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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLA., FRIDAY, Oct. 13th, 1876.

THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION this day convened with the Elizabeth Church, Jefferson County, Florida.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder K. Chambers, from Revelations 17th chap. and 14th verse.

After an intermission of one hour, the Association met and was called to order by Elder W. B. Cooper, Moderator *pro tem.*; S. M. Scruggs, Clerk *pro tem.*

Letters from the Churches were handed in and read.

Elder W. B. Cooper was elected Moderator, and S. M. Scruggs Clerk.

Correspondents being called for, Brother B. Mardree, of the Mercer Association, presented himself, and was cordially invited to a seat with us.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to seats with us, when Elder K. Chambers was received as State Evangelist, and Brother McGee of the Columbus Association.

Petitionary Letters being called for, New Prospect Church presented a letter subscribing to our Articles of Faith, and, on motion, was received as a constituent of this body.

Appointed the following

COMMITTEES:

On Preaching—Elder J. R. Kimbrew, James Walker, W. H. Scruggs, A. Richards and S. M. Scruggs.

On Sabbath Schools—Elder R. P. Green and brethren Allen Walker and W. C. Barclay.

On Missions—Elder W. W. Bostwick and brethren W. B. Walker and Martin Bishop.

On Finances—Elder J. R. Kimbrew and brethren T. Hay and H. H. Dean.

On Temperance—Elder W. W. Bostick and brethren W. H. Scruggs and H. Bishop.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Elder R. P. Green and brethren W. B. Walker and M. Bishop.

On motion of Elder W. W. Bostick, special prayer was made in behalf of the cities suffering from yellow fever.

Committee on Preaching report Elder W. H. Bostick to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder K. Chambers.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, October 14th, 1876.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. B. Cooper.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Delegates were again called for, when several delegates who were unable to reach here yesterday on account of the excessive high water, presented themselves and were received.

Report of Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read and adopted. (See appendix).

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. (See Appendix).

The report of the Committee on Missions was read, and on motion of Elder J. R. Kimbrew, was recommitted.

On motion of Elder W. W. Bostick, Chairman of Committee on Missions, Elder A. C. McCants was appointed Chairman of said Committee.

A motion to adjourn for preaching and refreshments was carried.

AFTERNOON.

Association convened. Prayer by Elder R. P. Green.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read, and after considerable discussion, was, on motion of Elder A. C. McCants, amended and adopted. (See Appendix).

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted. (See Appendix).

The Moderator appointed the following Committee to nominate delegates to the Florida Baptist State Convention, (which will convene with the Baptist Church at Madison on the Second Tuesday in December): Elder W. W. Bostick and brethren W. H. Scruggs and W. C. Barclay.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted. (See Appendix).

On motion, the next session of this body was granted the Harmony Church, Madison County, Fla., about 10 miles south-west of No. 5, J., P. & M. Railroad.

The Moderator appointed a committee to nominate an Executive Committee.

The Report of the Committee on Missions was read and adopted. (See Appendix).

The report of Committee to Nominate Executive Committee was read and adopted. (See Appendix).

The report of the Committee to nominate delegates to the State Convention was as follows: Elders W. B. Cooper, R. P. Green, A. C. McCants, J. H. Wentworth, and brethren J. G. Plant, D. M. Walker, J. W. Childes, W. C. Barclay, G. T. Leitner and S. M. Scruggs, which was adopted.

On motion of Brother W. H. Scruggs, brother I. R. Walker was elected Treasurer.

Appointed the following Correspondents:

Santa Fe River Association—Elders J. H. Wentworth and J. R. Kimbrew.

To the Mercer Association—Elders J. R. Kimbrew, J. H. Wentworth and brethren W. C. Barclay, S. M. Scruggs and G. T. Leitner.

Report of the Committee on Finances was read and adopted. (See Appendix).

The Committee on Preaching report Elder R. P. Green to preach a Missionary Sermon on Sabbath at 11 o'clock A. M., followed by J. R. Kimbrew; and J. H. Wentworth on Sabbath at 2 o'clock P. M.

Elder W. W. Bostick offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we pay the Clerk \$15.00, and that we add the residue of the Associational Fund to the Minute Fund, and use the same in printing as many minutes as possible, after deducting the postal expenses on same; and of that number furnish the churches that have paid according to the amount sent, and distribute the remainder among the other Churches according to membership. Also, that appeals be made to each Church not sending Minute Fund, for such amount as they wish to pay for minutes, and that the Clerk make returns of funds thus collected and expended to the Treasurer.

On motion of Elder R. P. Green, it was agreed to take up a collection on Sabbath morning, said collection to be divided between the State Evangelist and the Missionaries

on the old claim, the claim of Brother Richards to have the precedence.

The following resolution was passed :

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for the hospitable and Christian entertainment extended to it; and to the officers of the J., P. & M. Railroad in the event they pass the delegates home free.

Query from Providence :

Is it right for one Church to restore an ex-communicated member of another Church ?

Answer :

No. Provided such member was Scripturally ex-communicated, and the Church from which they were excluded still exists.

Elder J. H. Wentworth was appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. R. Kimbrow to preach the next Missionary Sermon.

On motion, adjourned to meet as above appointed.

W. B. COOPER, *Moderator*.
S. M. SCRUGGS, *Clerk*.

THIRD DAY.

SUNDAY, October 15th, 1876.

The services to-day were in accordance with the arrangements made on yesterday; all of which, we trust, being such as will redound to the glory of God, and greatly to the advancement of His cause in our midst.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We are again called upon to chronicle the death of a beloved Minister, and an efficient Deacon, both of Mt. Vernon church: Elder S. J. Richards was to many a prodigy; without the advantage of even a common education, he was one of this Association's most efficient preachers. He fell in early manhood, lamented by all who knew him; and greatly missed by the church to whom he was preaching.

Deacon William Winderweedle, an eccentric, but withal, a splendid officer of the church, was suddenly called from labor a short time since, leaving the little church of which he was one of the Deacons in a crippled condition. Let us take warning, brethren, and be ready.

R. P. GREEN, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCES.

The Committee on Finances respectfully report the following amounts received from the different churches, and by contributions, amounting in the aggregate to ninety-seven dollars and seventy-five cents, paid into the Treasury, with instructions to credit the same to the different funds named, as appropriated by the donors:

Minute Fund	\$14 45
Associational Fund	34 55
Associational Missions	40 55
Foreign Missions	2 00
Domestic Missions (Marion Board)	4 00
Indian Mission	1 00
Miss Lottie Moon Mission House	1 20

Total.....\$97 75

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. R. KIMBREW, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, beg leave to report, That they view with deep regret the sad and demoralizing influence of intemperance, as one of the greatest evils fallen humanity is afflicted with, carrying in its train litigation, crime, poverty, degradation, and all the miseries consequent upon intemperance; and too often its subjects are consigned to an untimely

grave and death eternal. Therefore your Committee would advise all to abandon its use as a beverage, and earnestly recommend the churches composing this Association to discipline their members for intemperance—the bane of church and society—and suggest, on amendment, total abstinence as the best means to prevent the evil of intemperance.

Respectfully submitted, W. H. SCRUGGS, *Chairman*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. P. GREEN, *Treasurer*,

In account with the Florida Baptist Association,

Dr.:

To amount received from Finance Committee.....	\$126 80
“ Collected Saturday for K. Chambers.....	8 00
“ “ “ “ J. H. Wentworth.....	11 05
“ Collected Sabbath for J. H. Wentworth, K. Chambers and J. R. Kimbrew.....	8 85
“ from R. P. Green for J. H. Wentworth.....	5 00
Total.....	\$159 70—\$159 70

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Paid Minute Fund to Clerk.....	\$ 33 75
“ Clerk for Services.....	30 00
“ Missionary (J. H. Wentworth).....	23 55
“ State Evangelist (K. Chambers).....	22 50
“ Student (J. R. Kimbrew).....	12 50
“ Foreign Missions (H. A. Tupper).....	11 85
“ Indian Missions (W. N. Chaudoin).....	1 00
“ Associational Missions (S. J. Richards).....	12 25
“ “ “ (R. P. Green).....	12 30
“ Postage account (R. P. Green).....	50
Total.....	\$160 20—\$160 20

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. GREEN, *Treasurer*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee feel that we have not done all that we ought or could have done to rear or foster Sabbath Schools in our midst, yet we are pleased to be able to make a more favorable report than last year. From present indications, we feel that the brethren are waking up to their duty in this branch of Christian labor. We submit the following statistics for your consideration, indulging the hope that you will not relax your efforts in this good work:

No. of Schools.....	10
“ “ Superintendents.....	10
“ “ Teachers.....	23
“ “ Scholars.....	203

Respectfully submitted, R. P. GREEN, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

It is with deep regret that your Committee on Missions see so much destitution of the preached word of God within the bounds of this Association, and so little being done by churches to supply this destitution. Leon and Jefferson counties are almost destitute of Baptist preaching. The Capitol of our State has no Baptist church, and perhaps for years there has been no Baptist preaching in the city. Brethren this should not be so. We believe that the Churches are willing to contribute liberally of their means, if this destitution is brought before them in its proper light, and urgent appeals made to them. We, therefore, suggest that the Executive Committee, as soon as possible after the adjournment of this body, issue a circular to each Church in this Association, setting forth the wants of that committee in carrying out the work of missions; also the indebtedness of this Association for past missionary labors, and urge their hearty and liberal co-operation. We further suggest, that the Executive Committee be instructed to recommend to the churches the best system, in their judgment, of contributing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. C. McCANTS, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee has nothing to report in the way of work done by them during the year just closed. In a conference between the Chairman of the committee and one of your former missionaries, Elder J. H. Wentworth, it was agreed that if he could give a part of his time to the missionary work that he should do so. We herewith submit his report and a statement from the Treasurer's book, showing present indebtedness of the Association:

REPORT OF ELDER J. H. WENTWORTH, AS MISSIONARY.

Miles travelled.....	960
Prayed in families.....	60
Sermons preached.....	62
Baptized.....	42
Received by letter.....	20
Churches organized.....	1
Condensed report of indebtedness taken from the Treasurer's book:	
Due former missionary, Elder S. J. Richards.....	\$ 7 75
“ “ “ “ R. P. Green.....	36 65
Treasurer's postage account.....	50
Due present missionary, J. H. Wentworth.....	200 00
	\$ 244 90

R. P. GREEN, *Chairman*.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

Number.	CHURCHES.	COUNTY AND STATE.	P. O.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.	Rec'd by		Dis'd by		Total.	Minute Fund.	Associational Fund.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions—M. B.	Indian Mission.	Lottie Moon Mission House.	Sabbath Schools.	Superintendents.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Sabbath Meetings.	
						Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.														Excommunication.
1	Abnol	Leon, Florida.	Tallahassee																				
2	Antioch	Gadsden	Quincy																				
3	Aucilia	Jefferson	Williamsburg		Martin Bishop, H Bishop.		1	2	1	2	38	38	1.50	7.40	7.40								3d
4	Concordia	Gadsden	Concord																				
5	Cool Springs	Decatur, Ga.	Bainbridge																				
6	Corinth	Liberty, Fla.	Coe's Mill																				
7	Cabbage Grove	Taylor	Shady Grove	J H Wentworth	By letter																		
8	Ebenezer	Jefferson	Drifton	W B Cooper	T Hay, W H Scruggs		27	3	2	1	71	71	1.45	6.70	4.85								2d
9	Elizabeth	"	Williamsburg		W B Walker, S M Scruggs									2.00	2.00	1.00							1st
10	Harmony	Madison	Greenville																				4th
11	Lake Ellen	Wakulla	Pautuxet																				
12	Midway	Gadsden	Midway																				
13	Monticello	Jefferson	Monticello	A C McCants	W W Bostick, Allen Walker		10	3	2		35	35	1.50	2.00	2.65								
14	Mt. Bezor	Wakulla	Sopchoppy																				
15	Mt. Eion	"	Smith's Creek																				
16	Mt. Vernon	Liberty	Coe's Mill		H H Dean		4	2	5	4	24	24	.50										
17	Mt. Zion	Gadsden	Quincy																				
18	Mt. Gilead	Madison	Shady Grove	J H Wentworth	By letter		15	4			33	33	1.00		3.10								1st
19	New Macedonia	"	Greenville		G T Leitner, W C Barclay		11	1	2		46	46	2.00	2.00	3.65								4th
20	Penial	"	Moseley Hall																				
21	Providence	Gadsden	Quincy		R P Green, A Richards		2	2	3	2	82	82	1.50		1.50								
22	Perry	Taylor	Perry	J H Wentworth	By letter		13	6	2	4	106	106	1.00		11.05								3d
23	Shady Grove	"	Shady Grove	J H Wentworth	J R Kimbrow																		
24	Shiloh	Madison	Greenville	A C McCants	A C McCants, J W Childs		35	6	1		54	54	1.00	10.30									1st
25	Salem	Taylor	Perry																				
26	Special Providence	Lafayette	"																				
27	Spring Warrior	Taylor	"	J H Wentworth	By letter																		
28	New Prospect	Madison	Moseley Hall				12				17	17	1.00	2.00									4th
Total							118	42	12	7	618	618	\$14.45	\$34.55	\$40.55	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$1.90	4	4	11	116

NOTE.—Contributed for Domestic Missions (M. B.), by Sister L. Lamb, \$2.00.

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