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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MONTICELLO, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLA., Oct. 2, 1884.

Owing to an insufficiency of delegates, the Introductory Sermon of the Florida Baptist Association was postponed till 8 o'clock P. M.

Rev. S. S. Proctor conducted a prayer meeting.
On motion adjourned till 4 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4 P. M.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Former Moderator being absent, on motion Rev. A. M. Manning was elected Moderator pro tem. The former Clerk was present.

The roll of churches was called, and letters handed in.

The Moderator appointed Revs. E. D. Beggs and P. Willis a committee to read the letters.

The Clerk enrolled delegates' names.

Permanent organization was effected by acclamation by electing Rev. A. M. Manning, Moderator, and Bro. H. B. Gibson, Clerk.

Invitation to visiting brethren to seats was accepted by Revs. A. P. Ashurst and E. D. Beggs.

Called for correspondents. None presented themselves.

Called for petitionary letters. Anon, Corinth and Prospect churches presented their letters by delegation, and on motion were received, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

On motion the Moderator was granted time to arrange and appoint committees.

Moved that the Moderator appoint a committee on Ladies Mission Work.

On motion, after prayer by Rev. S. J. Revels, adjourned to meet after services to-night.

NIGHT SESSION.

8 P. M.—The Introductory Sermon was preached at 8 P. M. by Rev. F. M. Wells, from Eccl. 4: 12, after which the Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—Pastor and Deacons of Monticello church.
On Nominations—Revs. S. S. Proctor, J. S. Revels and Bro. A. E. Stevens.
On Finance—W. T. Duval, G. W. Turner and E. S. W. Holland.
On Periodicals—Revs. F. M. Wells, A. C. Mercant and P. Willis.
On Temperance—Revs. S. J. Revels, S. S. Proctor, Bro'n W. T. Duval and Jerry Barker.
On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Rev. J. N. Lamb, Bro'n A. S. Roberts and J. G. Grantham.
On Missions—Revs. P. Willis, E. D. Beggs, Bro'n J. O. Bishop and S. J. Hartsfield.
On Sunday-schools—Revs. H. M. Finer, J. T. Farach, Bro'n W. B. Walker, J. G. Connelly and O. P. McKeown.
On Ladies Mission Work—Revs. E. D. Beggs, F. M. Wells and S. S. Proctor.
On State of Churches—Rev. E. T. Rice, Bro'n J. W. Hines, W. H. Scruggs, A. F. Smith and W. W. Campbell.

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 Correspondence.
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.

The following named brethren volunteered as delegates to the Florida Baptist State Convention, to convene with the Baptist church at Orlando on Thursday, December 18, 1884, viz.: Revs. P. Willis, S. S. Proctor, A. M. Manning, A. C. McCants, E. D. Beggs and W. T. Duval.

On motion, the following named brethren were appointed delegates to the State Convention, viz.: Revs. J. S. Wharton, R. P. Green, Bre'n B. F. Wardlaw and S. Warren.

It was moved that the Moderator appoint a standing committee on the State of the Churches.

On motion, Rev. E. D. Beggs was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

The following named brethren volunteered as correspondents to the Mercer Association: Revs. P. Willis, H. B. Gibson, J. T. Farnell and Bro. S. Warren. To the Bowen Association: Revs. A. M. Manning and R. P. Green. To West Florida Association: Rev. J. S. Revels.

Moved that the hours of meeting be 9:30 A. M., 2:30 P. M., and at night after services; adjournment, 11 A. M., and in the afternoon and at night at will.

Moved that, as an Association, we recommend that each church keep a correct account of all funds collected for different objects, and report at the next annual session of this Association.

On motion adjourned till to-morrow at 9:30 A. M. Prayer by Rev. A. P. Ashurst.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Oct. 3, 9:30 A. M.—Met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read the forty-sixth Psalm; prayer by Rev. J. B. Forster.

Read and adopted the minutes of yesterday.

Renewed the call for letters, and enrolled the names of delegates.

Renewed the call for correspondents. Accepted by Rev. J. B. Forster as a messenger from Mercer Association.

Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren.

Moved that Rev. E. D. Beggs be received as a delegate from the Madison church.

Moved that we recognize Rev. J. Felder as a correspondent from Bethel Baptist Association (colored).

Moved that Rev. P. Willis be granted an opportunity to deliver an address of welcome on behalf of Monticello church and community, and that Bro. W. T. Duval reply on behalf of Association.

Renewed the call for petitionary letters. None.

The committee on Preaching reported Rev. A. P. Ashurst to preach at 11 A. M.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The report of committee on Nominations was read, and on motion was adopted. See Appendix A.

The Moderator appointed the following as a committee on the

State of the Churches: Rev. E. Trice, Bre'n J. W. Hines, W. H. Scruggs, A. F. Smith and W. W. Campbell.

On motion adjourned till 2:30 P. M. Prayer by Rev. A. P. Ashurst. Divine service at 11 A. M. conducted by Rev. A. P. Ashurst.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 P. M.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Bro. D. M. Walker.

Renewed the call for and enrolled the names of delegates.

Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren.

Renewed the call for correspondents. Accepted by Rev. J. W. Ford, Bre'n A. J. Roundtree and I. N. Denmark as messengers from Mercer Association; also Bro. John G. McCall as a trustee of Mercer University.

The report of committee on Sunday-schools was read, and on motion was amended and adopted. See Appendix B.

The report of committee on Periodicals was read, and on motion was adopted. See Appendix C.

Addresses were delivered by Revs. A. P. Ashurst, P. Willis, Bre'n W. T. Duval and John G. McCall in the interest of the FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNES and Christian Index.

The committee on Preaching reported Rev. A. M. Manning to preach to-night.

On motion, adjourned to meet after service to-night. Prayer by Bro. John G. McCall.

NIGHT SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The report of the Executive Committee was read, and on motion was adopted. See Appendix D.

The report of Missionary No. 1 was read, and adopted. See Appendix E.

Moved that the Moderator appoint a special committee to devise some plan for Ministerial Education.

On motion adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 A. M. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Hines.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Oct. 4, 9:30 A. M.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Ford.

Renewed the call for delegates.

Renewed the call for correspondents.

Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren. Accepted by Bro. Morgan H. Looney.

On motion the name of Bethel church was dropped from the roll of churches of this Association.

The Moderator appointed as a special committee on Ministerial Education Revs. E. D. Beggs, P. Willis and Bro. D. M. Walker.

The report of Missionary No. 2 was read, and on motion was adopted. See Appendix F.

The report of the committee on the State of the Churches was read, and on motion was adopted. See Appendix G.

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of fixing the time and place of the next annual session of this Association.

Moved that the next annual session of this Association convene with the Macedonia Baptist church in Madison county, Fla., commencing on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1885.

Resumed regular order of business.

The report of committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read, and on motion was adopted. See Appendix H.

The report of the Treasurer was read, and on motion was adopted. See Appendix I.

The report of the committee on Missions was read, and on motion was adopted. See Appendix J.

The committee on Preaching reported Rev. J. B. Forster to preach at 11 A. M.

Moved that the Clerk be allowed the usual fee of \$15 for his services; also to draw on the Treasurer for funds for distribution of minutes to the various churches of this Association, and to reimburse him for distributing minutes of the Association.

On motion adjourned till 2:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 P. M.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Bro. John G. McCall.

The report of committee on Finance was read, and on motion was adopted. See Appendix K.

The report of committee on Temperance was read, and on motion was adopted. See Appendix L.

Moved that Rev. T. W. Moore be invited to address the Association on the subject of Temperance.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of Monticello and surrounding country for their generous hospitality extended to us during our stay in their midst, and to the railroads for their special rates in taking us to and from Monticello.

Moved that the collection taken up to-morrow be divided between State, Foreign and Associational Missions.

The committee on Preaching reported Rev. J. W. Ford to preach to-night.

On motion, adjourned till after service to-night. Prayer by Bro. A. S. Roberts.

NIGHT SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The report of committee on Ladies Mission Work was read, and on motion adopted. See Appendix M.

The report of committee on Ministerial Education was read, and on motion adopted. See Appendix N.

Moved that we dispense with reading and correcting minutes.

Moved that the Clerk expunge the action of this body this afternoon with reference to the appropriation of fifteen dollars for missionary work volutarily performed.

On motion the Association adjourned during the singing of the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds." The parting band was extended, and an earnest prayer by Rev. Paul Willis. The Association adjourned to meet with the Macedonia Baptist church, four miles east of Madison C. H., Madison county, Fla., on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1885.

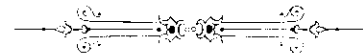
H. B. GIBSON, CLK. Rev. A. M. MANNING, Mod.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

At 11 A. M. the Word was preached to an attentive congregation by Rev. J. W. Ford, from Gen. 3:15, at the close of which a collection was taken, amounting to \$14.50, for missionary purposes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

E. WILLIS, F. M. WELLS, E. D. BEGGS, W. T. DUVAL, D. M. WALKER.



APPENDIX.—REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A—On Nominations.

Your committee on Nominations would submit the following report:
Executive Committee: Revs. Paul Willis, F. M. Wells, E. D. Beggs, Bro'n W. T. Duval and D. M. Walker.
Rev. E. D. Beggs to preach the next Introductory Sermon.

S. S. PROCTOR, Chairman

B—On Sabbath-schools.

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.

H. M. FRIAR, Chairman.

C—On Periodicals.

Dear Brethren: Christians and Christian associations—and they are only half prepared for an active Christian life who have not such Christian influences—may be had by all, even though we should live in some bedlam of sin. In our religious literature our wants are all met, and by securing a religious paper we secure as advisers the wisest of our denomination, through whose medium we can receive the wise counsels, the words of cheer and information in regard to the condition of our brethren and the world, which is calculated to increase our affections, to quicken our sympathies, and to cheer us on to greater efforts in the discharge of our duties. Your committee would earnestly recommend the *FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS* of our State, and the *Christian Index* of our sister State, as religious literature of the highest standard; and seeing the need of such aids, we urge our brethren to put themselves in communication with that literature that will urge them on to a higher life of Christian activity. We also recommend for our Sunday-schools, *Kind Words* and the publications of the *American Baptist Publication Society*, as particularly adapted to their wants, and would urge upon them the necessity of providing such literature as will teach the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Respectfully submitted, F. M. WELLS, Chairman

D—Report of Executive Committee.

In the month of November, 1883, we held our first meeting, and after looking over the vast field of destitution appointed Bro. J. W. Faulkner as missionary in the southern part of Taylor at fifteen dollars a month for half his time. In December Bro. A. M. Manning accepted the appointment of missionary in Wakulla county for half his time on a salary of fifteen dollars per month. The appointment of Bro. Faulkner was discontinued in January, 1884, after two months of service, and Bro. S. S. Proctor was appointed for three-fourths of his time with a salary of twenty-two and a half dollars per month. It was found necessary to change from some preaching points in Taylor county to points in Jefferson county, west of the Aucilla. Bro. Proctor's field we may denominate the Taylor-Jefferson Mission. For results of labor performed we refer you to the printed reports of our own missionaries. Looking over these reports we are encouraged by what has been done, and hope that we may be able to accomplish still greater things next year. We have collected sufficient funds during the year to pay off our missionaries in full, and have a balance in the treasury with which to begin operations next year. The churches have been earnestly appealed unto through printed circulars and we feel confident that a development of the missionary spirit is going quietly on. Still, the progress is not in proportion to the demands upon us. We earnestly appeal to the churches again, in this report, to awake and contribute more liberally than ever before in view of the vast destitution which still exists. Instead of two we should have as many as four or more missionaries within our bounds. We earnestly urge upon the churches and pastors of the Florida Association the devising of some better and more determinate plans for the raising of funds for missionary and other purposes. We recommend that the churches continue to send up to the Union Meetings regular contributions for Associational Missions. We recommend also that we increase our contributions as far as we can in proportion to the demands upon us. This would require that we double contributions. We, your committee, have done the best we could with the means at command, but not all we desired. Respectfully submitted. PAUL WELLS, Ch'n.

E—Report of Missionary No. 1.

As missionary of the Florida Association, I submit the following as my report: Miles traveled, 1,815; sermons preached, 71; families visited, 137; exhortations, 25; Bibles on the field, 50; Bibles to Sunday-schools, 40; Testaments on the field, 50; Testaments to Sunday-schools, 100; Sabbath-school addresses, 12; Sabbath-schools organized, 3; received by baptism, 5; received by letter, 5; restored, 2; churches constituted, 1; pages of tracts distributed, 1,000; amount collected on the field, \$4 40; amount collected for distribution of tracts, 50c. Rev. J. B. Forster was with me the latter part of March and first of April, and rendered valuable service in the Sabbath-school work. Respectfully submitted.

S. S. PROCTOR, Missionary No. 1.

F—Missionary Report No. 2.

As missionary of the Florida Association I would render the following report, to wit: Total miles traveled, 1,388; sermons preached, 32; families visited 38; restored to membership, 2; baptized, 1; collected in cash, \$46 50. Aided Bro. E. Trice in meeting at Lake Ellen, where two were baptized and one restored. This is a fine section and good community, and we had large congregations. Other points are open for Baptist preaching. By invitation Rev. J. B. Forster accompanied me on two trips, and formed and aided five Sabbath-schools, leaving many other places where aid is needed. Respectfully submitted.

A. M. MANNING, Missionary No. 2.

G—On the State of the Churches.

Your committee to whom was referred the State of the Churches beg leave to report that from the best information they can get the churches are in a very healthy condition, and in some there is a spirit of revival. Three new churches have been received into this Association during the present session. Respectfully submitted.

E. TRICE, Chairman.

H—On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

Your committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons would report that with profound gratitude to God we have to report the death of no minister, a member of this Association. We regret to report the death of Bro. Meredith Hartsfield, deacon of Anon Baptist church. He was born in 1816; baptized, 1844; ordained, 1850; died, March 6, 1884. We learn that he filled the office of deacon faithfully and efficiently for about thirty-three years, thus proving his steadfastness in the faith and we hope is reaping the reward of the faithful. We also have to report the death of Bro. Joseph D. Walker, Jr., deacon of Indian Spring church, who died March 20, 1884, in the faith and hope of a glorious resurrection. Doubtless our loss is their eternal gain.

Respectfully submitted.

I. N. LAMB, Chairman.

I—Treasurer's Report.

E. D. BEGGS, Treasurer, in account with Florida Baptist Association:

1883.		Dr.	
Oct. 6.	To amount from Finance Committee	.....	\$152 50
7.	" " Sunday collection	.....	17 73
7.	" " Sunday-school collection, Bibles	.....	5 50
17.	" " from Centerville church, for Associational Missions	.....	\$10 00
17.	" " " " Minute fund	.....	1 00
18.	Amount from preceding Treasurer, W. W. Campbell	.....	71 65

1884.			
Oct. 2.	Amount from first Union during year	.....	\$54 00
"	"	second "	23 35
"	"	Union per A. M. Manning during year	46 50
"	"	fifth Union during year	78 06
	Total receipts	.....	\$455 89
	<i>Cr.</i>		
1883.			
Oct. 6.	By amount paid W. N. Chaudoin, Cr. Sec. State B'd, for Foreign Mis'ns	.....	\$5 70
		Home " " 8 85	
		State " " 6 75	\$21 30
7.	By amount paid W. N. Chaudoin, Cor. Sec. State Board, one-half for Foreign Missions, one-half for State Missions, Sunday collection	.....	11 81
11.	By amount paid H. B. Gibson, Clerk fees	.....	\$15 00
11.	By amount reimbursed by Association	.....	4 20
20.	By amount forwarded to W. N. Chaudoin for State Missions from former Treasurer	.....	4 00
20.	By amount paid P. O. order and stamp on above	.....	10
Nov. 19.	By amount forwarded to American Baptist Publication Society for Bibles and Testaments	.....	5 50
24.	By amount for express on Minutes	.....	1 40
Dec. 5.	By amount paid J. P. Harrison & Co. for printing Minutes	.....	30 00
13.	By amount paid freight on Bibles and Testaments	.....	7 00
1884.			
Mar. 10.	By amount paid Elder J. W. Faulkner for services as missionary from December, 1883, to January, 1884	.....	25 00
Oct. 2.	By amount paid Elder S. S. Proctor, missionary, for eight months services at \$22 50 per month	.....	180 00
2.	By amount paid Elder A. M. Manning for services as missionary for nine months and postage thereon	.....	135 30
	Total expenditures	.....	\$441 51
	Recapitulation—Total receipts	.....	\$455 89
	Expenditures	.....	441 51
	To balance on hand	.....	\$14 38
	Respectfully submitted.	E. D. BEGGS, Treasurer.	

J—On Missions.

Jesus Christ was a missionary, and so were his Apostles, and so have been his true disciples in every age. The missionary spirit is the heart of Christianity. As one's body is dead without the soul, so would Christianity be dead without the spirit of missions. Christians who have made the greatest progress in the world have been those most interested in missions. Our mission work is divided into Associational, State, Home and Foreign Missions. We are under obligation to do something—all we can—for each. By Associational Missions is meant the work as carried on within the bounds of our Association. By State Missions is meant what we do in supplying religious destitution under the auspices of the State Board. All the work done in the Southern States and the Indian Territory by the Home Board of Atlanta comes under the head of Home Missions. By Foreign Missions is meant all that work in saving souls which is performed in heathen countries, or countries wherever untrue and unwholesome forms of Christianity have been foisted upon the people. The spirit of missions in all its wide field of exercise is calculated to work down superstition and lead the soul up to the blessed worship of the only true and living God. We have a great work to do in our own Association, and it is hoped that a greater interest will be taken in the work than ever before. At the same time, to be true missionaries, we must not forget the other fields occupied by God's people. Our hearts should take in the whole world

of unconverted mankind. As a means of fostering the missionary spirit in all our hearts we would earnestly recommend the reading of missionary literature, earnest prayer for sinners everywhere, and active service of the missionary cause, along with fervent and hearty contributions for the spread of the gospel. While the spirit of missions is being formed and developed in the hearts of the people to a greater extent than ever before, we have the great satisfaction of knowing that the results accruing from missionary labors are larger and more encouraging than ever before. The old objection that missions do not pay has been a thousand times exploded by facts and figures, some of which we would be glad to submit to you did space allow. We must, however, content ourselves with the statement that never before in the world's history have we had more satisfactory results upon which to base our hopes of future success. Wide fields are opening, grand harvests are awaiting; who will enter and share in the reaping and join in the reaper's song? May every one be inclined so to do.

Respectfully submitted. PAUL WILLIS, Chairman.

K—Report of Finance Committee.

The committee to whom was referred the finances of this Association beg leave to report that upon an examination of the letters from the churches we find that the contributions amount in the aggregate to the sum of \$103 45, of which sum \$6 50 remain unpaid, and that said sum has been subdivided as follows: For minutes, \$23 25; Associational fund, \$39 50—less \$1 unpaid; Associational Missions, \$26 40—less \$3 unpaid; Foreign Missions, \$4 93; Indian Missions, \$2 99; Home Missions, \$2; State Missions, \$4 48—less \$2 50 unpaid; total, \$103 45—less \$6 50 making \$96 95. We would most earnestly recommend to our churches the great importance of adopting some system for collecting, and that every Baptist belonging to this body lay by him in store five cents per month, if not more, to be sent up at the next meeting of this body for missionary purposes.

Respectfully submitted. W. T. DÜVAL, Chairman.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

FLORIDA ASSOC'N.	CASH SENT TO ASSOCIATION.					CASH REC'D BY STATE BOARD DURING THE YEAR.							
	Minutes.	General Purposes.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Total.	State Missions.	Church Edifice Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Total.
Aucilla	\$1 05		\$2 95			\$ 95	\$ 4 85						
Enon	2 00	\$1 50					3 50						
Cabbage Grove							5 50	\$66 30			\$4 00	\$ 70 80	
Centerville	50	5 00					10 70	11 85			\$9 55	4 80	33 29
Ebenezer	1 25	5 00		\$1 48	\$1 49	1 48	2 45						
Elizabeth	1 00	1 00	45				1 60						1 60
Flat Creek	1 00		3 25				4 25						
Harmony	85	2 00					2 85						
Hopeful	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00		\$ 50	50			2 00
Indian Spring	50		5 10				5 60		2 00	1 00	20 00		28 00
Lake Ellen	1 00		1 05				2 05						
Macedonia	1 00						1 00					2 80	23 55
Madison	1 50						1 50	20 75					
Midway	1 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	8 00	24 45			7 20		31 65
Monticello							1 50						
Mt. Carmel							10 00						
Mt. Bezer	50	1 50	8 00				2 30						
Mt. Gilead	75		1 55				2 30						
New Macedonia	50						50						
New Prospect No. 1	50	1 75					2 25						
New Prospect No. 2													
Oakland							3 50						
Oak Grove	50	50	50		1 50	50	3 50						
Ochvilla							2 50						
Olive Branch	1 00	1 50					2 50						
Perry							2 25						
Pine Grove	1 25	1 00					1 50						
Pleasant Grove No. 1	75	75					1 50						
Pleasant Grove No. 2							1 50						
Philadelphia	50		1 00				1 50						
Providence	1 25		2 05				3 30	25 70		10 00			37 70
Shiloh	50	50					1 00						
Salem	2 00						2 00						
Spring Warrior													
Special Providence													
Shady Grove	50		2 00	1 00			3 50	42 55	\$110 00	3 00	13 00		178 55
Tallahassee													
Unity	50	9 50					10 00						
Corinth	50		1 50				2 00						
Prospect													2 00
Mrs. McCants													3 00
D. M. & Emma Clark													
Total	25 15	33 50					105 45						411 55

I.—On Temperance.

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: As an association of Christians it is needless for us to attempt any new agreement in favor of temperance; for while the evils of intemperance are daily increasing, the arguments in favor of temperance are as old as the church. The Word of God is outspoken on the side of temperance, and the Word of God is our constitution. It abideth forever. What it condemns we must in all good conscience condemn, and what it approves we must in all good conscience approve. When it commands us to temperance, we must obey; when it declares that no drunkard shall enter eternal life, we must, if we would inherit this great benefit of our blood-bought privilege, abstain from drunkenness. When the blessed Lord teaches us to pray, "Lead us not into temptation," we must remember our weakness, and abstain from tipping—the greatest temptation the great tempter has put before our frail humanity since the days of our Lord's sojourn upon earth. Therefore we present no new argument in favor of temperance. The world is looking to us for an example of good morals and safe teaching, and rightly; for our great Head hath said, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." It is right, therefore, that the world should expect, and that Christ should command, us to let our light shine before men so that they may see in us good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven. It is right, then, and our bounden duty that we should speak out on this matter and act toward temperance consistently with our high calling. Be it therefore resolved, That we, the representatives of the churches of our Association, both for ourselves and the Christian men and women whom we represent, pledge ourselves to lives of temperance.

Respectfully submitted. S. J. REVEL, Chairman.

M.—On Woman's Work.

Dear Brethren—Your committee upon this subject report with surprise and pleasure the great success the organizations of Woman's Missionary Societies have been attended. As an illustration we would mention the fact that in Mississippi twenty-five societies raised \$2,000 last year. The work is spreading and the organization of new societies is occurring constantly. These societies are now holding missionary unions or meetings of auxiliary organizations with the meetings of nearly all conventions and associations. They increase very greatly the interest in the work, and as a result we are glad to note other societies are formed. We notice with pleasure the meeting held during the session of the Association which was nobly led by Sister A. B. Bailey, and we trust will be occasion of fine results. The Southern Baptist Convention at its last session recommended that such meetings of the Woman's Missionary Societies as referred to continue to be held at the same time with the meetings of conventions and associations when held as now, that is, as distinctly women's meetings, and we hope that at the future session of our body such meetings will continue to be held when full representations shall be made from the various societies within the bounds of our Association. We recommend the organization of these societies in other churches than those which now have them. The Woman's Missionary Societies will be valuable aids in raising funds with which to carry on the missionary work, besides uniting the energies of the sisters for the advancement of the Master's kingdom. We recommend to the members of the various societies the Heathen

Helper, which can be had by conferring with Sister A. B. Bailey, of Micapony, Fla., for fifty cents a year. Respectfully submitted.
E. D. BEGGS, Chairman.

N—On Ministerial Education.

Ministers of the Gospel need education in every sense of the word. The mind needs training, the heart culture and the life discipline. In our colleges, universities and seminaries mental development is afforded; at the feet of Jesus and in the school of daily experience heart education and life discipline are attained. Mercer University, on account of its proximity to our State, as well as the efficiency of its faculty and the generous offer it makes to Florida Baptists, should receive our patronage. Last year we had several boys at Mercer: this year we should afford a still larger number. Mercer University combines classical, scientific and theological education, and sends out many brethren well fitted for good service. We are glad to see Bro. John G. McCall, one of the trustees of Mercer, present with us, and we promise him to do all we can for the institution he represents. Our Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., should not be forgotten by us. Let our young brethren, after finishing their course at Mercer and the Seminary, we should busy ourselves in raising funds for their support. How shall we do this? We suggest that the churches make special contributions during the year and send the same to Bro. Chaudoin, Cor. Sec. State Board of Missions, to be used for ministerial education. The Florida Association should strain a point to help Mercer, inasmuch as we have our promising young Brother Dilworth there now. Respectfully submitted.
E. D. BEGGS, Chairman.

The following pledges were made for missions

	Foreign.	Associational.	Home.	State.
Paul Willis.....		\$50 00		\$50 00
S. S. Proctor.....	\$5 00	5 00	\$5 00	5 00
A. M. Manning (to be paid quarterly).....		\$20 00		



ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

- ART. 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 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 a general resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

ART. 11. We believe the punishment of the wicked shall 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.

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.

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

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.

4. The Moderator shall appoint the committees, except in cases of appointment by ballot.

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 be given to the minority will make the division equal. In that case the question shall be lost.

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

7. If any member while speaking or otherwise employed transgress the Rules of Decorum, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order.

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

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

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 require strict attention on the part of the members.

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

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

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.

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.

15. A motion for adjournment shall always be in order, and decided without debate.

16. Any member shall call for a division of a question when two or more distinct propositions are set forth, and when the substance will admit of division.

17. Motions and amendments may be referred to a committee at the pleasure of the Association.

18. Every resolution shall receive two statements 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.

19. These rules may be changed or amended at any full meeting of the Association.

20. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer each day by the Moderator or some other member.

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.

ART. 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 for each church of fifty or less, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members over fifty.

ART. 3. The letters sent by the churches at each session of the Association shall express 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 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 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 internals of any church.

ART. 7. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to this union on 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 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 regular successive meetings of the Association. All other 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 any 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, and when not specified it shall be appropriated to promote the best interests 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 16th day of October, 1843. W. B. COOPER, Moderator.

E. W. SOLOMONS, Clerk.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

J. W. Faulkner, Perry, Taylor co., Fla.	J. M. Hampton, Beasleys, Jefferson co.
F. M. Wells, Madison, Mad'n co., Fla.	E. Trice, Ocklocknee, Wakulla co.
H. Friar, " " " "	J. H. Ward, Fowlston, Ga.
T. P. Webb, " " " "	W. H. Scruggs, Owsleys, Ga.
S. S. Proctor, " " " "	Dr. J. S. Wharton, Madison, Fla. (co.
A. C. McCants, Tallahassee, Leon co.	J. E. P. Campbell, Quincey, Gadsden
A. M. Manning, Centerville, " "	E. E. Green, Alamo Gadsden, co.
Paul Willis, Monticello, Jefferson co.	S. J. Revel, Bristol, Liberty co.

LICENTIATES.

C. G. Dilworth, Monticello, Fla.	J. T. Farnell, Madison, Fla.
Robt. Pigot, Crawfordville, " "	A. J. Gill, " "
J. G. Connelly, Wacissa, Wakulla co.	H. B. Gibson, " "

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER.

THE Church
to the Florida Baptist Association, to meet with Church, on the day
of 18-:

DEAR BRETHREN: We send as delegates to your body Brethren

We send by them for minutes, \$....; general purposes, \$....; Associational Missions, \$....
Home, \$....; State, \$....; Foreign, \$....; Ministerial Education. We have had Bro.....
..... as our pastor for the year just closed. We have called Bro..... for
the ensuing year. Statistics of the Church: Received by baptism,; by letter,;
restored,; dismissed by letter,; expelled,; dead,; total,
Sunday-school Statistics: Superintendents,; teachers,; pupils,
May your meeting prove a blessing to all of the Churches.
Done by order of the Church in conference day of 188..
..... Church Clerk. Moderator.

APPENDIX. STATISTICAL

CHURCHES.	County.	Post-office.	Pastors.	Clerks.
Aucilla	Jefferson	Williamsburg	Jno. M. Hampton	J. H. Slaughter
Ænon	Leon	Tallahassee	J. H. Ward	Edward Gray
Cabbage Grove	Taylor	Shady Grove		
Centerville	Leon	Centerville	A. M. Manning	Not known
Corinth	Liberty	Bristol	S. J. Revel	J. E. Roberts
Ebenezer	Jefferson	Drifton	Paul Willis	C. E. Hay
Elizabeth	Jefferson	Williamsburg	John M. Hampton	J. B. Standley
Flat Creek	Gadsden	Quincey		
Harmony	Madison	Shady Grove	F. M. Wells	W. W. Campbell
Hopewell	"	Madison		Chas. A. Alvis
Indian Spring	Leon	Miccosukee	F. M. Wells	J. H. Stanford
Lake Ellen	Wakulla	Crawfordville	A. M. Manning	John J. Cason
Macedonia	Madison	Madison	E. Trice	A. L. Smith
Madison	"	"	F. M. Wells	F. B. Williams
Midway	"	"	H. M. Friar	John Hicks
Monticello	Jefferson	Monticello	Paul Willis	S. Puleston
Mt. Gilead	Madison	Beasley, Jef'n Co	John M. Hampton	Wm. L. Van
Mt. Carmel	LaFayette	Luraville		
Mt. Bezer	Wakulla	Sopchoppy		J. P. Roberts
New Macedonia	Madison	Greenville	F. M. Wells	E. Barker
New Prospect No. 1	"	Moseley Hall		J. G. Plant
New Prospect No. 2	"	Ellaville		
Oakland	Taylor	Shady Grove		
Oak Grove No. 1	Madison	Madison	H. M. Friar	R. Warren
*Oak Grove No. 2	Liberty	Rock Bluff	S. J. Revel	G. W. Goodson
Ochlawilla	Madison	Madison		B. L. Smith
Olive Branch	Jefferson	Beasley		Wm. Beasley
Perry	Taylor	Perry		
Pine Grove	Madison	Madison	W. H. Scruggs	J. L. Warren
Prospect	Taylor	Perry		J. W. Bowden
Pleasant Grove No. 1	"	Shady Grove	F. M. Wells	K. M. Tedler
Pleasant Grove No. 2	LaFayette	Luraville		
Philadelphia	Jefferson	Wacissa		W. L. Simmons
Providence	Gadsden	Quincey	R. P. Green	W. W. Edwards
Shiloh	Madison	Greenville	J. S. Wharton	J. W. Hummerly
Salem	Taylor	Perry	J. W. Faulkner	M. A. Cockroft
Spring Warrior	"	"		
Special Providence	"	Not known		
Shady Grove	"	Shady Grove		
Tallahassee	Leon	Tallahassee		
Unity	Taylor	Perry	A. C. McCants	W. H. Haskell


*This church sent petitionary letter after adjournment of Association. The clerk requests clerks of churches to send in their letters total membership, pastors serving them, days of meeting, and Sunday-school statistics.

TABLE.

Delegates.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excommunicated.	Dead.	Total.	Minute Fund.	Associational Fund.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Board.	Teachers.	Scholars.	% of Days of Preaching.
J. O. Bishop, J. A. Sledge	2	1	1	3	3	34	44	\$1 05	\$	\$2 95	\$ 95	\$				1
W. J. Hartsfield, W. F. Hartsfield	1	1	1	1	1	48	52	2 00	1 50							
Not represented																
A. M. Manning				4	1	23	28	5 00	5 00							4
S. J. Revel				1	1	16	18	50	0 50							
T. Hay, W. H. Scruggs				8	1	41	50	1 25	5 00		1 48	1 49	1 48			4
J. Hartsfield, W. B. Walker	2	2	2	1	2	51	60	1 00	1 00							
Not represented										45						
D. M. Walker, W. W. Campbell				1	1	32	34	1 00	3 25							3
S. S. Proctor	5	2	2	7	2	50	68	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	4 43	2	
Jerry Barker	10	1	3	1	1	32	46	50	2 00							1
J. W. Hines				1	1	32	34	50								
E. Trice, A. F. Smith	2	3	3	1	1	38	40	1 00	5 70							1
H. M. Friar	3	2	1	1	1	66	74	1 00	1 05							
E. D. Bogg, J. W. Smith, W. S. Jordan				1	1	46	48	1 50								4
L. Webb, S. W. Phillips	2	1	1	2	1	46	53	1 00	3 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	2 25	3	
P. Willis, S. Puleston, G. W. Turner	1	1	1	1	1	47	51	1 00	2 55		1 00	1 00	1 00	4 27	4	
J. H. Armstrong, Berry, Shephard	1	1	1	3	3	53	59	1 00	2 55							
Not represented																
W. T. Duval, A. S. Roberts	1	2	1			16	19	50	8 00					6 35	2	
I. N. Lamb				1	1	30	31	50								
Letter						30	30	50	1 75					4 40	2	
Not represented						19	19									
A. E. Stevens, J. T. Farnell	5	2	1	1	1	53	62	50	50	50	50	1 50				2
Not represented	10	1	3			18	22	1 00	1 50							3
W. W. Daw, Wm. Beasley				2		13	15									
Not represented						13	13									
S. Warren, H. B. Gibson	7	2	4	1	1	64	75	25	1 00							
J. M. Lindsay	3	5				8	13	50	1 50					3 26	3	
E. S. W. Holland, J. G. Grantham	1	1	7	2	1	28	32	75						5 60	3	
Not represented						38	38									
J. G. Connelly	2	2	1	1		35	39	50	1 00							
O. F. McKeown, W. F. Cowan	6	3	1	5	8	114	128	1 25	2 05							
Letter						11	11	50								
Not represented	5	1				10	11									
"						10	10									
"						10	10									
Letter	2	8				24	26	50	2 00							3 10
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