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# MINUTES.

## FIRST DAY.

HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY, FLA.,  
Thursday, September 30, 1886.

The Florida Baptist Association this day convened with the Harmony Baptist Church, twenty-five miles southwest of Madison, C. H., Fla.

The Introductory sermon was preached at 11 A. M. by Rev. S. S. Proctor, from Matthew, fifth chapter, from 13th to 17th verse.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

After an intermission of two hours for refreshments, the body re-assembled. The former Moderator being absent, on motion, Rev. H. M. Friar was elected Moderator *pro tem*. The Moderator read the 19th Psalm, and prayer by Bro. J. M. Hampton. The former Clerk was present.

The roll of churches was called and letters handed in. The Moderator appointed Revs. W. H. Scruggs and S. S. Proctor a committee to read the letters.

The Clerk enrolled delegates' names. Permanent organization was effected by electing by acclamation Rev. H. M. Friar, Moderator, and re-electing Bro. H. B. Gibson, Clerk.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. None. Called for correspondents. Responded to by Rev. W. H. Scruggs, of the Mercer Baptist Association of Georgia.

Called for petitionary letters. None. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—Pastor and Deacons of Harmony Church.  
On Nominations—S. S. Proctor, J. H. Rowe and E. Trice.

On motion, the Moderator was granted till to-morrow to arrange and appoint the committees.

On motion: That the appointing of delegates to the State Convention be passed over for the present.

On motion: That the nominating of the Executive Committee be left to the committee on Nominations.

On motion: That the hours of meeting be 9:30 A. M. and 2 P. M. Adjourn at 11 A. M. and in the afternoon at will.

The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. J. M. Hampton to preach at candle light.

On motion, adjourned to meet on to-morrow at 9:30 A. M. Prayer by Rev. S. S. Proctor.

Divine services at candle light by Rev. J. M. Hampton from Isaiah fifty-third chapter and first clause of the eleventh verse.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Names of delegates enrolled.
3. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
4. Invitation to visiting brethren to seats with Association.
5. Call for correspondents.
6. Call for petitionary letters.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Election of delegates to State Convention.
9. Unfinished business.
10. Reports of committees.
11. Election of Executive Committee.
12. Election of Treasurer.
13. Addresses of agents.
14. Appointment of correspondents.
15. Miscellaneous business.
16. Adjournment.

## SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION. FRIDAY, October 1st.

9:30 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read the third chapter of first epistle of John.  
 Prayer by Bro. E. Trice.  
 Read and adopted the minutes of yesterday.  
 Renewed the call for letters and enrolled names of delegates.  
 On motion: That Brother S. R. Rogers be received as a delegate from the Ancilla Baptist Church.  
 Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren. None.  
 Renewed the call for correspondents. Responded to by Brother Geo. Walker, of the Beulah Primitive Association.  
 Renewed the call for petitionary letters. None.  
 The Moderator appointed the following committees:  
 On Missions—C. W. Stevens, S. S. Proctor and Brother J. H. Rowe.  
 On Ministerial Education—Revs. E. Trice, F. M. Wells and Brother J. B. Standley.  
 On Finance—Bros. W. W. Campbell, W. B. Walker and D. M. Webb.  
 On State of Churches—Rev. J. M. Hampton, Bros. K. M. Tedder and Wm. Lee.  
 On Woman's Work—Revs. S. S. Proctor, J. M. Hampton and Bro. Geo. Dice.  
 On Temperance—Rev. S. S. Proctor, Bros. W. B. Tedder and John Lee.  
 On Sabbath Schools—Rev. E. Trice, Bros. W. R. Starling and Jerry Barker.  
 On Periodicals—Rev. F. M. Wells, Bros. C. A. Terry and P. J. Lacy.  
 On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Revs. F. M. Wells, E. Trice, Brothers S. Warren, Wm. Cornett and Daniel Hicks.  
 The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. E. Trice to preach at 11 A. M.  
 The following named brethren volunteered as delegates to the Florida Baptist State Convention, to meet with the Baptist Church at Gainesville on Wednesday, November 17, 1886, viz.: Revs. S. S. Proctor, H. M. Friar, H. B. Gibson and Brother Geo. Dice.  
 The Moderator appointed the following named brethren, viz.: Revs. A. M. Manning, F. M. Wells, J. M. Hampton, Bros. E. D. Beggs, H. J. McCall and J. H. Rowe.  
 The report of the Committee on Nominations was read, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix "A."]  
 Called for correspondents to Associations with whom we correspond.  
 The following named brethren volunteered as correspondents to the Mercer Baptist Association, viz.: Revs. F. M. Wells, H. M. Friar, Bros. S. Warren and W. R. Starling.  
 Took recess until 2 P. M.  
 Divine services at 11 A. M., by Rev. E. Trice, from Hebrews, second chapter and second verse.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment, and prayer was offered by Bro. S. D. Waller.  
 Renewed the call for and enrolled the names of delegates.  
 The report of the Committee on Temperance was read, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix "B."]  
 The report of the Committee on Periodicals was read, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix "C."]  
 The report of the Committee on State of Churches was read, and on motion was laid over until to-morrow 9:30 A. M.  
 The report of the Committee on Mission was read and received, and on motion was laid over until to-morrow 9:30 A. M.  
 On motion adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 A. M.  
 Prayer by Rev. W. H. Scruggs.

## THIRD DAY

MORNING SESSION.

OCTOBER, 2nd, 9:30 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read the 24th Psalm.  
 Prayer by Rev. F. M. Wells.  
 Read and approved the minutes of yesterday.  
 On motion, that the consideration of the report of the Committee on Missions be postponed until 10:30 a. m.  
 The report of Missionary No. 1 was read, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix "D."]  
 The report of the Committee on Sabbath schools was read, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix "E."]  
 The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix "F."]  
 The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. W. H. Scruggs to Preach at 11 A. M.  
 The report on missions was taken up, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix "G."]  
 Took recess until 2 P. M.  
 Divine services at 11 A. M., by Rev. W. H. Scruggs, from first Timothy, third chapter, and latter clause of the fifteenth verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.  
 Renewed the call for and enrolled names of delegates.  
 A letter was read from Sister Carrie Collins in regard to the bodily afflictions of Rev. A. C. McCants.  
 On motion: That the regular order of business be suspended and the Association kneel in prayer in behalf of Bros. A. C. McCants, D. M. Walker and B. F. Wardlaw. Rev. F. M. Wells led in prayer.  
 Resumed regular business.  
 The report of the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix "H."]

The report of the Executive Committee was read, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix "I."]

On motion: That the report of the Committee on the State of Churches, which was laid on the table, be recommitted to the committee.

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was read, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix "J."]

The following named brethren volunteered as correspondents to the Heulah Primitive Baptist Association, viz:--Revs. S. S. Proctor, John M. Hampton, Bro. R. B. Tedder; the name of Brother A. Lacy was suggested.

On motion: That the next session of this Association convene with the Oak Grove Baptist Church, eleven miles northeast of Madison C. H., on Thursday before the first Sunday in October A. D. 1887.

The report of the Finance Committee was read, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix "K."]

On motion: That the Clerk be allowed the usual fee of \$15 for his services.

On motion: That if the State organ can't get the minutes out in due time, that the Clerk be empowered to get them printed elsewhere.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren and citizens in the neighborhood of Harmony Church for their liberal hospitality to the Florida Baptist Association.

On motion: That the Clerk be reimbursed for private funds used as expenses for stationery to the amount of 40 cents.

The report of the Committee on State of the Churches was read, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix "L."]

The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. H. M. Friar to preach in the house, and Rev. S. S. Proctor at the arbor to-morrow at 11 A. M.

On motion the Association adjourned.

During the singing of the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," the parting hand was extended, and an earnest prayer by Rev. W. H. Scruggs, the Association adjourned to meet with the Oak Grove Baptist Church, eleven miles northeast of Madison C. H., Fla., on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1887.

REV. H. M. FRIAR, Moderator.

H. B. GIBSON, Clerk.

#### SUNDAY SERVICES.

At 11 A. M. the word was preached to large and attentive congregations by Rev. H. M. Friar in the house, from Luke 18th chapter, and latter clause of the 26th verse, and Rev. S. S. Proctor at the arbor, from Matthew 20th chapter, from the 1st to the 8th verses, at the close of which a collection was taken up for associational missions amounting to \$10.73.

#### EXECUTIVE.

Revs. H. M. Friar, F. M. Wells, A. M. Manning, Bros. E. D. Beggs and A. Lacy.

ELDER T. P. WEBB.

ELDER C. D. RUDD.

DEACON JAMES WALKER.

## APPENDIX.

## Reports of Committees

## ON NOMINATIONS (A.)

We, the Committee on Nominations, submit the following as our report:

Executive—Revs. H. M. Friar, F. M. Wells, A. M. Manning and Bros. E. D. Beggs and A. Lacy. Bro. E. D. Beggs, Treasurer. The Introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. E. Trice. Rev. F. M. Wells, alternate. Respectfully submitted.

S. S. PROCTOR, Chairman.

## ON TEMPERANCE (B.)

Your Committee on Temperance would submit the following report: The liquor traffic and liquor drinking are both tremendous evils to society. We will not say that the liquor dealer is the cause of drinking, but we do say that he presents the temptation to every man who has an appetite for strong drink. To remove the temptation should be the object of Christians everywhere, and we think the just course of every right thinking man should find its voice in determined effort to remove the evil from the land; the unconscious babe in the cradle prospects against this traffic; thousands of mothers and wives have their lives blighted by inebriate husbands and sons. Plead with all the eloquence of woe to check this supreme evil. We recommend our brethren to a careful perusal of the last annual report of our Association. Respectfully submitted.

S. S. PROCTOR, Chairman.

## ON PERIODICALS (C.)

Your Committee on Periodicals would urge upon the brethren the necessity of obtaining all the lights upon our duty that is possible for us to obtain, that we may be qualified for a faithful discharge of our duties to our Master and the world. The Bible is the chief source of information for the Christian; next comes the preacher with warnings and exhortations and then religious literature. And prominent among this stand our religious papers, which put us in communication with each other and bring to us tidings, together with cheering news from distant points of labor, telling us of their needs of their work and of the destitution all along their borders from which they are trying to illuminate the darkness and superstition that reign by the light of the gospel of Christ, calling upon us to help them in their efforts. But as Florida Baptists, the *Florida Baptist Witness* is more in sympathy

with us than any other paper, and as it has greater claims on us than all others, we urge the brethren to bring it with its happy influences into their families. Respectfully submitted.

F. M. WELLS, Chairman.

## REPORT OF MISSIONARY NO. 1 (D.)

As missionary of the Florida Association, I submit the following as my report:

Miles traveled 1,680, sermons preached 59, families visited 157, families prayed with 62, other addresses 29, baptized 4, assisted in ordaining preachers 1, deacons 1, Sunday-schools attended 6, prayer meetings 4, pages of tracts distributed 300, Testaments to Sunday-schools 6, Bibles to Sunday schools and individuals 34, Union meetings attended 4, all in Jefferson county. At these meetings we have raised \$34.05, from Hopeful church, Madison county \$2.20, from Philadelphia, Jefferson county, \$9, from Taylor county \$1.25, churches represented in union meetings during the year in Jefferson county are as follows, viz.: Elizabeth, Ebenezer, Ancilla and Philadelphia.

S. S. PROCTOR, Missionary.

## ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS (E.)

Your Committee on Sabbath-schools beg leave to report that we rejoice to see several of our churches report Sabbath schools in a prosperous condition. But while this is so, we are sorry to know that a goodly number of churches have no schools, or have reported none. Brethren, this ought not so to be, and we would recommend that a still greater effort be made on the part of pastors and members of the churches to organize and maintain a Sabbath-school in all of our churches, and to furnish them with *Kind Words* and periodicals from the American Baptist Publication Society. Your committee, being well aware of the fact that early impressions are the most lasting, would be admonished to take advantage of impressing the young mind with such *Bible* truths as will be for their good.

Respectfully submitted.

E. TRICE, Chairman.

## ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION (F.)

Your Committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to submit the following as their report:

Education is a power, whether wielded for good or evil. Therefore, ministers of the gospel need education in every sense of the word; the mind needs training, the heart culture and the life discipline. Therefore we, as Baptists, should encourage education in every way that we can, and especially in the *ministry*, in order that they may be prepared to meet and successfully confront the errors that are being propagated by *educated ministers* which are in opposition to the truths as revealed in *God's* word and held sacred by us as Baptists.

Respectfully submitted.

E. TRICE, Chairman.

## ON MISSIONS (G.)

Your Committee on Missions would seek to impress upon the Association the immensity of the field of operation for active Christian workers, for the harvest is ripe and the laborers comparatively few.

We are assured that the world is the field, and in no uncertain language is the duty of Christians impressed to work in the field either by individual labor, or assisted by pecuniary or other aid to carry out the commands of our blessed Savior. We who have received the blessed message of *Peace* are painfully reminded that those who have not the gospel may rise up in the day of judgment to condemn us, whether in this or foreign lands, for non-performance of duty. The spirit of missions is the soul of Christianity. As the body is dead without the spirit, so also is Christianity dead without the spirit of missions. We fear too many of our institutions have only a name to live, when in reality they are practically dead. The mode of carrying on this great work is a practical question of great importance to every one who wishes to receive the plaudit of well done thou good and faithful servant. We, your committee, believe in system and method in all matters pertaining to earthly financial affairs, and we, appreciating the greater importance of heavenly things and our own future, deem it proportionately important to systematize our financial methods so that we can effectively perform our duty. We recommend systematic and liberal giving by the churches of this Association for missions, and would impress our brethren with the destitution, especially within the limits of our Association. If this was fully realized, a system would certainly be inaugurated for giving to all the different mission works both home and foreign. It is more blessed to give than to receive, and every Christian who practically puts in operation this idea proportionately is blessed. Respectfully submitted.

C. W. STEVENS, Chairman.

#### ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS (H.)

DEAR BROTHERS—Since our last associational meeting, we have been called to mourn the death of two of our ministering brethren and one deacon. Bro. T. P. Webb, one of our oldest ministers, received the summons to come up higher. Laying aside his armor, he accepted the call and entered into that "rest that remaineth to the people of God." And Bro. C. D. Rudd, an ambassador in the prime of life, having been called to our Father's house, entered the dark valley of the shadow of death and passed to his reward. And deacon James Walker, having borne the heat and burden of the day, has been gathered to his Father. But while we regret the death of our brethren, we do not mourn as those without hope, as we know that we too will pass over Jordan and meet them in our eternal inheritance, and we contemplate our present loss as their eternal gain. In regard for our brethren, we suggest that there be left a page in our minutes with their names inscribed. Respectfully submitted.

F. M. WELLS, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (I.)

DEAR BROTHERS—Having been appointed by your body for the transaction of business, and realizing at least in part the need of action, we held a meeting immediately after our last Association, three of the committee only being present, and appointed Bro. A. M. Manning to work in the destitution of Wakulla county for half of his time at a salary of \$20 per month. For results see his report. We held another meeting on the 13th of November and appointed Bro. S. S.

Proctor to the work in Taylor and Jefferson counties for half of his time at the same salary, the number of the committee being present. For results see his report. We have not been able to hold a meeting since, owing to the illness of Bro. McCants and the scattering of the committee. In view of the vast destitution, we would recommend that the churches be more liberal in their contributions for the support and spread of the gospel of our *blessed Master*.  
Respectfully submitted.

H. M. FRIAR, Chairman.

#### ON WOMAN'S WORK (J.)

We, the Committee on Woman's Work, submit the following as our report:

It is with profound gratitude to God that our sisters that have been so long shackled with public opinion are almost, if not altogether, free and are privileged to come forward in answer to convictions of duty as Christians to work in the cause of their *Master*, not as leaders, but as helpers, and in all of our churches there are none found with more willing hearts and ready hands to work in the *Master's* cause than our sisters. And as a committee we do earnestly recommend that as brethren we should give the sisters our hearty co-operation and sympathize with them in all their efforts and undertakings for the advancement of the cause of Christ. Respectfully submitted.

S. S. PROCTOR, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE (K.)

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

For minutes \$20.45, for Associational fund \$13.25, for Associational Missions \$36.75, for State Missions \$2.15, Home Missions \$7, Foreign Missions \$2.70, Ministerial education 95, Cuban Missions \$3.60.  
Respectfully submitted.

W. W. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

#### ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES (L.)

We, your Committee on the State and Condition of the Churches that constitute the Florida Baptist Association, beg leave to report that after a little information, we find that the most of the churches are slowly progressing in the cause of Christ, though hope for more prosperity in the future. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. HAMPTON, Chairman.

Received by State Board During the Year.

ASSOCIATION.	State Missions.	Church Edifice Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Total.
Hopeful.....	\$ 28 55	\$ 6 00		\$ 6 50	\$ 1 00	\$ 35 05
Providence.....	7 75			3 00		17 75
Tallahassee.....	34 50			5 71		40 21
Madison.....	23 00	5 00				28 00
Perry.....	3 35	2 50	2 00	1 00	15 00	27 50
Indian Springs.....	1 00					1 35
Mt. Bezor.....	1 35					6 75
Monticello.....	6 75					32 00
Centreville (Manning).....		22 50			9 50	16 50
Association.....	2 00			2 55		4 55
E. A. Stephens.....	1 00		50	1 00		2 50
Mrs E. McCants.....			1 00			1 00
Early and Annie Hammerly.....						
	\$115 45	\$36 00	\$3 50	\$19 76	\$42 00	\$216 71

### ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three in the Godhead—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

ART. 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. 3. We believe the doctrine of particular and eternal election.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

ART. 5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature by his own free will and ability.

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

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

ART. 8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

ART. 9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that nothing is baptism except immersion; that believers are the only subjects of this ordinance and that none but baptized are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper.

ART. 10. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

ART. 11. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

ART. 12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

### RULES OF DECORUM OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. At every meeting of the Association the Moderator shall call the members to order and cause the Clerk to read the minutes of the previous Association.

ART. 2. The Moderator shall preserve order and shall speak on any point of order in preference to any other members and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association when requested by any two members.

ART. 3. The Moderator shall put all questions distinctly in this form: "As many as are in favor (as the question may be), say aye." And after the affirmative voice is taken, "As many as are of a contrary opinion, say no." If doubtful which voice is in the majority, it shall be decided by rising and counting.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall appoint all committees except in cases of appointment by ballot.

ART. 5. In all cases of ballot the Moderator may vote. In all other cases he shall not vote, unless the Association be equally divided, or unless his vote given to the minority will make the division equal. In that case the question will be lost.

ART. 6. When any member is about to speak he shall rise and address the Moderator.

ART. 7. If any member, while speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of decorum, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order.

ART. 8. When two or more members shall rise at the same time, the Moderator shall determine who is first entitled to the floor.

ART. 9. No member shall indulge in unkind remarks in debate, nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the Association, nor more than once until every one choosing to speak shall have done so.

ART. 10. While any member is addressing the Association, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all private discourse that may be entertained between the members, and to require strict attention on the part of the members.

ART. 11. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator before debate.

ART. 12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if desired by any member of the Association.

ART. 13. After a motion is made and seconded it shall be deemed in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time before discussed or amended.

ART. 14. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained unless to amend it, or to refer it to a committee, or for the previous question, or for adjournment.

- ART. 15. A motion for adjournment shall always be in order and decided without debate.
- ART. 16. Any member may call for a division of a question when two or more distinct propositions are set forth and when the substance will admit of division.
- ART. 17. Motions and amendments may be referred to a committee at the pleasure of the Association.
- ART. 18. Every resolution shall receive two statements or readings in the Association previous to its passage. The first shall be for information, and second, when the decision of the Association is to be made.
- ART. 19. The rules may be changed or amended at any full meeting of the Association.
- ART. 20. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer each day by the Moderator or some other member.
- ART. 21. All queries shall be fairly stated in writing and approved by two-thirds of the members present before they shall be acted on.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

- ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name of the Florida Baptist Association. The object of this Association shall be to conduct the work of missions, colportage, Sabbath-school enterprises and other work that will tend to the spread of the gospel.
- ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of white male members chosen by the respective churches in its union in the proportion of two members from each church of fifty members or less, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members over fifty.
- ART. 3. In the letters sent by the churches at each session of the Association shall be expressed their respective members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since last session.
- ART. 4. Believing it to be proper on account of the diversity of opinion among men, as to the import of the Scripture doctrine contained in the Old and New Testaments, to declare our belief in twelve articles and present them with our minutes to the Baptist denomination.
- ART. 5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum. A Moderator and a Clerk shall be chosen by the votes of the members present, who shall hold their offices until the next session of the body, and until their successors are elected. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings of the Association, and the Clerk shall record the proceedings thereof and prepare them for the press.
- ART. 6. The Association thus organized shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor infringe upon the internal rights of any church.
- ART. 7. New constituted churches may be admitted into this union upon application by letter and delegates; if, upon examination, found to be orthodox, shall be received by the Association, and right of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

- ART. 8. The Association shall furnish the minutes of their proceedings in proportion to the funds sent up for that purpose by the churches.
- ART. 9. The minutes of the Association shall be publicly read (and corrected if necessary) and then signed by the Moderator and Clerk before adjournment.
- ART. 10. Any amendment or alteration of this constitution may be made by the votes of two-thirds of the members present at any two successive regular meetings of the Association. All other matters, except matters of fellowship, shall be decided by a majority of votes; in matters of fellowship the Association must be a unit.
- ART. 11. The Association shall have power—first, to provide for the general union of the churches; second, to give the churches advice in matters of difficulty; third, to inquire into the cause of failing to be represented at the meetings of the Association; fourth, to withdraw all connection from any church or churches in this union who shall violate the rules of this Association, or shall deviate from the orthodox principles of the revealed Word of God; fifth, to appropriate the money contributed and sent up to the Association as specified by said churches; when not specified, it shall be appropriated to promote the best interest of the Master's cause; sixth, to adjourn to any future time and place they may deem most convenient to the churches in the union.

Assented to by the Florida Association, at Ebenezer Church, Jefferson County, Middle Florida, and signed by order of the same, on this the sixteenth day of October, 1843. W. B. COOPER, Moderator. E. W. SOLOMONS, Clerk.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

- J. W. Faulkner . . . . . Perry, Taylor County, Fla.
- H. M. Friar . . . . . West Farm, Madison County, Fla.
- S. S. Proctor . . . . . Madison, Madison County, Fla.
- J. A. Tinsley . . . . . " " "
- F. M. Wells . . . . . Beazeley's, Jefferson County, Fla.
- S. D. Waller . . . . . " " "
- J. E. Vann . . . . . " " "
- J. M. Hampton . . . . . Williamsburg, " " "
- A. C. McCants . . . . . Tallahassee, Leon County, Fla.
- A. M. Manning . . . . . Imonia, Leon County, Fla.
- J. E. P. Campbell . . . . . Quincy, Gadsden County, Fla.
- R. P. Green . . . . . Alamo, " " "
- E. Trice . . . . . Crawfordville, Wakulla County, Fla.
- S. P. Revel . . . . . Bristol, Liberty County, Fla.
- J. G. Connell . . . . . Wacissa, Jefferson County, Fla.
- W. H. Scruggs . . . . . Ousley, Ga.
- J. H. Ward . . . . . Fowlston, Ga.

LICENTIATES.

- G. G. Dilworth . . . . . Monticello, Jefferson County, Fla.
- Robt. Pigot . . . . . Crawfordville, Wakulla County, Fla.
- J. T. Farnell . . . . . Madison, Madison County, Fla.
- H. B. Gibson . . . . . " " "

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POST-OFFICE.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	DELEGATES.	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excommunicated.	Dead.	Total.	Minute Fund.	Associational Fund.	Associational Mis'ns.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Cuban Missions.	Ministerial Education	Teachers.	Scholars.	Days of Preaching.	
Ancilla	Jefferson	Benzeley's		J. C. Bishop	S. S. Rogers, W. H. Bishop							40	\$ 1 00	\$ 45	1 25	\$ 1 00								
Enon	Leon											20												
Antioch	Gadsden											22												
Centreville	Leon											16												
Corinth	Jefferson	Monticello	S. S. Proctor	C. E. Hay	P. J. Lacy, C. C. Corren	2	2	1				18	1 00	1 20	1 70	50	1 00						3 20	4
Ebenezer	Jefferson	Ancilla	F. M. Wells	W. E. Stanley	W. B. Walker, J. B. Standley							38												
Elizabeth	Jefferson	Ancilla										100												
Flat Creek	Gadsden		F. M. Wells	W. W. Campbell	F. M. Wells, W. W. Campbell	1	1					57	1 00	1 00	1 25									
Harmony	Madison	Benzeley's	M. Knight	W. F. McCranie	H. B. Gibson, S. S. Proctor	20	2	1				66	1 00	25	1 50	1 00	50						4 25	2
Hopeful	Madison	Madison	J. A. Tinsley	J. L. Rutherford	Willie Lee, Jerry Barker							43	1 25	5 05										
Hopeful	Madison	Madison										13												
Indiana Spring	Leon			W. A. Benton	E. Trice	8						52	1 00		6 50									
Lake Ellen	Wakulla	Crawfordsville	E. Trice	E. B. Williams	H. M. Friar, Wm Cornett	11	1	3	6	1		58	1 50		5 00									
Macedonia	Madison	Madison	H. M. Friar	C. W. Stevens	C. W. Stevens, L. H. Patterson	12	10					107	2 00		12 50									2 & 4
Madison	Madison	Madison	W. H. Scruggs	John Hicks	Daniel Hicks	20	2	1				52	1 50											3
Midway	Madison	Madison										47												
Monticello	Jefferson	Benzeley's	S. D. Waller	W. L. Vanna	Draden Reames, Barton Tedder	4	2					68	1 00				1 05							
Mt. Giload	Madison	Benzeley's										25												
Mt. Bezor	Wakulla											7												
Mt. Elam	Madison	Madison										28	25	2 50										2 20
New Macedonia	Madison	Greenville	F. M. Wells	E. G. Barker	Wm Collins, C. A. Barclay	5	4	1				41	75	1 60										
New Prospect No. 1	Madison	Moseley Hall	F. M. Wells	J. G. Plant	George Dice, J. W. Lee							37	1 50											
Oak Land	Taylor											18												
Oak Grove No 1	Madison	Madison	H. M. Friar	P. W. Washington	W. R. Starling, C. A. Terry	24	9					5												
Oak Grove No 2	Madison	Madison										18												
Oehlawilla	Liberty	Madison		B. L. Smith	B. L. Smith	1	1	1				12	25			50								
Olive Branch	Madison	Benzeley's	John N. Hampton	Wm Bezeley	Z. T. Andrews, Wm Bezeley	1	1	1				53	2 00	1 00										
Perry	Taylor	Perry	T. W. Faulkner	T. J. Faulkner	T. J. Faulkner	7	1	2	11	5		44	1 25	20		35	20	20					45	
Pine Grove	Madison	Madison	W. H. Scruggs	J. L. Warren	S. Warren, D. M. Webb							8												
Prospect	Taylor											35												
Pleasant Grove No. 1	Taylor	Shady Grove	S. D. Waller	K. M. Tedder	W. B. Tedder, K. M. Tedder	2	3	1				38												
Pleasant Grove No. 2	LaFayette											2												
Philadelphia	Jefferson	Wacissa	S. S. Proctor	W. L. Simmons	Letter							15												
Providence	Gadsden											30												
Shiloh	Madison											20												
Salem	Taylor											32												
Spring Warrior	Taylor											25												
Special Providence	Taylor											27												
Tallahassee	Leon											20												
Unity	Taylor																							
Contributed by Sister Sarah Wells and children																								
Contributed by Rev. W. H. Scruggs																								
Contributed by Brother J. H. Rowe																								
<b>Total</b>						114	44	19	51	23	19	1574	\$20 45	\$13 25	\$36 75	\$2 70	\$7 00	\$1 95	\$3 60	\$1 05				

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