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## FIRST DAY.

### MORNING SESSION.

MADISON COUNTY, FLA., Thursday, September 28th, 1882.

The Florida Baptist Association this day convened with the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. F. M. Wells, from Nehemiah, 4th Ch., and latter clause of 19 v.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

After an intermission of one hour for refreshments, the Association met and was called to order by Rev. James H. Wentworth, former Moderator, and brother H. B. Gibson, former Clerk.

Letters from churches were handed in and read, and names of delegates enrolled.

Permanently organized by re-electing, by acclamation, Rev. James H. Wentworth, Moderator, and brother H. B. Gibson, Clerk.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us, when Rev. W. W. Bostwick presented himself, and, on motion, was cordially received by the brethren as a messenger from the Mercer Association.

An invitation was extended to correspondents, but none presented themselves.

Called for petitionary letters.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—Pastor and Deacons of Mt. Gilead Church, with brother W. B. Tedder.

On Missions—Revs. A. C. McCants, J. W. Faulkner, S. S. Proctor; brethren I. R. Walker and R. Scruggs.

On Finance—Brethren R. Scruggs, J. M. Hamrick and W. B. Walker.

On Temperance—Revs. A. M. Manning, F. M. Wells; brethren J. H. Slaughter, W. B. Walker and A. D. Beaty.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Revs. F. M. Wells, Jno. M. Hampton; brethren J. W. Lee, S. Warren and G. W. Leggett.

On Sabbath-schools—Rev. A. H. Barnes; brethren O. Bishop, J. H. Stanford, J. Hines and A. S. Roberts.

On Periodicals—Revs. A. C. McCants, A. M. Manning, S. S. Proctor, A. H. Barnes, and brother J. Hines.

On Constitution—Revs. S. S. Proctor, J. W. Faulkner, F. M. Wells, A. C. McCants and A. M. Manning.

On Nominations—Rev. J. W. Faulkner; brethren A. S. Roberts, W. B. Tedder, G. W. Walker and J. E. Vann.

On motion, a special committee was appointed to investigate the

### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Names of delegates enrolled.
3. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
4. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
5. Call for correspondence.
6. Call for petitionary letters.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Elect 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. Appoint correspondents.
15. Miscellaneous business.
16. Adjournment.

truth or falsity of a certain publication in the *Tennessee Baptist*, concerning the doctrine preached by one of our Missionaries, composed of Revs. A. C. McCants, A. M. Manning, and brother I. R. Walker.

The following ministers and brethren volunteered as delegates to the State Convention, to convene with the Baptist Church at Lake City, Fla., on Thursday before the second Sunday in December, A.D., 1882: Revs. A. C. McCants, James H. Wentworth, S. S. Proctor, A. M. Manning, W. B. Tedder, I. R. Walker, H. B. Gibson, R. Scruggs; brethren D. M. Walker and C. W. Stevens, who were appointed as delegates to the State Convention.

On motion, Rev. A. C. McCants was granted further time to compile the history of the Churches of the Florida Association.

On motion, the body adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY.

### MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, September 29th, 1882—9 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing, Rev. A. M. Manning led in prayer. Rev. A. C. McCants, Moderator *pro tem*.

The minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

Renewed the call for delegates and correspondents.

Renewed the call for visiting brethren.

Renewed the call for petitionary letters.

On motion, the body took action on the amendments to the Constitution, and that each Article be adopted separately.

On motion, Article I, with amendments, was adopted.

On motion, Article X, with amendments, was adopted.

On motion, the fifth clause in Article XI, with amendment, was adopted.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report of Committee on Constitution was read and adopted. (See appendix.)

Committee on Preaching reported Rev. A. H. Barnes to preach at 11 o'clock A. M.

Report of Committee on Sabbath-schools was read, and, after some discussion, was re-committed and ultimately adopted. (See appendix.)

Report of Committee on Temperance was read and ably discussed, by the brethren, and adopted. (See appendix.)

On motion, adjourned for preaching.

Rev. A. H. Barnes preached at 11 o'clock from the 8th Psalm and first clause of the 4th verse.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. S. S. Proctor. Committee on Preaching reported Rev. W. W. Bostwick to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

Report of Committee on Nominations was read and adopted. (See appendix.)

On motion, Rev. James H. Wentworth, F. M. Wells, W. W. Campbell, D. M. Walker and I. R. Walker were elected an Executive Committee.

On motion, brother I. R. Walker was re-elected Treasurer.

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

Called for addresses of agents. Revs. A. M. Manning and S. S. Proctor addressed the body in behalf and in the interest of THE CHRISTIAN INDEX.

On motion, that 10 o'clock to-morrow be a special hour to renew the addresses of agents on Periodicals.

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

## THIRD DAY.

### MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, September 30th—9 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing, brother J. Hines led in prayer. Rev. A. C. McCants, Moderator *pro tem*.

Renewed the call for delegates and correspondents.

Renewed the call for visiting brethren.

Renewed the call for petitionary letters.

Report of special committee was read and adopted. (See appendix.)

On motion, Rev. A. C. McCants was requested to send a copy of the report of the special committee, with such explanation as is necessary, to the *Tennessee Baptist*, published in Memphis, and request its publication.

Report of Committee on Periodicals was read and adopted. (See appendix.)

Revs. A. M. Manning and S. S. Proctor again addressed the body in behalf and interest of THE CHRISTIAN INDEX.

On motion, brethren D. M. Walker and C. W. Stevens were appointed as delegates to the State Convention.

Report of Committee on Missions was read and adopted. (See appendix.)

Report of Treasurer was read and adopted. (See appendix.)

Reports of Executive Committee and Missionary were read and adopted. (See appendix.)

### APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDENTS.

Brethren G. Owens and D. M. Walker were appointed as correspondents to the Mercer Association.

Revs. S. S. Proctor and J. W. Faulkner were appointed as correspondents to the Suwanee Missionary Association.

On motion, Rev. A. C. McCants was appointed as a visitor to the

Bethlehem (colored) Baptist Association, to convene at Monticello, Jefferson county, Fla., on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1882.

Rev. W. W. Bostwick preached at the arbor at 11 o'clock to a large and attentive congregation, from Luke, ix: 28, 29.

At this stage the Association received a communication from the Moderator of the serious illness of his wife, and requested a special prayer of the body. On motion, the body bowed in prayer, Rev. A. M. Manning leading.

Report of Committee on Finance was read and adopted. (See appendix.)

On motion, the body adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment at 2:30 o'clock.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The cause of Missions was ably discussed by Revs. S. S. Proctor, A. M. Manning and other brethren, and, on motion, a collection was taken up for the Tallahassee Mission amounting to \$7.52.

On motion, that \$42.48 be appropriated out of money in the Treasury and added to the collection taken up, and it to be applied to pay, in part, the salary of Rev. A. C. McCants as Missionary, under appointment of the State Board.

On motion, that the Clerk be allowed \$15 for his services.

On petition of brother C. W. Stevens, the next annual session of this Association will convene with the Baptist Church at Madison C. H., Fla., on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, A.D., 1883.

On motion, that the Clerk limit the printing of the Minutes and hold the money until the Minutes are delivered.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren of this Church and friends in this community for their hospitality and kindness during our session.

On motion, that an appropriation be made from the Treasury to make up the deficiency in the Minute fund.

On motion to adjourn and during the singing of the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," the parting hand was extended, and after prayer by Rev. W. W. Bostwick, the Association adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church at Madison C. H., Fla.

REV. JAMES H. WENTWORTH, Moderator.

H. B. GIBSON, Clerk.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The Word was preached at 11 o'clock A. M., by Rev. A. C. McCants, to a large and attentive congregation, from Mark, 16th ch., 15th and first clause of 16th v.; we trust, with good effect, that will re-

dound to the glory of our God and to the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom in our midst. After the sermon, a collection was taken up for Missionary purposes, amounting to \$13.32.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Revs. James H. Wentworth, F. M. Wells; W. W. Campbell, D. M. Walker, I. R. Walker.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

To the Associations with whom we correspond:

DEAR BRETHREN—We are ever grateful to acknowledge the reception of messengers from abroad. We had hoped to meet many of our brethren from various Associations whom we love in the Lord, and to have held sweet counsel with them. We had the pleasure of meeting, at our Association, brother W. W. Bostwick, of the Mercer Association. We most cordially reciprocate the Christian intercourse, and have appointed messengers, accordingly, for that purpose.

God has been very gracious unto us during the past year by removing, by death, but few from our midst, and in adding to our churches the saved. Brethren, pray that the ensuing year may be remarkable for increased faithfulness, on our part, and abundant blessings from our Father. May the Head of the Church bless your every effort to advance His cause upon earth, and may your souls prosper. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

REV. JAMES H. WENTWORTH, Moderator.

H. B. GIBSON, Clerk.

## APPENDIX.

## REPORT ON CONSTITUTION.

Your committee would report that, after a careful examination of the Constitution, we find no change necessary that would better promote the interest of our Association. Respectfully submitted,  
REV. S. S. PROCTOR, *Chairman*.

## REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath-schools beg leave to report: Number of Sabbath-schools, 8; superintendents, 8; assistant superintendents, 1; teachers, 29; pupils, 207; copies of *Kind Words* used, 30.  
Your committee earnestly recommend that pastors place this duty before their churches in its proper light. Solomon said, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Timothy was taught the Scriptures from a child, which was able to make him wise unto salvation. Under the Mosaic dispensation, one generation taught another the Scriptures. Respectfully submitted,  
REV. A. H. BARNES, *Chairman*.

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance would report that intemperance is an evil—a great evil; a curse—a bitter curse. Its results are three hundred thousand drunkards made annually. Seventy thousand of them die; fifty thousand widows are made; two hundred thousand children are made orphans and paupers; six hundred millions of dollars are spent for drink alone; three-fourths of all crimes are traceable to this cause. Shall we not, therefore, present a solid phalanx against the evil, and handle not, touch not, taste not, the blighting, withering, cursing beverage, which curses body, mind, soul, and curses in time and eternity?

Our influence should be against it in every legitimate way. We should favor the local option laws, high license taxes, or any legitimate measure that will suppress or prohibit it. And we should, and do hereby, invite all other religious people to unite with us in suppressing this evil. Respectfully submitted,

REV. A. M. MANNING, *Chairman*.

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations would report Rev. S. S. Proctor to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. A. H. Barnes, alternate. Rev. A. M. Manning to preach the missionary sermon; Rev. A. C. McCants, alternate, and the election of the following Executive Committee: Rev. James H. Wentworth, F. M. Wells, W. W. Campbell, D. M. Walker, I. R. Walker; and for Treasurer, I. R. Walker. Respectfully submitted,  
REV. JAMES W. FAULKNER, *Chairman*.

## REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee would report the affliction of Zion in the calling home of three of our Deacons during the past year—brethren Jonn D. Branch and Wm. H. Lester, both efficient Deacons of Centreville Church, and brother Josiah Horn, Deacon of Mt. Gilead Church; all of whom were active laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. But it is consoling to think that our loss is their eternal gain. It is, also, a source of gratification to us to find that the Good One has spared His ministering servants, that they may yet prosecute the work of the Master, for which we should thank God and take courage. Respectfully submitted,  
REV. F. M. WELLS, *Chairman*.

## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of heresy against Rev. James W. Faulkner, Missionary of the Association, published in an article in *The Baptist*, of Memphis, Tenn., dated some time last winter or spring, beg to report that they have examined into said charge and find no foundation for the same; and, to say the least, said charge arose from a misunderstanding of brother Faulkner's views, uttered in a private conversation—he denying, positively, entertaining such sentiments as are charged to him in said article. Respectfully submitted,  
REV. A. C. MCCANTS, *Chairman*.

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals would call the attention of the churches to the importance of providing proper reading matter for themselves and their families.

We recommend THE CHRISTIAN INDEX as a religious paper worthy of their patronage; also the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, of Philadelphia, and Baptist Book House, Memphis, Tenn. For Sabbath-schools we cannot recommend too highly *Kind Words*, published under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Macon, Ga.

As our minds are moulded by what we read, we would urge every church in the Association to purchase religious tracts, particularly denominational tracts, and distribute them gratuitously among the congregation. These tracts are cheap, and have been the means of doing great good. Respectfully submitted,

REV. A. C. MCCANTS, *Chairman*.

## REPORT ON MISSIONS.

It is needless for your committee to say anything of the importance of this work; the word of God teaches us our duty on almost every page.

The object of this Association is to promote the cause of missions, and the necessity for salvation proves, beyond a doubt, the grandeur of this work. But, your committee are sorry to say, our churches do not exhibit that interest in the cause of missions that they should, and we fear the reason of this lukewarmness is traceable to the failure, on the part of our ministers, to properly instruct them; and we would urge upon pastors to make it a point to give their churches "line upon

line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little," upon this subject, and teach the church that giving of their means for missions is the exercising of one of the Christian graces. We also urge upon your Executive Committee the importance of fostering our Union meetings upon the plan proposed by this Association—confining the discussions entirely to the subject of missions. Where this has been done, the churches have been liberal in their contributions. The formation of Women's Mission Societies in every church is highly commendable; these having been the means of doing much good where they have been tried. Respectfully submitted,

REV. A. C. MCCANTS, *Chairman.*

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

I. R. Walker, in account with Florida Baptist Association.

| Oct., 1881.   |  | Dr.      |
|---|--|----------|
| To amount on hand, . . . . .  |  | \$113 14 |
| Received from Finance Committee, . . . . .  |  | 149 03   |
| Collection on Sunday, . . . . .   |  | 10 83    |
| Received from 1st Union during the year, \$81.23; from Philadelphia Church (Cauey Branch), \$4.60. Total from 1st Union District during year, . . . . . |  | 85 53    |
| Received from Mt. Bezor Church, 2d District, during year, . . . . .   |  | 5 20     |
| Received from 3d District during year, . . . . .  |  | 20 70    |
| Received Rev. J. W. Faulkner, \$5.00; from Rev. J. H. Wentworth, \$1.00; from 4th Union District, \$2.85. Total from 4th District, . . . . .            |  | 8 85     |
| Received from 5th Union District during year, . . . . .   |  | 2 75     |
| Received from "A Friend to Missions," . . . . .   |  | 50       |
| Total receipts, . . . . .   |  | \$396 83 |
| Oct., 1881.   |  | Cr.      |
| Paid postage on minutes, . . . . .  |  | \$ 3 90  |
| Paid for stationery, . . . . .  |  | 35       |
| Paid for minutes, . . . . .   |  | 37 00    |
| Paid for Clerk's fee, . . . . .   |  | 15 00    |
| Paid for express expenses, . . . . .  |  | 50       |
| Paid for Foreign Missions, . . . . .  |  | 4 75     |
| Paid for Home Missions, . . . . .   |  | 2 25     |
| Paid for Indian Missions, . . . . .   |  | 3 45     |
| Paid for State Board Missions, . . . . .  |  | 5 00     |
| Paid Rev. J. W. Faulkner for Missionary labor, . . . . .  |  | 205 00   |
| Total paid out, . . . . .   |  | \$277 20 |
| Amount on hand October 1st, 1882, . . . . .   |  | \$119 63 |

Respectfully submitted,  
I. R. WALKER, *Treasurer.*

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND MISSIONARY.

Your committee employed Rev. J. W. Faulkner to occupy the field of destitution in Wakulla county and the southern portion of Leon and Jefferson counties. He commenced work the first of November

We refer you to brother Faulkner's report for what he has done, and in conclusion, would urge upon the churches of our Association the great necessity for earnest, active work in the cause of missions in our bounds.

To the Executive Committee of the Florida Baptist Association:

DEAR BRETHREN—I submit to you the following report of my labors for the year 1882:

Miles traveled, 2,842; sermons preached, 144; number baptized, 4; restored, 8; awaiting baptism, 2. Collected: from Mt. Bezor Church, \$5.20; from Philadelphia Church, \$4.60, and paid it to the Treasurer.

REV. J. W. FAULKNER, *Missionary.*

Respectfully submitted,  
D. M. WALKER, *Chairman.*

#### REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following amount collected:

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| For Minute fund, . . . . .          | \$23 95 |
| For Association funds, . . . . .    | 28 35   |
| For Association Missions, . . . . . | 43 55   |
| For Foreign Missions, . . . . .     | 3 00    |
| For Indian Missions, . . . . .      | 3 50    |
| For Home Missions, . . . . .        | 4 90    |
| For State Missions, . . . . .       | 3 10    |

Total, . . . . . \$110 35

We have on hand \$5.80 more than the statistical table shows.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. SCRUGGS, *Chairman.*

#### 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 God-head, 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 in 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 which he is by nature, by his own free will and ability.

ART. 6. We believe that sinners 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 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 believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's supper.

ART. 10. We believe in the 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 1. 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 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 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 in debate, he shall rise and address himself to 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 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 the 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 readings, or readings in the Association previous to its passage. The first shall be for information, and the second when the decision of the Association is to be made.

ART. 19. These 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 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 the 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 and understanding thereof, we therefore append 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 till 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, and if, upon examination, found to be orthodox, shall be received by the Association, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

ART. 8. The Association shall furnish the churches with 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 and distinctly 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 matter except matter 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 any church 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 principle 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 16th day of October, 1843.

E. W. SOLOMONS, *Clerk.*

W. B. COOPER, *Moderator.*

MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

| NAMES.  | POST-OFFICE.                       |
|---|------------------------------------|
| James H. Wentworth, . . . . .                     | Shady Grove, Taylor county, Fla    |
| F. M. Wells, . . . . .                            | Perry, Taylor county, Fla          |
| J. W. Faulkner, . . . . .                         | Perry, Taylor county, Fla          |
| S. D. Walker, . . . . .                           | Perry, Taylor county, Fla          |
| A. M. Manning, . . . . .                          | Imonia, Leon county, Fla           |
| A. C. McCants, . . . . .                          | Monticello, Jefferson county, Fla  |
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