church Covenant. WM. EDENFIELD, Chm'n.

### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee, submit this, our report: Realizing that the government of State and Churches is soon to be placed in the hands of the rising generation, we recommend that our people take a greater interest in the cause of education. J. C. SAPP, Chm'n.

### REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

We, your Committee, submit the following report: We earnestly request that all our members read the Bible in preference to all other literature, and that otherwise our own literature published at Ayden, N. C., be used by all Free-Will Baptists, and thereby keep ourselves in touch with each other.

Respectfully submitted, E. B. JOYNER, Chm'n,

#### REPORT ON DESTITUTION.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report: We learn that there are several churches without a Pastor and are not repre-sented in this Association. They are as follows: Knight's Chapel, Odessa Grove, Pleasant Grove, Hales' Chapel and Carter's Chapel.

Respectfully submitted, N. B. BENNETT, Chm'n.

### REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report: We learn from the various letters that it has pleased the Lord to call a few from our midst to the Sweet Beyond. G. W. SCARBORO, Chm'n.

Respectfully submitted,

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee, recommend that the next session of this Association meet with Pine Level Church, Appling County, Georgia, commenc-ing on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1912. Rev C. C. Butler to preach the Introductory sermon.

Respectfully submitted, D. W. CREWS. Chm'n.

### REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES.

We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report: By reading the letters from the various churches we find that several churches have come far short of their duties, and we earnestly recommend that all churches labor faithfully in the discharge of their duties. Respectfully submitted,

A. D. EMANUEL, Chm'n.

### CHARACTER AND USEFULNESS OF THE MINISTRY.

We, your Committee, submit the following: So far as we are able to ascertain our ministers stand above reproach, except in a few cases where it is reported that some indulge in the use of liquor, of which we recommend total abstinence; and we further recommend that the churches to which these ministers belong, investigate all such reports and deal accordingly. W. H. DELOACH, Chm'n.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE IN THE CASE OF N. H. PARISH.

We, your Committee, submit the following: We recommend that Bro. N. H. Parish return letter of recommendation to Marietta church and that this body receive him under its watch-care for twelve months, and if he proves all right, to become a member of this body.

Respectfully 'submitted, J. C. SAPP, Chm'n.

(Bro. N. H. Parish refused to submit to the foregoing report and the South Georgia Association is no longer responsible for his conduct .-CLERK.)

### REPORT ON FINANCE.

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

We find in hands of Treasurer	\$ 7.38 \$ 7.38 \$ 36.55
Total	E. P. Wiggins, Chm'n.

### REPORT ON SUPERANNUATED FUNDS.

We. your Committee, make the following report:

We find in hands of Treasurer	····· \$ 7 28
Received at this Association	····· 43.50
Total	FE0. 70

Respectfully submitted, D. W. ZORN, Chm'n.

### REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

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

From Satilla church	•••••	 •••••	 	\$ 7.09
From Pine Level church		 Via una		5 00
From this Association		 	 	7.50
Total		 	 	22 09

Disbursements :

Paid to J. A	. Blanton\$ 5	.00
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Balance on hand		
Respectfully submitted	J. D. DELOACH, Chm'n,	

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

From various churches			•••••		\$ 5.00 . 36.55
Total					.\$41.55
Paid for Minutes Paid Clerk					10 00
Paid J. A. Blanton Paid M. A. Woodard					5 00
	D.	W	ZORN	Treas	urer

Received from Pine Level church as Home Mission funds .....\$ 5.00

By motion, a committee was appointed to examine preachers before they be ordained. Elders C. C. Butler, E. L. St. Claire and A. D. Emanuel were appointed.

By motion, the resolution recommending a Ministers Meeting to be held on Thursday before the meeting of each session of this Association, was adopted.

Collection for Home Missions, \$7.50.

By motion, the body requested each Pastor to take up a collection for Home Missions every three months.

By motion, the body paid the Clerk \$25.00 for the purpose of having Minutes printed.

By motion, the Clerk was paid \$10.00 for his services.

By motion, the Clerk was requested to have the work done where he could get it the quickest and cheapest. By motion, the Credentials of Rev. G. W. Moore be extended until the

Examining Board meets.

By motion, the body paid the expenses of Rev. M. A. Woodard as Corresponding Messenger from the Midway Association.

By motion, the body send Rev. C. C. Butler as Corresponding Messenger to the Midway Association.

By motion, the body send as delegates to the State Convention, Elders J. A. Blanton and E. L. St. Claire.

By motion, the body relieved the Moderator of Pastoral services for the next year.

By motion, this body tender a vote of thanks to the Church and community for their hospitality towards us during our stay among them.

By motion, the body adjourned to meet with Pine Level Church, Appling County, Ga, on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1912.

Delegates will be met at Alma, Ga., on the A. and A. Railroad on Thursday. The Ministers will be met on Wednesday.

I. J. BLANTON, JR., Clerk.

J. A. BLANTON, Moderator.

#### REPORT ON PREACHING.

Saturday night—By Rev. A. D. Emanuel. Sunday, 10:30 a. m.—By M. A. Woodard. 11:30 a. m.—By Rev. C. C. Butler followed by Rev. J. A. Blanton.

#### MINISTERIAL ROLL.

#### Those present at this session :

E.	Nobles	Blackshear, Ga.
c.	C. Butler	Alma, Ga.
J.	A. Blanton	Surrency, Ga.
I.	J. Blanton	Surrency. Ga.
Е.	B. Joyner	. Glenville, Ga.
A.	D. Emanuel	Oak Park, Ga.

LICENTIATES. I. E. Dodd ..... R. S. Johnson..... Those absent : J. O. Fennel..... Jessup, Ga. D. N. Blanton.....Odum, Ga. S. Herring ......Odum, Ga. W. T. E. Butler ..... Alma, Ga. G. N. Butler ..... W. D. O'Neal ..... Jessup, Ga. J. Q. Henderson ...... Mt. Pleasant, Ga. G. W. Moore ..... Nicholls, Ga. T. J. Strickland.....Bristol, Ga. J. A. White ...... Alma, Ga. 

G. Lane.....

## CHURCH COVENANT.

Having given ourselves to God through Jesus Christ, and adopted the following articles as our confession of Faith, we now give ourselves to each other by the will of God, and agree to the following Church Covenant:

1. We solemnly covenant before God that we will strive by His assisting grace to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice. We covenant and agree as members of the church and as Christians, to watch over each other in love, for mutual upbuilding in Gospel faith, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. To be careful of each other's reputation, to confess our faults one to another, to strengthen the feeble and kindly admonish the erring and to labor together for the building up of the church and the denomination and for the salvation of sinners.

2. We promise that we will faithfully and constantly maintain secret and family prayer and religiously instruct those under our care.

3. We will endeavor to uphold the public worship of Almighty God and ordinances of His Church, not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together; that we will cheerfully contribute of the means with which we are blessed for the support of our Pastor and other necessary expenses of the church. Any member failing to observe this covenant shall be dealt with by the Church.

4. We also promise that, unless Providentially hindered, we will attend up in public worship, the social meetings of the church and report ourselves regularly at the monthly conferences, and that we will walk in all ordinances of the Lord's House.

5. We covenant and agree that we will abstain from all vain amusements and sinful conformity to the world; that we will not traffic in the use nor furnish to others intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and that we will sustain the benevalent enterprises of our denomination and church, such as Missions, Education, Sabbath Schools, Moral Reform and all others which tend to the glory of God and to the welfare of men; and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may join the glorified around the throne of God in ascribing blessings, honor, glory and power to Him that slitterh on the throne and unto the Lamb forever. AMEN.

## CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the South Georgia Free Wilf Baptist Association whose duty it is to meet annually at such places as may be agreed upon at the previous session and not to adjourn finally until all business is settled, and while there it shall be its duty to examine all questions of general interest to the Association and to use their best influence to promote all moral and benevolent means and institutions, such as Education, Sabbath Schools, Missionary Work, etc.

2. It shall be composed of the Ministers, both ordained and licensed, belonging thereto, and legal delegates from the churches composing the same.

3. Requirements of Churches: Each Church shall be required to send up an annual report to the Association in which they shall make a brief statement of the pastor, report the character and usefulness of the ministers whose membership is with them, give name and post office of the Church Clerk, give the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, restored, excluded and died; also the number of members and the amount paid for Associational purposes.

4. This Association shall be considered an ecclesiastical body, and shall control all the various churches composing the same so far as Gospel order extends. Also, no houses or lands shall be sold or disposed of without her consent. Each male member shall be required to pay 25 cents annually as Superannuated funds, any member failing to comply with this shall be noted by the church.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, to be chosen by ballot.

6. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt our Articles of Faith and conform to its usages.

7. Churches sending delegates to this Association shall be allowed one delegate for each ten members or fraction thereof.

8. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any session of this Association by a majority vote.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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1. We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God, the Father, of whom are all things, from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes.—I. Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.

2. We believe that there is but one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world because of the great love wherewith he loved the world and Christ as freely gave himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man, who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into Heaven, from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of Heaven, at the last day to judge both the quick and dead.— 1 Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 2:9; St. Johh, 3:16; Rev. 1:7; Acts 24:15; I. John, 2:2.

8. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God --St. John. 16:7, 8; Acts, 2:4; Eph. 2:1; 4:4, 5, 6.

4. We believe that in the beginning God made man upright and placed him in a state of Glory without the least mixture of misery, from which we voluntarily, by transgression, fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state, subject to death.—Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish. but that all should come to repentance, and the knowledge of the truth, that they might be saved, for which end Christ hath commanded the gospel to be preached among all nations, and to every creature.—Mark 16:16; Luke 24:47; John 3:15-17; I. Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him: but as the scriptures has said, for denying the Lord that bought them, because they believed not in the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all contradiction that all men at one time or other, are found in such a capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved.—Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; I. John, 5:10.

7. We believe that the whole scriptures are infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice. -II. Tim. 8:16, 17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of general provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe the gospel.-Luke-14:16 20; Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 13:3-5; 24:47; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family, so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teaching: whereas, such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit shall at a future day own their condemnation just and charge themselves with their own damnation for wilfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:27; St. John, 6:44-65; Pasa. 1:1; Tit. 2:11-12; Jer. 22:29.

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### DECORUM.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation; considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ who bought them, and therefore shall bring upon themselves swift destruction, but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, therefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God.—Jude 1:4; II. Peter 2:1; II. Thess. 2:11:12; Rom. 2:9-11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God in their own person, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of Adam, and not that any one of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin. Of such is the Kingdom of God.—I. Cor. 15:32; Matt. 18:3-5; Mark 9:36:37; Matt. 19:14.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men.—Rev. 22:14-15; Isa. 1:19-20; Matt. 7:8; Jer. 13: 84-35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through His own work, power, or ability, which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God, through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God.— Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20-21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet as not having decreed any person to everlasting death or everlasting life, out of respect of mere choice, farther than he hath appointed the g-dly unto life, and the ungodly who die in sin unto death.—Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-31; Matt. 25:31-46.

15. We believe in touching gospel ordinauces, in believers' baptism, laying on the hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the Saints' feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God, and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament-Mark 16:15, 16; Acts 8:17; 19:6; Luke 22:19, 20; John 13:5-17; James 5:14.

 We believe the gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 3:38-39; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead, and a final judgupent at the last day-John 5:28, 29; II. Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless-Matt. 25:46.  At the meeting of each session of the Association the officers of the preceding session shall preside until their successors shall be known.

2. At each session and previous to proceeding to business the names of the ministers and delegates shall be called.

At the close of each session the entire proceedings shall be read forcorrection and approval.

4. Any person wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

5. No person shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission of the body.

6. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

7. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postponeindefinitely which several motions shall be preferred in the order in which they are stated.

8. Nominations shall be made by the Moderator of the Association or whosever he may appoint.

9. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the affirmative may move a reconsideration.

10. No member shall absent himself during the session without permission of the presiding officer, and none shall take final leave of absencewithout permission of the body.

11. The Association has a right to decide what matter shall be admitted to its consideration.

12. This Decorum may be amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The body shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Call for church letters and have them read and the names of the-Ministers and Delegates enrolled.

3. Elect a Moderator, Assistant-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, byballot.

4. Call for petitionary letters.

5. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.

- 6. Call for corresponding messengers.
- 7. Appointment of the several committees.
- 8. Unfinished business.
- 9. Reports of committees.
- 10. Miscellaneous business.
- 11. Adjournment.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches and Counties.	Pastors.		Baptized.	Rec'd by	Dis hy Letter	Expelled.	Restored.	No. Members.	Meeting Days.	Pastors' Salary.	Value of Church Property.
Pine Level—Appling. Knight's Chapel—Liberty Stoney Hill—Tatnall Alabaha—Pierce Corinth—Pierce. Marietta—Toombs Odessa—Wayne. Piney Grove—Appling Deep Creek—Jenkins. Glenville—Tatnall Pilgrin's Rest—Pierce. Ebenezer—Tatnall Philadelphia—Charlton. Mary's Chapel—Appling Pinboloway—Wayne Pleasant Grove—Appling New Hope—Wayne Hale's Chapel—Emanuel	A. D. Emanuel A. D. Emanuel C. C. Butler I. J. Blanton A. D. Emanuel J. O. Fennell A. D. Emanuel E. L. St. Claire I. J. Blanton J. A. Blanton J. W. Pevey J. O. Fennel I. J. Blanton J. W. Pevey J. O. Fennel I. J. Blanton J. W. Pevey J. O. Fennel	C. C. Quinn, Hazelhurst, Ga J. R. Varnadore J. N. Johnson, Rockingham, Ga J. S. Chestnutt, Ludowici, Ga Willie Rogers, Glenville, Ga J. C. Brewton, Blackshear, Ga J. C. Brewton, Blackshear, Ga J. C. Sapp, Lyons, Ga J. C. Sapp, Lyons, Ga J. L. O'Neal, Jessup, Ga S. E. Wiggins, Butts, Ga S. E. Wiggins, Butts, Ga M. S. Lewis, Glenville, Ga N. S. Lewis, Glenville, Ga N. E. Williams, Glenville, Ga N. Roddenberry, Folkston, Ga J. P. Herring, Surrency, Ga J. M. Manning, Gardi, Ga. W. H. Johnson, Baxley, Ga W. H. Johnson, Baxley, Ga S. S. Hurse, Blun, Ga.	2	9.	8	····5 ····5 ····1 ···1 ····1 ····1 ····1 ····1 ····1 ····1 ·····5 ·····5 ·····1 ·····5 ·····1 ·····1 ·····1 ······1 ········	1 	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	4 4 4 4 2 3 8 8 8 2 2 3 8 8 2 2 3 8 8 2 2 3 8 8 2 2 3 3 8 4 3 9 1 1 2 1 2 3 8 4 1 2 1 2 3 2 1 1 2 3 2 1 1 2 3 2 1 1 2 3 2 1 1 2 3 2 1 1 2 3 2 1 1 2 3 2 1 1 2 3 2 1 1 2 3 2 1 1 2 3 2 1 1 1 2 3 2 1 1 1 2 3 2 1 1 1 1	29.49 63.00 25.00  105.00 108.80 10.00 64.70	300.00 500 00

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