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MINUTES

OF

The Florida Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH, MADISON CO., FLA.

OCTOBER 1ST TO 5TH, 1885.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POST-OFFICE.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	DELEGATES.
Aucilla	Jefferson.	Williamsburg.		J. H. Slaughter.	Not represented.
Enon	Leon.	Tallahassee.		Edward Gray.	J. T. Hartfield.
Antioch	Gadsden.	Quincy.	J. H. Ward.	S. F. Blount.	Not represented.
Centerville	Leon.	Centerville.	C. D. Rudd.	A. M. Manning.	C. D. Rudd.
Corinth	Liberty.	Bristol.	A. M. Manning.	Not known.	A. M. Manning.
Ebenezer	Jefferson.	Monticello.		J. E. Roberts.	Not represented.
Elizabeth	Gadsden.	Williamsburg.		C. E. Hay.	W. W. Mabry, A. Lacy.
Flat Creek	Jefferson.	Quincy.	F. M. Wells.	W. E. Standley.	W. B. Walker, Geo. Walker.
Harmony	Gadsden.	Shady Grove.		Not known.	Not represented.
Hopeful	Madison.	Madison.	F. M. Wells.	W. W. Campbell.	W. W. Campbell, A. Reams.
Hopewell	Madison.	Madison.	J. A. Tinsley.	W. F. McCranie.	S. S. Proctor, W. F. McCranie.
Indian Spring	Madison.	Lloyd's.	F. M. Wells.	John L. Rutherford.	Willie Lee, Joseph Lamb.
Lake Ellen	Leon.	Crawfordville.	A. M. Manning.	J. J. Cason.	F. M. Bunker.
Macedonia	Wakulla.	Madison.	R. E. Trice.	A. F. Smith.	J. A. Durrance.
Madison	Madison.	Madison.	F. M. Wells.	F. B. Williams.	H. M. Friar, T. P. Webb.
Midway	Madison.	Madison.		C. W. Stevens.	B. F. Wardlaw.
Monticello	Madison.	Madison.		John Hicks.	John Hicks, John Thoms.
Mt. Gilead	Jefferson.	Monticello.		S. Puleston.	Not represented.
Mt. Bezor	Madison.	Benseley's.		W. L. Vann.	Reuben Graves, W. L. Vann.
Mt. Elam	Madison.	Ellaville.	W. D. Waller.	J. P. Roberts.	Letter.
New Macedonia	Wakulla.	Greenville.		J. Pert.	J. P. Lyons, Wm. Johnson.
New Prospect No. 1	Madison.	Moseley Hall.	Bright Waters.	E. G. Barker.	J. A. Porter.
Oakland	Madison.	Perry.	W. D. Waller.	James Kelly.	Robt. Pickles, Geo. Dice.
Oak Grove No. 1	Taylor.	Madison.	T. M. Wells.	Not known.	Not represented.
Oak Grove No. 2	Madison.	Rock Bluff.		A. E. Stevens.	Wm. Stirling, J. E. Herring.
Ochlawilla	Liberty.	Madison.	H. M. Friar.	G. W. Goodson.	Not represented.
Olive Branch	Madison.	Madison.		Not known.	Not represented.
Perry	Jefferson.	Beaseley.		Wm. Beazeley.	Letter.
Pine Grove	Taylor.	Perry.	John M. Hampton.	Thos. Faulkner.	J. B. Hardee.
Prospect	Madison.	Madison.	J. W. Faulkner.	L. Warren.	J. H. Rowe, H. B. Gibson.
Pleasant Grove No. 1	Taylor.	Perry.	W. H. Scruggs.	Not known.	Not represented.
Pleasant Grove No. 2	Taylor.	Shady Grove.		K. M. Tedder.	W. B. Tedder, E. S. W. Holland.
Philadelphia	Lafayette.	Mayo.	J. E. Vann.	J. T. Cates.	J. T. Cates, J. W. Day.
Providence	Jefferson.	Wacissa.	H. M. Friar.	W. L. Simmons.	J. G. Connell.
Shiloh	Gadsden.	Quincy.	S. S. Proctor.	W. W. Edwards.	Not represented.
Salem	Madison.	Greenville.		J. W. Hammerly.	Not represented.
Spring Warrior	Taylor.	Perry.		M. A. Cockroft.	Not represented.
Special Providence	Taylor.	Spring Warrior.		D. W. Holcombe.	Not represented.
Tallahassee	Taylor.	Not known.		Not known.	J. L. King.
Unity	Leon.	Tallahassee.		E. B. Carlton.	Not represented.
	Taylor.	Perry.	A. C. McCants.	Not known.	A. C. McCants.

\*No statistics.

## MINUTES.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH,  
MADISON Co., FLA., Oct. 1, 1885.

### FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Florida Baptist Association this day convened with the Macedonia Baptist Church. Rev. E. D. Beggs being absent, the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. A. P. Ashurst, from Matthew xv., 17th to 20th verses.

Adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 P. M.—Met pursuant to adjournment. The former Moderator and Clerk being present, the Moderator read the 111th Psalm. Rev. G. W. Hall led in prayer.

The roll of churches was called, letters handed in, and the names of delegates enrolled. The Moderator appointed Revs. A. P. Ashurst and J. B. Forster a committee to read the letters.

On motion, that the communication from Sister E. McCants be ordered printed in the minutes.

On motion, that Rev. A. M. Manning be received as a delegate from the Centreville Baptist Church.

Permanently organized by electing, by ballot, Rev. A. M. Manning Moderator, and H. B. Gibson Clerk.

Invitation to visiting brethren to seats with us was accepted by Revs. G. W. Hall, of the Santa Fe Association, General Missionary Sabbath School Evangelist; Rev. A. P. Ashurst, of the Florida Baptist Witness; Jas. Holland, from the Beulah Primitive Baptist Association; F. M. Wells, of the Florida Baptist Association.

On motion, that Bro. C. C. Carrin be received as a visitor from the Chattanooga Baptist Church, in Tennessee.

Called for correspondents; responded to by Rev. J. B. Forster, of the Mercer Association, in Georgia.

On motion, that Rev. Martin Knight be received as a correspondent from the Mercer Association.

Call for petitionary letters.

The Moderator appointed the Preaching Committee Pastor and Deacons, with Rev. H. M. Friar, of the Macedonia Church.

On motion, the letter read by the Moderator before the body be referred to the Committee on Ministerial Education.

On motion, that the Moderator be granted time to appoint the committees.

On motion, that the election of delegates to the State Convention be postponed till to-morrow morning.

Unfinished business; Rev. A. C. McCants reported progress in compilation of church histories.

On motion, that the election of the Executive Committee and Treasurer be postponed till to-morrow.

The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. G. W. Hall to preach to-morrow at 11 A. M.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow at 9:30 A. M. Prayer by Rev. J. B. Forster.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2.

##### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

9:30 A. M.—Met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read the 46th Psalm, and prayer was offered by Rev. A. C. McCants.

The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

Renewed the call for and enrolled names of delegates.

Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren.

Renewed the call for correspondents.

Renewed the call for petitionary letters. Antioch Church, in Gadsden County, Fla., presented her letter by delegation, and on motion was received, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegate by the Moderator.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Nominations—Revs. H. M. Friar, A. C. McCants, and Bro. B. F. Wardlaw.

On Finance—Bros. W. B. Tedder, W. W. Mabry, and J. B. Hardee.

On Periodicals—Rev. A. C. McCants, Bros. J. T. Cates and J. H. Rowe.

On Temperance—Rev. A. C. McCants, Bros. A. Lacy, F. M. Bunker, and Geo. Dice.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Bros. W. L. Vann, Rev. T. P. Webb, Bros. W. B. Walker and W. W. Campbell.

On Missions—Rev. S. S. Proctor, J. G. Connell, Bros. C. D. Rudd and J. A. Durrance.

On Sabbath Schools—Rev. S. S. Proctor, Bros. E. B. Carlton and W. B. Tedder.

On Woman's Work—Revs. A. C. McCants, S. S. Proctor, Bros. J. H. Rowe and W. W. Campbell.

On State of Churches—Bros. A. Lacy, J. T. Hartsfield and W. R. Starling.

On Ministerial Education—Rev. J. S. Wharton, A. C. McCants, Bros. B. F. Wardlaw and J. T. Cates.

The following named brethren volunteered as delegates to the State Convention, to convene at Jacksonville on Wednesday, November 4, A. D. 1885, viz.: Revs. A. C. McCants, H. M. Friar, S. S. Proctor, F. M. Wells, Bros. J. T. Cates, J. J. Cates, and J. H. Rowe. The names of Revs. J. S. Wharton, R. P. Green, Bros. A. E. Stevens and W. T. Duval were suggested as delegates to the State Convention.

On motion, that any delegate failing to attend the State Convention may fill his place with an alternate.

Addresses of Agents—Addresses were delivered by Revs. A. P. Ashurst, G. W. Hall, J. B. Forster and J. G. Connell, in the interest of the Florida Baptist Witness.

On motion, adjourned for preaching and refreshments.

Divine services at 11 A. M., by Rev. G. W. Hall, from Mark, the 24th chapter and 13th verse, supplemented with the 15th chapter and 24th verse of 1st Corinthians, and 22d chapter and 12th verse of Revelations.

##### AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 P. M.—Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing a hymn of praise, prayer by Bro. C. D. Rudd.

Renewed the call for and enrolled names of delegates.

Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren.

Renewed the call for correspondents.

Renewed the call for petitionary letters.

Reports of committees.

The report of Committee on Periodicals was read, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix A.]

The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. Martin Knight to preach at the arbor at 3 P. M.

Divine service at the arbor at 3 P. M., by Rev. M. Knight, from Revelations, 21st chapter and 6th verse.

The report of Committee on Ministerial Education was read, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix B.]

After which a collection was taken up for ministerial education, amounting to \$4.30. The following named brethren made pledges for ministerial education: Rev. G. W. Hall, \$1.00; H. B. Gibson, \$1.00; S. S. Proctor, 50c; A. M. Manning, \$1.00, monthly, during the Associational year.

The report of Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix C.]

On motion, Rev. A. P. Ashurst led in a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the preservation of the lives of the ministers and deacons of our Association.

The report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was read, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix D.]

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow at 9:30 A. M. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Vann.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3.

##### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

9:30 A. M.—Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing a hymn of praise, Rev. M. Knight led in prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

Renewed the call for and enrolled the names of delegates.

Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren.

Renewed the call for correspondents.

Renewed the call for petitionary letters. Mt. Eliam, a newly constituted church in Madison County, Fla., presented her letter by delegation, and on motion was received, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to delegate by the Moderator.

On motion, that the regular order be suspended, and that correspondents be appointed to the various Associations with which we correspond. The following named brethren volunteered as correspondents to the Mercer Association: Rev. A. M. Manning, Bros. A. Lacy and F. M. Bunker. The name of Bro. J. W. Hines was suggested. Bros. J. T. Cates, J. J. Cates and J. W. Day to the Suwannee Association.

On motion, correspondents were appointed to the Hamilton Association, viz.: Revs. H. M. Friar, H. B. Gibson, Bros. W. R. Starling, J. E. Herring, S. Warren. The name of E. McCranie was suggested.

On motion, that correspondents be appointed to the Beulah Primitive Baptist Association. Revs. A. C. McCants, W. T. Duval and A. Lacy were appointed. On motion, Rev. A. M. Manning was added as a correspondent to the Beulah Primitive Association.

The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. J. B. Forster to preach at the arbor at 11 A. M.

The report of Committee on Missions was read, and on motion that the adoption be postponed till the reports of the Executive Committee and Missionaries be read.

On motion, that the adoption of the report of the Committee on Missions and Executive Committee be the special order of 11 A. M.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix E.]

On motion, that the special order be changed from 11 A. M. to 2 P. M.

Divine services at the arbor at 11 A. M., by Rev. J. B. Forster, from Matthew xi., 28 and 29.

The report of Committee on State of Churches was read, and on motion the report was referred back to the committee for amendment. Ultimately adopted. [See Appendix F.]

The report of Committee on Nominations was read, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix G.]

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

The Treasurer's report was read, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendix I.]

The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. J. G. Connell to preach in the arbor at 3 P. M., Rev. A. P. Ashurst in the house, and A. M. Manning at the harbor on to-morrow at 11 A. M.

On motion, adjourned till 1:30 P. M. Prayer by Bro. D. M. Walker.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 P. M.—Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing a hymn of praise, Bro. W. B. Tedder led in prayer.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the adoption of the reports of the Executive Committee and Missionaries, and on motion was adopted. [See Appendices J., K., L. and M.]

Divine services at the harbor at 3 P. M., by Rev. J. G. Connell, from John, 15th chapter, 12th and 13th verses.

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

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

On motion, that the amount of \$30 be paid Rev. A. P. Ashurst for printing and distributing the minutes.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are eminently due, and hereby tendered, to the Macedonia community for the generous, kind, and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Association, and also to the railroads for reduced rates of transportation.

On motion, that the amount of \$5.80, raised by sale of the Mission Quilt, be paid Rev. S. S. Proctor.

On motion, that the time and place of the next meeting of this body be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

On motion, that the collection of to-morrow be equally divided between the State and Home Board of Missions.

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 Bro. C. D. Rudd.

Adjourned.

Rev. A. M. MANNING, Moderator.

H. B. GIBSON, Clerk.

## SUNDAY SERVICES.

At 11 A. M. the Word was preached to large and attentive congregations, by Rev. A. P. Ashurst in the house, from Luke, 15th chapter and 2d verse; and Rev. A. M. Manning, at the harbor, from 1st Corinthians, 9th chapter, 13th and 14th verses—at the close of which a collection was taken up for missionary purposes, amounting to \$11.60.

Executive Committee—R. P. Green, W. T. Duval, F. M. Wells, A. C. McCants, H. M. Friar.

The following letter from Mrs. E. McCants was read and ordered spread upon the minutes:

I inclose two dollars as a mite to the Lord. It is but little, but He knows my poverty, and I know His power to bless it for good. Divide it equally between Home and Foreign Missions. May the Lord meet with you all in your session, bless efforts for good that may be brought up for consideration, and guide every mind by His unerring wisdom in the way of all truth.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1885.

E. McCANTS.

## APPENDIX.—REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

## (A) ON PERIODICALS.

An imperative duty devolves upon each of us as individuals, and especially the heads of families, to supply ourselves and families with a good, sound literature. "Our minds are moulded by what we read," is an axiom that is true. Skepticism is rife throughout the land. Why? Because of the impure reading matter that is extant in this land of liberty of the press. Then, as a Christian people, let us select only such reading matter as will be useful to our minds and souls. We therefore recommend, first, the *Florida Baptist Witness*, because it contains information that is to be found nowhere else. It is sound in doctrine and instructive in its teaching. We also recommend the *Christian Index*. For Sabbath School literature we cannot speak too highly of *Kind Words*. Also, the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, of Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted. A. C. McCANTS, Chairman.

## (B) ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

This subject is one that requires our deep and solemn consideration. The Lord works through human instrumentalities. He chooses the vessels to convey the messages of salvation; but He has left, to a certain extent, the intellectual culture of such vessels to human aid. We have such aids in our schools and colleges; and it is our duty to use such institutions to accomplish God's purposes. We therefore urge the necessity of greater liberality on the part of the churches, to enable indigent young ministers to enjoy the advantages offered by Mercer University, of Georgia, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville, Ky.

The communication of Bro. C. C. Corrin, of Taylor County, referred to the committee, has been considered, and we recommend that he apply to the Board of Ministerial Education of the Florida Baptist State Convention.

Respectfully submitted. A. C. McCANTS, Chairman.

## (C) 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 or deacon as a member of this Association.

Respectfully submitted. W. L. VANN, Chairman.

## (D) ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools would say, 1st. That the Sabbath School work is one of the most important works that we can engage in, as parents, Christians, and as churches, for the religious training of the young; 2d. That we rejoice to see several of our churches engaged in this work, but we regret to see so many of our churches without Sabbath Schools, or at least have reported none. Brethren, this should not be so. Let us all go home to work, and continue to work.

Respectfully submitted. S. S. PROCTOR, Chairman.

## (E) ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance would respectfully report, that intemperance is recognized as the chief curse to the American people. The direct expenses incurred by its use is about twelve hundred millions; the indirect expenses about ten hundred millions more. It destroys morality, virtue, honor. It impoverishes, degrades, brutalizes, destroys. It ruins mind, body and soul. It entails misery upon helpless women and children. It is the broad road to hell. Is it morally right for Legislatures, for the sake of revenue, to license such an evil—such a curse, and thereby become a party to the wide-spread destruction which it creates, in ruining its own citizens? No Christian

should sign any petition for its sale, and thus aid and abet such a curse to humanity. Let every Baptist, every lover of Jesus, every lover of home and all the dear ones in our home, see to it that the Nineteenth Article of the new constitution be duly ratified.

Respectfully submitted. H. M. FRIAR, Chairman.

## (F) ON STATE OF CHURCHES.

Your committee to whom was referred the state of the churches, beg leave to report that from the best information that they can gain, they find some of the churches in a very healthy condition, while others are in a cold, dilapidated state. May the Lord hold up the hand that hangs so feebly down. Two churches have been received into this body during this session. Amendment: We find that four churches—Cabbage Grove, Mt. Carmel, New Prospect No. 2, and Shady Grove—have dissolved, and recommend that their names be dropped from the roll of churches.

Respectfully submitted. A. LACY, Chairman.

## (G) ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations would suggest the following names for the Executive Committee: Rev. R. P. Green, Bro. W. T. Duval, Revs. F. M. Wells, A. C. McCants, H. M. Friar. For Treasurer, Rev. A. C. McCants. Rev. A. M. Manning to preach the next introductory sermon; Rev. S. S. Proctor, alternate.

Respectfully submitted. H. M. FRIAR, Chairman.

## (H) REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that, upon an examination of the letters from the churches, we find the contribution amounts in the aggregate to the sum of \$12,330. For general purposes, \$6.40; Associational Missions, \$65.50; State Missions, \$7.25; Home Missions, \$12.95; Foreign Missions, \$4.00; Ministerial Education, \$1.00; private contribution from Mrs. E. McCants, for Foreign Missions \$1.00, for Home Missions \$1.00; from Ladies' Missionary Society, \$1.00.

We would most earnestly recommend to the 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, in addition to what can be raised by union meeting.

Respectfully submitted. W. B. TEDDER, Chairman.

The Executive Committee, to whom was committed the duty of arranging for the next Association, have arranged for it to be held with the Harmony Baptist Church, Wakulla County, Fla.

A. C. McCANTS, Chairman.

(I.) TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. D. Beggs, Treasurer, in account with Florida Baptist Association.

1885. Dr.			
Oct. 2.—To am't balance from last report.		\$	14 38
Oct. 4.—To am't from Mrs. A. McDougal, Thomasville, for Associational Missions.			1 00
Oct. 4.—From Finance Com. of Association		102	45
Oct. 6.—Sunday's collection		14	65
Nov. 1.—Salem Church, Taylor co., minute fund			2 00
Apr. 15.—To am't from Association addition from Tallahassee Church			3 50
Apr. 15.—To am't from Elder A. M. Manning, pledge for three quarters at \$5 each		15	00
To am't from first Union during the year		26	35
To am't from second Union during the year		3	75
To am't from third Union during the year		2	95
To am't from fifth Union during the year		36	97
To am't from Leon co. Union during year.		23	00
To am't from Wakulla co. Union during yr.		20	25
To am't from Gadsden co. Union during yr.		6	50
1884. Cr.			
Oct. 13.—By amount sent W. N. Chaudoin, Cor. Sec. State Board Missions—			
For Foreign Missions	\$9	82	
For State Missions	9	37	
For Indian Missions	2	99	
For Home Missions	2	00	
For postage		2	
To am't to H. B. Gibson, Clerk			\$ 24 20
To am't for express and postage, 1883 and 1885, on minutes			15 00
To am't for printing min., and money order			4 54
To am't to Elder S. S. Proctor, Missionary, services, \$7.50, for June \$15, July \$15, August \$15			25 15
To am't paid Elder A. M. Manning, Missionary, for services from January through and including June, six mos., at \$15, and postage on same			50 50
1885.	90	25	90 25
Oct. 3.—To am't paid A. M. Manning	20	00	20 00
Oct. 3.—To am't paid S. S. Proctor	15	00	15 00
	\$272	75	\$246 64
RECAPITULATION.			
To amount of receipts		\$272	75
To amount of disbursements		246	64
Balance on hand		\$26	11
Respectfully submitted.	E. D. BEGGS,	Treasurer.	

(J.) REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We have used the means at our disposal to the best advantage to promote the Master's cause. Two missionaries have been employed in the destitute places within our bounds. Bro. A. M. Manning's field of labor was in Wakulla county, to which he gave half of his time at \$15 per month salary. Bro. S. S. Proctor was employed half of his time in Taylor and Jefferson counties, commencing June 1st, at the same salary. For results of these labors, we refer to the reports of these brethren. During the year just passed, Bro. Paul Willis resigned his connection with this committee, and Bro. J. W. Smith was elected to fill the vacancy, and Bro. D. M. Walker was elected chairman of the committee. Your committee have suggested a plan of operation for the ensuing year, which we submit for your consideration. Said plan is set forth in a circular accompanying this report.

Respectfully submitted. D. M. WALKER, Chairman.

Substituted for suggestion of Executive Committee that the Association co-operate with the State Board of Missions of Florida Baptist State Convention in the missionary operations. Adopted.

(K.) ON MISSIONS.

It easy to make reports and discuss them—to offer recommendations and talk about them, while the Association is in session; but all of this does no good, unless the church members read the reports after the minutes are printed, and try to follow up the recommendations. Our foreign missionaries are doing a grand and glorious work in China, India, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico, and elsewhere. Our home missionaries are blessed to do much good in the destitution of the Southern States, and among the Indians, while more than twenty missionaries are engaged in the destitution of our own State; but if our pastors do not preach on the subject of all these departments of our mission work, and take collections to help support them in their respective churches, and if our church-members do not read, in our missionary papers, reports and letters from the missionaries themselves, and learn what a great and blessed work they are doing, and thus keep in sympathy with them, that they may pray for them and make regular contributions to their support, what good will reports and discussions, at the different sessions of Association, do? Why suffer ourselves to be called missionary Baptists, when we are anti-missionary, and, therefore, anti-Scriptural, in practice? We would urge the pastors of the churches to introduce the *Florida Baptist Witness*, *Foreign Mission Journal*, and *Heavenly Helper*, into every family. Work to have a Ladies' Missionary Society and Children's Mission Band in every church, and try to train up the young members of the churches in Gospel mission work. But in case any preacher of this Association should oppose, or by his influence discourage, mission work in the churches, that this Association consider such a one an unsound preacher, and, therefore, unfit for a pastor or teacher of the churches.

Respectfully submitted. S. S. PROCTOR, Chairman.

(L.) REPORT OF MISSIONARY NO. 1.

Your Missionary would report eight months' work: Collected in Union, first quarter, \$20.25; second quarter, \$23; collection last two Unions, \$10; total, \$53.25. Traveled 1,174 miles. Sermons preached, 45, with other talks and family visits. Constituted a church at Crawfordsville on the second Sabbath in September, five entering into the organization by letter, and four that were baptized, a result of a former meeting by Rev. A. C. McCants: one awaiting baptism; nine were added to Mt. Bezor Church.

Respectfully submitted. A. M. MANNING, Missionary.

## (M.) REPORT OF MISSIONARY NO. 2.

As Missionary of the Florida Baptist Association, I would render the following report, to-wit: Total miles traveled, 901; sermons preached, 52; families visited, 98; families prayed with, 26; Sabbath School addresses, 2; Testaments to Sunday Schools, 24; baptism, 6; exhortations, 25; collected from New Prospect Church, for Associational Missions, \$1.50; received by letter, 1. Rev. G. W. Hall has been with me in the field, and rendered valuable services, during which time we held twenty children's meetings. Too much cannot be said in favor of Bro. Hall's work.

Respectfully submitted. S. S. PROCTOR, Chairman.

## (N.) ON WOMAN'S WORK

What is it? Not any new obligation, that will detract from her home duties and responsibilities, but the opening of a field for her to show her love for the Savior, that she may take a part in the grand enterprise of spreading the Gospel of Peace. Heretofore, woman has been debarred this privilege, to a great extent, by public opinion; but the dawn of liberty is breaking on her sphere. Let us, therefore, encourage, counsel, and assist her in separate mission organizations, that it may be said of her, "She hath done what she could."

Respectfully submitted. A. C. McCANTS, 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.

Article 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

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

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

Article 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.

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

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

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

Article 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 baptised believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper.

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

Article 11. We believe the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

Article 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.

## 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, colporteurage, Sabbath School enterprises, and other work that will tend to the spread of the Gospel.

Article 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.

Article 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 last session.

Article 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 declare our belief in the Twelve Articles, and present them with our minutes to the Baptist denomination.

Article 5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by 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.

Article 6. The Association, thus organized, shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon the internals of any church.

Article 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.

Article 8. The Association shall furnish the minutes of its proceedings in proportion to the funds sent up for that purpose by the churches.

Article 9. The minutes of the Association shall be publicly read (and corrected, if necessary), and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before adjournment.

Article 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.

Article 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 the 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 the churches, and when not specified, it shall be appropri-

a cd 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 county, Florida.  
 F. M. Wells—Madison, Madison county.  
 H. M. Friar—Madison, Madison county.  
 T. P. Webb—Madison, Madison county.  
 S. S. Proctor—Madison, Madison county.  
 J. A. Tinsley—Madison, Madison county.  
 J. S. Wharton—Madison, Madison county.  
 S. D. Waller—Williamsburg, Jefferson county.  
 John M. Hampton—Williamsburg, Jefferson county.  
 J. E. Vann—Beazeley's, Jefferson county.  
 A. C. McCants—Tallahassee, Leon county.  
 A. M. Manning—Imonia, Leon county.  
 E. Trice—Ocklocknee, Wakulla county.  
 J. H. Ward—Fowlstown, Georgia.  
 J. E. P. Campbell—Quincy, Gadsden county, Florida.  
 R. P. Green—Alamo, Gadsden county.  
 C. D. Rudd—Quincy, Gadsden county.  
 S. J. Revel—Bristol, Liberty county.

LICENTIATES.

C. G. Delwerth—Monticello, Jefferson county, Florida.  
 Robert Pigot—Crawfordville, Wakulla county.  
 J. G. Connell—Wacissa, Jefferson county.  
 J. T. Farnell—Madison, Madison county.  
 H. B. Gibson—Madison, Madison county.

SUPPLEMENT.

The Associational Union of the Ladies' Missionary Societies of the Florida Baptist Association held their second annual meeting on Saturday, October 3d. Three societies were represented, viz.: Hopeful, Ebenezer, and Tallahassee. The meeting was called to order (per request) by Elder G. W. Hall, in behalf of the former President, who was not present. The Union then proceeded to elect officers for the present session, which resulted as follows: Mrs. M. J. McCranie, President; Recording Secretary, Miss J. E. Hay; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. J. Gibson. The Hopeful Children's Mission Band was also represented at this meeting, and submitted a report, which was received. Total amount collected during Associational year, by the above-named societies and band, \$65.90.

Miss J. E. HAY, Recording Secretary,  
 Monticello, Fla.

## FINANCIAL TABLE.

ASSOCIATION.	CASH SENT TO ASSOCIATION.					Total.	CASH RECEIVED BY STATE BOARD DURING THE YEAR.					Total.	
	Minutes.	General Purposes.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Church Edifice Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.		Ministerial Education.
Aucilla													
Enon	\$1 00					\$1 00							
Antioch	1 00					1 00							
Centreville	50		\$2 00			2 50							
Corinth								\$5 00				\$5 00	
Ebenezer	1 00	6 15				7 15	\$2 45						
Elizabeth	75	2 25				3 00		\$3 00	\$2 00	\$4 85		12 30	
Flat Creek													
Harmony	1 00	\$ 50	2 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$ 80				1 00		1 00	
Hopetal	1 00	65	1 00			2 65							
Hopewell	1 50	1 00				2 50	7 05			2 80		9 85	
Indian Spring	50		4 70	50		5 20	18 40	1 60		2 00	20 00	42 00	
Lake Ellen	75	1 25				2 00							
Macedonia	1 50			25		2 50							
Madison	1 25		21 50			22 75	8 75					8 75	
Midway	50		1 00			1 50							
Monticello							5 54	5 00		10 12	7 50	28 16	
Mt. Gillead	50		2 35			2 85							
Mt. Elam	50												
Mt. Bezer	50		4 75	4 75		10 00	65					65	
New Macedonia	75	1 00				1 50							
New Prospect, No. 1.	75			2 25		3 00							
Ochlawilla	1 50			4 80		6 35							
Oak Grove	35	1 00											
Olive Branch	50												
Perry	1 50		2 50	55		4 05							
Pine Grove	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	6 85							
Prospect					85								
Pleasant Grove, No. 1	75			50	50	1 75							
Pleasant Grove, No. 2	1 50		1 05			3 45							
Philadelphia	50			2 85		3 35							
Providence													
Shiloh							6 00	5 10	2 00	7 75		20 85	
Salem							2 00					2 00	
Spring Warrior	60		3 95			4 45							
Special Providence													
Tallahassee													
Unity	75		6 25										
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23 30</b>	<b>\$ 6 4</b>	<b>\$65 50</b>	<b>\$9 00</b>	<b>\$13 45</b>	<b>\$4 00</b>	<b>\$123 30</b>	<b>\$89 64</b>	<b>\$16 80</b>	<b>\$6 50</b>	<b>\$23 22</b>	<b>\$39 35</b>	<b>\$178 51</b>

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excommu- nicated.	Dead.	Total.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			TEACHERS.	PUPILS.	DAYS OF MEETING.
								Supps.	Teachers.	Pupils.			
Aucilla							34						
Enon	1		1				45						
Antioch						1	20						
Centerville	4						22						
Corinth							16						
Ebenezer							40						
Elizabeth	1	1		2		1	47						
Flat Creek			1	1	2	1	100						3rd Sunday and Saturday before.
Harmony							40						
Hopewell	1	2				3	51						
Hopewell				7			41		1	1	4		2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Indian Spring	1	1			2	1	50		1	2	3	3	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Lake Ellen							13			1	1	3	
Macedonia	5		2			1	12						
Madison	1					3	36						
Midway	17	5		1	1	1	96		1		8	45	
Monticello	2				2	2	39						
Mt. Gilead	1			2			17						
Mt. Bezor			3	3			35						
Mt. Etam	6						74						
New Macedonia					3	3	1	28					
New Prospect No. 1	4	2	2	3			36		1	1	4	49	
Oakland							25						
Oak Grove No. 1	14	7	1	1	1	3	76		1	1	3	5	
Oak Grove No. 2							18						
Ochlawilla							25						
Olive Branch							13						
Perry							30		1	*	*	*	
Pine Grove						3	62						
Prospect		5		5			8						
Pleasant Grove No. 1	2	5		1	5		75		1	1	3	16	
Pleasant Grove No. 2	3	3	2	1			58		1	*	*	8	
Philadelphia	3	1	1			1	33		1	1	7	31	
Providence							30						
Sulloh							15						
Salem							20						
Spring Warrior	1						32						
Special Providence							25						
Tallahassee		6		2		1	27		1	2	3	16	
Unity							20						

\*No statistics.