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OFFICERS

REV. JNO. T. FARNELL, Moderator, - Day, Fla.
E. B. GIBSON, Secretary, - Madison, Fla.
C. B. WILLIAMS, Treasurer, - Lee's Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

S. B. COLE, W. R. IVEY, H. B. GIBSON,
G. W. TEDDER and F. B. WILLIAMS

The Eleventh Annual Session of the Middle Florida Baptist Association, will convene with Hopewell Baptist Church, six miles South of Madison, Florida. The time of meeting will be designated by the Executive Committee

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Order of Business.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Enrolling Names of Messenger.
3. Electing Moderator and Clerk.
4. Inviting Visiting brethren to Seats with us.
5. Call for Correspondents.
6. Call for Petitionary Letters.
7. Appoint Committee.
8. Elect Delegates to Florida Baptist State Convention.
9. Elect Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention.
10. Unfinished business.
11. Reports of Committees.
12. Elect Executive Committee.
13. Elect Treasurer.
14. Address of Agents.
15. Appoint Correspondence.
16. Miscellaneous Business.
17. Adjournment.

Ministers In This Association.

ORDAINED.

Clements, I. R. Day.
 Cole, S. B. Perry.
 Connell, J. C. DeLand.
 Farnell, J. T. Day.
 Gibson, H. B. Madison.
 Hampton, J. M. Aucilla.
 Ivey, W. R. Madison.
 Lee, J. T. Rochelle, Ga.
 Montgomery, J. T. Aucilla.
 Rutherford, J. L. Lee.
 Tampling, W. M. Dowling Park.
 Townsend, L. J. Mayo.
 Vann, J. E. Shady Grove.
 Warren, S. C. Hanson.
 Woodard, A. N. Madison.

LICENSED.

Bennett, J. T. Madison,
 Cornett, A. T. Madison.
 West, Noah, Day.

Articles of Faith.

ARTICLE 1 We believe in only one 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 that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ART. 9 We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of Jesus Christ; that nothing is baptism except immersion; and 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 judgement.

ART. 11 We believe the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting and the joys of the righteous 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 hands of the Presbytery.

Constitution of the Middle Florida Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name of the Middle Florida Baptist Association. The object of this Association shall be to conduct the work of missions, colportage, Sunday School enterprises, and other work that will tend to the spread of the Gospel.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of white members chosen by the respective churches in its union, in the proportion of two members for each church of fifty members or less, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members over fifty, and all ordained ministers of this Association in good standing. No church, however, shall have over four delegates.

ART. 3. The letters sent by the churches at each session of the Association shall designate their respective members in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and dead since last Session.

ART. 4. Believing it to be proper, on account of the diversity of opinion among men as to the import of the Scripture 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. 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 over God's heritage nor infringe upon the eternal rights 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 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 set 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 to this Constitution may be made by the votes of two-thirds of the members present at any two successive regular meetings of the Association. All other matters of fellowship shall be decided by a majority vote. 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 meeting of the Association.

Fourth. To withdraw all connection with any church or churches in the union that 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 appropriated to promote the best interest of the Master's cause.

Sixth. To adjourn to any future time and place they deem most convenient to the churches in its union.

Rules of Decorum of the Middle Florida Association.

ART. 1. At every meeting of the Association the Moderator shall call the body 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, with reference to the other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association when requested by 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 vote has been taken, as many as are of a contrary opinion say "No." If doubtful which voice is in the majority, it shall be decided by a rising vote.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall appoint the 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, if given to the minority, will make division equal. In that case the question shall be lost.

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

ART. 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.

ART. 8. When two or more members shall rise at the same time, the Moderator shall decide 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 permission from the Association, nor more than once until every one desiring 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 indulged in among the members, and request strict attention on the part of the audience.

ART. 11. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator before open for 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 being discussed or amended.

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

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

ART. 16. A member may call for a division of a question, when two or more distinct propositions are set fourth, and when substances will admit of a division.

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

ART. 18. Every resolution shall receive two statements or readings in the Association previous to its passage, the first shall be for information and the second when the decision of the Association is to be made.

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

ART. 20. The Association shall be opened and closed each day by the moderator, or by some other member.

ART. 21. All questions shall be fairly stated in writing, and approved by two-thirds of the members present, before they shall be acted on.

ART. 22. All Messengers are requested to remain during the whole Session of the Association, and no member shall absent himself without he be excused by the Moderator.

Roll of Churches and Names of Messengers

Aucilla—J. H. Whiddon, and J. L. Bishop.
 Antioch—J. P. Morgan, and Eugene Morgan.
 Athena—not represented.
 *Bruer Lake—D. W. Townsend, Jno. W. Day, A. D. Townsend and C. M. Barrs.
 Beulah—B. C. Webb, J. R. Henderson, and J. A. Johnson.
 *Bethel—J. E. Herring, and B. I. Knight.
 Cabbage Grove,—Not represented.
 Central—J. C. Scruggs, and J. R. Mullis.
 Greenville,—A. Reams, and C. L. Leggett.
 Hopewell—W. D. Lamb, and G. W. Moore,
 Harmony—A. D. Campbell, and J. W. Andrews.
 Live Oak—J. S. Pinsen, and C. J. Harvell.
 Luther—By letter.
 Lee—J. L. Ruthefford, and sister C. M. Frier.
 Lamont—T. P. Williams, and Jesse Walker.
 Macedonia—G. W. Johnson, F. B. Williams and J. T. Woodard.
 Midway—A. W. Webb, and W. D. Malone.
 Madison—W. R. Ivey, and J. E. Hardee.
 Mt. Moriah—Joel J. Farnell, and Noah West.
 Mt. Gilead—W. F. Vann.
 *Mosley Hall—Gus Shaw, Sister Mamie Sanders.
 New Hope—By letter.
 New Hopeful—H. B. Gibson.
 Mew Macedonia—J. F. Andrews, and sister Elma.
 Slaughter.
 *New Prospect—By Petitenary, letter and Pastor.
 Oakland—Not represented.
 Pleasant Grove—(Lafayette) J. M. Smith, D. L. Ezell, W. O. Lyons and S. C. Buchanan.
 Pleasant Grove—(Taylor County) J. W. A. Grant-ham, and P. A. Dice.
 Pleasant Hill—Not represented.

Pine Grove—A. M. Warren, and Jno W. Kiser,
 Pine Bluff—Not represented,
 Perry—S. B. Cole, and J. K. Johnson,
 River Side—Lawrence Leggett and W. D. Purvis, and
 Jno Tamplin,
 San Pedro—C. A. Denmark, and F. E. Carrin.
 *Sirmons—T. L. Goodman, and G. R. Vann.
 Triumph—C. C. Rawls.

Note—Churches marked thus (*) were received by
 petitionery letters.

MINUTES

Day, Fla., October, 20th 1909.

The Tenth annual Session of the Middle Florida Baptist Association Convened with Bruer Lake Baptist Church, Lafayette, County Fla. On Wednesday October 20th 1909.

The former Moderator and clerk being present. Held a prayer service at 9. A. M.

After which the roll of churches over called and letters handed in. The Moderator appointed brother W. R. Ivey, and J. C. Scruggs, reading clerks. The clerk enrolling the names of messengers, see pages.

Permanently organized by electing by ballot Rev. J. T. Farnell, Moderator, and Rev. H. E. Gibsen, clerk.

On motion adjourned till 11, o'clock, A. M. The Introductory sermon was preached at 11. o'clock, A. M. by Rev. A. N. Woodard, from Daniel 1st, Chapter and 8th verse. Text "But Daniel purposed in his heart, that he would not defile himself with the portion of the kings meat, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the prince of eunuchs that he might not defile himself."

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read the 50th Psalm. Revs. R. F. Hacker offered prayer.

The following committees was appointed by the Moderator,

On Preaching—Pastor and Deacons of Bruer Lake church with Bro. A. M. Warren.

On Aged Ministers—Rev. J. L. Rutherford, Bro. A. D. Campbell and N. W. West.

On Finance—Bro. C. L. Leggett, J. S. Pinsen, T. P. Williams and N. D. Malone.

On Orphanage—Bros. J. C. Scruggs, J. A. Johnson, and J. W. Andrews.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Bros. J. W. Day, J. W. Kiser, J. M. Smith and Lawrence Leggett.

On Missions—Rev. A. N. Woodard, Bros. J. F. Andrews and J. P. Morgan.

On Sunday Schools—Bros. C. A. Denmark, Jno. Tamplin, J. R. Mullis and J. J. Farnell.

On Nominations—Rev. J. P. Sessions, Bros. J. P. Morgan and Eugene Morgan.

On Woman's Work—Rev. W. R. Ivey, Bros. A. Reams and B. C. Webb.

On Temperance—Rev. S. B. Cole, Bros. J. K. Johnson and W. D. Purvis.

On Ministerial Support—Rev. S. B. Cole, Bros. J. E. Hardee and J. L. Bishop.

On Ministerial Education—Bros. J. T. Woodard, F. E. Carrin and A. W. Webb.

On the State of the Churches—Rev. I. R. Clements, Bros. A. D. Townsend, G. W. Moore and W. D. Lamb.

On the Baptist Young People's Union—Bro. J. E. Hardee.

Called for Correspondents.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Accepted by Bro. Lewis Entzminger, Secretary of B Y P U and S. S. work; Sister S. D. Harper, agent of the Florida Baptist Witness; Rev. J. R. Wells of the Suwannee Association; Rev. Moses Ward of the Mercer Association; Rev. S. S. Proctor, of the Central Association and Rev. J. E. Clements of the Florida Baptist Association.

On motion, that the regular order of business be dispensed with, and that Bro. Entzminger address the body in the interest of the State Board of Missions.

After listening to an interesting address by Bro. Entzminger, on motion resumed the regular order of business.

Called for petitionary letters.

Mosely Hall and Sirmans Baptist Churches presented their letters by the hands of their Messengers and on motion they were received, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the Messengers by the Moderator.

The Committee on Preaching reported that Rev. J. R. Wells would preach at 7 p. m.

On motion. Fixed the time of meeting: to meet at 9 a. m. Adjourn at 11:30 a. m., meet at 1:30 p. m., adjourn at will.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow 9 a. m. The Moderator pronounced the Benediction.

NIGHT SERVICES

Divine Services at 7 p. m., by Rev. J. R. Wells from Romans 1st Chapter and 14th verse, (Text: "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians: both to the wise and the unwise.")

After which a free will offering was made to State Missions amounting to \$14.58.

THURSDAY—SECOND DAY

Morning Session, 9 a. m.

Met pursuant to adjournment, and held prayer service, after which the Moderator read the 2nd Psalm. Bro. H. B. Gibson offered prayer.

Read and approved the Minutes of yesterday.

Called for and enrolled names of Messengers.

Called for Correspondents.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for petitionary letters. Bethel Baptist church of Suwannee county, Fla., presented her letter by the hands of her Messengers and on motion was received and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the Messenger. The Committee on Preaching reported that Rev. S. B. Cole would preach at 11 a. m.

The following named brethren volunteered as delegates to the Florida Baptist State Convention, to meet

with the 1st Baptist Church at Gainesville, Fla., on the 26th day of January, 1910, viz: Rev. W. R. Ivey, S. B. Cole, Jno. T. Farnell, Bros. J. E. Hardee, J. C. Scruggs, C. C. Rawls, A. M. Warren, Jno. W. Day, F. B. Williams and C. A. Denmark.

On motion the above named brethren were elected by the body.

On motion Bro. C. C. Rawls was elected as a delegate and Rev. S. B. Cole, Alternate to the Southern Baptist Convention, to convene in Baltimore, Md., on the 20th day of May, 1910.

CALLED FOR REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read, and after being spoken to by Rev. A. N. Woodard, S. S. Proctor, W. R. Ivey and S. B. Cole, on motion was laid on the table to be taken up at 1:30 p. m.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Missions, beg leave to say that the subject of missions is no longer a question whether it is a command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; but the question is whether we will christianize the heathen world, or let them bring their heathen faith into this gospel land of ours, for they already have some temples of worship in America.

Brethren, there has been a great advance in Foreign Mission work this year. There are more missionaries at work than ever before, and there have been a large number of confessions on the foreign fields and the same is true on the field of the home board. There has also been a great work done in the State of Florida. For a more perfect report we call your attention to the report of our beloved secretary, S. B. Rogers, in the Witness. There has been some advance in our association in the churches, but, dear brethren, there has been no mission work done in the destitute places in

the Middle Florida Baptist Association. We, your committee, recommend that you make arrangements some way with some one while in session, to take up the work at once. Oh may the message of our Lord burn in our hearts till we have been aroused to greater giving and greater work on all lines until we have brought the world to Christ- Your committee,

A. N. WOODARD,
J. F. ANDREWS,
ARDIS WARREN.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and after being discussed by Rev. S. B. Cole, S. S. Proctor, J. R. Wells and Bro. C. C. Rawls was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee has very little to report as to work done in the Association this year. Governed by the action of this body last year we tried to employ Rev. W. W. Bailey of Danbridge, Tenn., as our missionary. After writing to him several times we agreed on terms: then he decided not to leave his field of labor to come to us. It was then so late in the year we thought it best not to put a man in the field.

We note with pleasure that a number of good meetings have been held in different churches throughout our bounds.

We recommend that the next Executive Committee begin at once and as soon as possible put a missionary in this association, and that they do their work through the State Board of Missions.

2nd. We recommend that the Executive Committee arrange for as many Bible Conferences as possible and by this method endeavor to indoctrinate our people.

3d. That provision be made for one or more general meetings for the training of Sunday school teachers and workers, and that the best men possible be obtained for this work.

4th. That the time of meeting of the next association be left with the Executive Committee.

5th. That we put more stress on our Fifth Sunday meetings and strive by all means to interest our people in the Lord's work.

S. B. COLE,
H. B. GIBSON,
F. B. WILLIAMS,
J. T. WOODARD.

The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. W. R. Ivey to preach at 7 p. m.

On motion adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

Divine service at 11 a. m., by Rev. S. B. Cole from Geneses 4th Chapter and last clause of the 9th verse. Text: "Am I my brothers keeper."

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read the 19th Psalm. Rev. W. R. Ivey offered prayer.

Renewed the call for, and enrolled names of messengers. Called for correspondents.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

On motion the report on Missions was taken up and adopted.

Called for petitionary letters. New Prospect presented her letter by the hands of the her pastor and on motion was received and the right hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

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REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHURCHES	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Associa-tional Missions	Orphanage	Agred. Ministers	Minute Fund	TOTAL
Aucilla.....	2 00	2 00					25	4 25
Antioch.....	60	60	1 00	1 00	2 55		1 00	6 75
Athens.....		2 25	2 25	35	2 55	2 25	2 50	12 15
Bruer Lake.....				1 00	75		1 00	3 25
Beulah.....								
Cabbage Grove.....	50	50	1 00	2 00	50		1 25	5 75
Central.....			1 00	10 00			1 00	13 00
Greenville.....		1 65		25			75	2 65
Hopewell.....		60	1 00	1 65	2 00		75	6 10
Harmony.....						1 55	50	2 05
Live Oak.....				50	50		50	1 50
Luther.....	1 00		75		10 00		75	12 50
Lee.....	1 11	1 00	3 00	3 00		2 00	1 00	11 11
Lamont.....				3 65			1 50	5 15
Macedonia.....				3 00			1 00	4 00
Midway.....							5 00	5 00
Madison.....							75	1 10
Mt. Moriah.....		1 35		1 25			40	3 00
Mt. Gilead.....				1 00	50	1 00	1 00	3 50
New Hope.....				25	50		25	1 00
New Hopeful.....				3 40	2 12		50	6 02
New Macedonia.....								
Oakland.....	1 00	1 60		2 25		2 00	1 50	8 35
Pleasant Grove.....				2 78			50	3 28
Lafayette Co Taylor Co.....								
Pleasant Hill.....	2 00	85	2 00		75		50	6 10
Pine Grove.....							3 00	3 00
Pine Bluff.....							1 00	3 80
Perry.....							80	3 80
River Side.....				2 80			1 00	4 41
San Pedro.....				3 00			2 50	2 50
Sirmans.....				3 41			50	3 05
Triumph.....			1 00	1 00			1 00	2 00
Moseley Hall.....	55						75	1 85
Bethel.....				1 10				
New Prospect.....								
Total	12 75	12 90	13 00	49 99	22 72	9 26	34 70	150 87

The report of the Committee on Orphanage was read and after being spoken to by Bro. J. C. Scruggs was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We beg to report that we find the interest in our orphanage growing daily. We are glad indeed to note this as we feel that the work of gathering in the homeless waifs from off the cold charity of the world and training them into useful men and women, and most important of all into workers for the Lord, is a great and glorious work and we think ought, and believe does, occupy a large place in our hearts. We commend and heartily endorse the work Brother and Sister Bean and their assistants are doing at Arcadia, and we urge that our people stand by and help them, not with their money alone, but with their prayers and in looking up the needy and deserving orphans scattered throughout our land.

Let us not be sparing with the good things of life that God has blessed us with, but remember in helping these helpless ones that "He that giveth the poor lendeth to the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,
 J. C. SCRUGGS, Chrm.
 J. A. JOHNSON,
 JESSE ANDREWS.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Support was read, and after being spoken to by Rev. W. R. Ivey, J. E. Hardee, J. C. Scruggs and C. C. Rawls was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We note with much concern that the churches in the Middle Florida Association do not provide for their pastors. If these men of God are to do the best work, they must be sufficiently provided for so they can devote their time to the great work of leading the people of God.

They are expected to lead in every cause and unless they have time for preparation and prayer they can not lead efficiently. We believe that one reason our churches have not advanced more rapidly along all lines of righteous endeavor is, their pastor has not been sufficiently informed, so that he might intelligently lead his people into greener pastures and richer harvests. The great reason the pastor is not better informed is, he is not supported by his church and the time he should give to self-improvement must be used to make a living for himself and family.

God's plan is that every man who ministers should live of his ministry, see 1 Cor. 9-14, and when a church fails to support her pastor she puts both herself and pastor out of harmony with that plan.

We recommend that systematic effort be made in all the churches to better support the pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. COLE,
J. E. HARDEE,
J. L. BISHOP.

The report of the committee on Aged Ministers was read and adopted.

We, your committee on Aged Ministers beg leave to report:

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS

We have no ministers in our own Association who are so infirm from old age as to need our help, but there are several in the State who need and deserve our aid and some of them have done good work in our portion of the country.

Dear Brethren, these aged ministers were the pioneers who preached the gospel when it meant the sacrifice of every home comfort, the suffering of great fatigue, driving through the wild forest in heat and cold and in the pelting rain, for which they received little or no remuneration and were thus deprived of the opportunity of laying up in store for their old age and now many of them are in need. It should be, to us, a labor of love to respond to their wants.

J. L. RUTHERFORD, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Baptist Young People's Union was read and after being discussed by Bro. C. C. Rawls was adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

The committee on Young People's Work submit the following report:

Realizing the importance of developing our young people in christian knowledge and doctrine, and seeing that the purpose of the B. Y. P. U. is to thus train for service, we commend the movement to the Association. We would recommend to the churches the services of Bro. Louis Entzminger who is employed to do this kind of work in the state, and that the pastors of the various churches take the matter up, and do all they can to organize a Baptist Young People's Union in their church.

J. E. HARDEE
C. C. RAWLES
P. A. DICE

The report of the committee on Nomination was read and after being discussed by Bro. J. P. Sessions was adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATION.

We recommend the following brethren for Executive Committee for the ensuing year: S. B. Cole, H. B. Gilson, G. W. Tedder, F. B. Williams, and W. R. Ivey, F. B. Williams, to be treasurer. W. R. Ivey, to preach the introductory sermon, and R. F. Hacker, to preach the missionary sermon.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. SESSIONS,
J. P. MORGAN.
EUGENE MORGAN.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

F. B. Williams in account with the Middle Florida Baptist Association.

1908

Oct. 22	To Balance on hand last year	\$299.13
Nov. 7	Received from H. B. Gibson from Pleasant Hill Church	5.40
Nov. 29	Rec'd of Union held at Macedonia Ch.	25.24
Dec. 27	" of J. T. Farnell for Pleasant Grove Church, Lafayette Co.	.85
"	" of J. B. Lions from Macedonia	3.70

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Feb. 5	" of H. B. Gibson from Union Central Church	6.05
" 19	" of J. C. Scruggs from Central Church	4.30
Mar. 3	" of W. J. Johnson for Bruer Lake Church	2.35
Mar. 26	" of H. B. Gibson from New Hopeful Church	1.05
Mar. 11	" from Union at Live Oak Ch.	10.04
Mar. 31	" from John Hearren for Union held at Pine Grove Church	19.68
June 5	" of H. B. Gibson for Union held at Central Church	38.31
Aug. 29	" of Union held at Hopewell Ch.	20.18
Sept. 10	" of A. N. Woodard from Antioch	2.00
Oct. 12	" of H. B. Gibson	.25
Aug. 29	" of Union held at New Macedonia for Foreign Missions	28.55

1908—Amounts paid out:

Oct. 22	T. A. Evans, missionary work at Aucilla	\$10.00
Oct. 23	H. B. Gibson, Clerk	20.00
Oct. 24	L. D. Geiger	45.26
Nov. 7	"	3.00
Dec. 24	Inman Printing Co., printing As' Minutes	40.50
Dec. 24	H. B. Gibson, express and postage on "	6.84

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Feb. 5	H. B. Gibson, postage	1.00
L. D. Geiger	-	1.05
June 5	S. B. Cole, printing program	1.60
June 5	S. B. Rogers, State Missions	10.70
Aug. 31	" " "	7.00

Total amount received \$467.09

Amount paid out \$146.45

Balance on hand \$320.64

F. B. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

The report of the committee on Temperance was read and after being discussed by Rev. W. R. Ivy, S. B. Cole, and Bro. C. C. Rawls, A. N. Woodard, and Jno. W. Day, was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

When we survey the field occupied by the Southern Baptist Convention our heart swells with gratitude to God for the great progress made by the prohibition forces. There is not a greater enemy to the church of God nor to humanity than the saloon interests.

When ever the whiskey element predominates there you find the work of the church hindered and little interest taken in the church services.

As Baptist people we are unchangably opposed to the use or sale of intoxicating drinks.

1. Because the Bible in un-mistakable terms condemns it. If our creed is true and we are true to it, we must abide by the Book.

2. Because of its baneful effect on the human family. It has caused more vice, crime, disease, suffering, and death than any other one thing.

100,000 men and women go to drunkard's graves in the United States every year. That means that many more boys and girls every year to take their places in the saloon. 45 per cent. of the idiots is the product of

the saloon. 55 per cent. of the insanity, 90 per cent. of the murders, 80 per cent. of the criminals, to say nothing of the suicides can be attributed to the use of intoxicating drinks.

It has never made a home happier, a man better, richer, or wiser, but always tends to debase and destroy.

In view of these facts we call on all our people to use all their influence against its use, and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to prevent its sale, either in open saloon or otherwise.

S. B. COLE.

J. K. JOHNSON.

The report of the committee on Ministerial Education was read and after being discussed by Rev. W. R. Ivy, was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education, beg leave to report. The various reports coming to the association republish the fact "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few" To the demands of our home field are added the cries from Macedonia, and if world-wide evangelization depended on the effort and ingenuity of man alone, we would surely fail to meet those demands. Therefore we should "Pray the Lord of the harvest that he would send more laborers into the harvest."

The answer to this prayer brings another thought and responsibility therewith, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed" applies with peculiar force to our young ministers of today. Marvelous advance has been made in general education, and the standards have been raised for all professions. The physician begins the practice of his profession only after the most careful preparation. Likewise the teacher and the lawyer. If they who minister to us in temporal things need this qualification, how much more important it is that our

heralds of the cross should be able to rightly divide the word of truth. "Continue thou in the things thou hast learned and has been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them" means much in the multiplied theology, and we take pleasure in recommending Columbia College at Lake City Fla. Stetson University at DeLand Fla. and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville Ky. under their present management as places where sound doctrine is not only endorsed but actually taught. So let it be said in behalf of the churches that although the "man of God" may not be perfect, it is the high ideal of the laity as much as lieth in them, you shall be "thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

J. T. WOODARD.

A. W. WEBB.

F. E. CORRIN.

The report of the committee on State of Churches was read and after being discussed by Rev. I. R. Clements, A. D. Townsend and Jno. W. Day was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we find the churches in the Middle Florida Association in a bad state in many ways. There is a great lack of orthodoxy and of the missionary spirit among our Baptist churches.

There has been some improvement for the past few years, but there is room for a great deal more.

Respectfully submitted.

I. R. CLEMENTS

A. D. TOWNSEND

W. D. LAMB

G. W. MOORE

On motion, that the chairman of the most important committees be appointed at this session and to report at the next session.

On motion, that the chairman of the committee on Woman's Work be granted time to prepare his report and send it to the clerk in time to have it printed in the minutes.

The report of the committee on Sunday Schools was read and, on motion, was laid over until after night services.

On motion, adjourned until close of night service.

The moderator pronounced the benediction.

NIGHT SERVICES

Divine services at 7:00 p. m. by Rev. W. R. Ivey from Mark 10:21. Text, "Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, one thing thou lackest; go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven, and come take up the cross and follow me."

At the close of the night service, the report on Sunday Schools was taken up and after being discussed by Bro. C. A. Denmark, S. B. Cole, T. P. Williams, Jno. T. Farnell, C. C. Rawls, J. A. Townsend, A. N. Woodard and W. R. Ivey was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Dear Brethren: We, your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report:

By an investigation of the letters from the different churches comprising the Middle Florida Baptist Association we find thirty-one churches represented and of that number only fifteen report Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School is an important church work and ought to be under the supervision of the church.

We regret to see so many Baptist homes in the realms and bounds of this association destitute of the Baptist teachings and doctrines.

We praise God for the work which the Southern Baptist Convention Board and the Florida Witness are doing.

We hope that there will be better work done and better reports made within the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. DENMARK, Chairman.

The resolution from the Jacksonville Association was read and on motion was tabled.

A free-will offering was made to assist the Simmons Baptist Church to complete their house to the amount of

The Hopewell and Beulah Baptist Churches made application for the next session of the Association to convene with them. On motion that it be decided by ballot. The ballot being spread and after being counted Hopewell receiving the majority of the votes. On motion the vote was made unanimous.

On motion, adjourned until tomorrow:

The Moderator pronounced the benediction.

FRIDAY, THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read the 23d Psalm, Rev. S. B. Cole offered prayer.

On motion, the reading of the minutes and the regular order of business was dispensed with.

On motion carried, that the Executive Committee and Treasurer be elected by acclamation, as recommended by the Committee on Nomination.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, that we extend our thanks to the people of Day and community for their hospitality and kind treatment of us while in their midst.

On motion the chairmen of following committees were appointed:

Foreign Missions, W. R. Ivey.

Home Missions, J. C. Scruggs.

State Missions, A. N. Woodard.

Ministerial Education, J. W. Day.

Temperance, C. C. Rawls.

State of Churches, J. E. Hardee.

Ministerial Support, T. A. Evins.

NUMERICAL STATISTICS

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CHURCHES	PASTOR	PASTOR'S P. O. Address	CLERK	CLERK'S P. O. Address	Church Organized- Year	Increase This Year				Decrease This Year				
						By Baptism	By Let. or Stat.	By Restoration	Total Increase	By Letter	By Ex. or Eras	By Death	Total Decrease	Membership This Year	Net Decrease	Net Increase
Aucilla.....	T. A. Evans	Aucilla	J. H. Whiddon	Aucilla		15	2	2	19	2	2	4	85	15
Antioch.....	A. N. Woodard	Madison	W. E. Frier	Jennings		1	10		11		2	2	68	9
Athena.....														
Bruer Lake	S. S. Procter	Lake Butler.....	W. J. Johnson	Day		4	2	1	6		4	4	58	2
Bulah.....	T. M. Webb	Maller	J. F. Stokes	Lee.....		6	1	1	8		2	2	68	4
Bethel.....			J. R. Herring	Dowling Park	1509								14	14
Cabbage Grove														
Central.....	T. A. Evans	Aucilla	J. C. Scruggs	Aucilla.....		21	6		27	2		2	67	25
Greenville.....	J. T. Lee	Rochelle, Ga.	J. W. Bishop	Greenville		11	18		29	7	1	8	117	21
Hopewell.....	R. F. Hacker	Ebb	B. F. Kelly	Madison.....	1877	8		2	5	3		6	84	
Harmony.....	Moses Ward	Boston, Ga.	N. W. Campbell	Lamont		5		6	18	8	1	17	12	
Live Oak.....	W. A. Kelly	Madison	J. S. Williams	Madison		4			4	1	1	2	47	2
Luther.....	J. E. Vann	Shady Grove	R. L. Williams	Shady Grove..									12	1
Lee.....	R. F. Hacker	Ebb	A. F. Stroud	Lee.....		2	1		3				17	8
Lamont.....	T. A. Evans	Aucilla	T. P. Williams	Lamont		6	1	1	7	4	2	6	32	1
Macedonia.....	J. T. Farnell	Day	W. B. Rye	Madison		17	4	2	23	8	8	7	157	16
Madison.....	W. R. Ivey	Madison	J. J. Conway	Madison.....		9	14		23	7	1	8	161	15
Midway.....	J. S. Parker	Live Oak	J. T. Jones	Lee.....		3	2	4	9	3	8	7	87	2
Moseley Hall...	B. F. Hacker	Ebb												
Mt. Moriah.....	J. T. Farnell	Day	V. H. Williams	Dowling Park		6	2	1	9	9	1	10	51	1
Mt. Gilead.....	J. E. Vann	Shady Grove...	W. E. Vann	Shady Grove		7		1	8	1		1	87	7
New Hope.....	R. E. Parnell	Welborn	J. B. Connell	Waclassa.....		12		2	14	6	2	8	98	6
New Hopeful...	J. L. Rutherford	Lee	S. C. Warren	Hansen		3		2	5	2		8	87	5
New Macedonia	A. N. Woodard	Lee	J. F. Andrews	Ebb		2		2	4	1	2	1	41	
Oakland.....														
Pleasant Grove														
Lafayette Co	S. S. Procter	Lake Butler	L. S. G. Lawson	Mayo.....		2	1	2	5	6		6	92	1
Pleasant Grove														
Taylor Co	W. S. Kelly	Madison	J. A. Tedder	Shady Grove		2		2	4	2	2	8	65	6
Pleasant Hill...														
Pine Grove.....	A. N. Woodard	Madison.....	T. J. Blair	Hansen.....			1		1	4	6	2	12	54
Pine Bluff.....	Wm. Caraway	Spray	F. M. Fuqua	Spray										17
Perry.....	S. B. Cole	Perry	W. E. Inman	Perry.....		14	18		27	10	2	12	107	15
River Side.....	L. J. Townsend	Mayo	Jesse Frier	Mayo.....		10	1	1	12	2	1	2	109	7
Ran Pedro.....	I. R. Clements	Day	M. A. Parker	Perry.....		5	1		6	2		2	72	4
Simeans.....	Moses Ward	Boston, Ga.	J. S. Day	Ebb									13	
Triumph.....			W. W. Mills	Stephensville		9	7		16	14		15	29	1

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	For Building	Incidental and Improving	For Visiting Ministers	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Current Ex. and Endow't Col. College	Endowment S. B. T. Seminary	Education General	Aged Ministers	Orphanage	For the Poor	Minutes and Clerk	TOTAL	Value of Pastor's Home	Value Church Property	Total Value of Property
Aucilla.....	\$0 00	..	..	..	..	..	2 00	2 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	\$4 25	..	250	250
Antioch.....	..	..	..	13 10	6 00	1 00	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	350	350
Athens.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Brainer Lake.....	125 00	..	2 25	4 45	3 35	10 47	..	6 00	..	..	..	..	21 95	..	2 50	178 65	..	..	..
Baulah.....	63 25	..	..	..	1 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	75	..	1 00	55 71	..	400	400
Bethel.....	..	..	..	..	1 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cabbage Grove.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Central.....	75 00	55 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 00	..	1 25	136 25	..	200	200
Greenville.....	443 00	..	55 61	154 57	29 10	5 00	13 99	10 62	..	..	..	..	11 00	..	1 00	723 69	..	1200	1200
Hopewell.....	..	..	..	..	25	..	1 65	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75	2 65	..	..	..
Harmony.....	100 00	..	..	6 75	5 95	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75	117 10	..	400	400
Live Oak.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 55	..	..	50	2 05	..	250	250
Luther.....	18 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	15 75	..	300	300
Lee.....	50 00	200 00	27 00	3 00	5 00	9 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 00	..	75	134 75	..	1000	1000
Lamont.....	100 00	..	..	21 25	7 05	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 00	152 30	..	600	600
Macedonia.....	75 00	..	61 00	10 82	13 84	..	1 00	1 75	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 50	157 75	..	..	..
Madison.....	1000 00	..	771 98	410 00	4 50	83 14	25 65	72 39	200 00	15 00	5 00	..	99 88	44 40	1 00	2973 15	2000	5500	7500
Midway.....	40 50	19 60	..	..	3 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 00	63 60	..	300	300
Moseley Hall.....	..	..	..	..	1 00	1 00	..	55	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	3 05	..	..	..
Mt. Moriah.....	5 00	..	..	4 05	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75	10 80	..	..	..
Mt. Gilead.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75	10 80	..	..	..
New Hope.....	1 99	..	8 00	8 00	3 58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75	3 00	..	200	200
New Hopeful.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	18 76	..	350	350
New Macedonia.....	50 00	..	..	2 90	3 40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 10	..	61	57 90	..	200	200
Oakland.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pleasant Grove.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lafayette Co.....	88 45	..	..	..	7 10	2 45	..	..	..	..	..	2 00	..	..	1 50	\$1 40	..	650	650
Pleasant Grove Taylor Co.....	..	..	..	..	2 73	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	3 13	..	..	..
Pleasant Hill.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pine Grove.....	42 75	..	..	22 80	..	19 14	9 25	..	..	..	..	..	4 00	6 00	70	103 74	..	..	..
Pine Bluff.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	25	..	..	..
Perry.....	800 00	18 50	235 30	121 08	..	13 28	39 75	83 61	..	..	..	7 21	102 40	28 75	3 00	1281 90	..	3000	3000
River Side.....	50 00	..	1 80	5 51	2 30	..	4 90	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 00	64 31	..	300	300
San Pedro.....	50 00	..	25	..	3 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	62 30	..	500	500
Sirmans.....	..	..	..	..	3 41	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 00	4 41	..	750	750
Triumph.....	..	..	97 50	38 25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 50	182 75	..	500	500

3093 95 293 10 1261 49 829 41 106 29 154 95 129 14 126 43 200 00 15 00 5 00 14 20 228 54 79 15 51 20 5361 97 2000 18220 20970

Sunday School Statistics

CHURCHES	Name of Superintendent and his P. O. Address	No. of Schools	No. of Pupils	No. of Teachers	Scholar's Rpt'd	S. S. Expenses	Missions and Benevolence	Total for all Purposes
Aucilla	A. W. Bishop, Aucilla	1	25	3	12			
Bruer Lake	D. W. Townsend, Day	1	37	4	1	3 05		3 05
Beulah	J. A. Johnson, Lee	1	39	2				
Central	N. W. McLeod, Aucilla	1	71	4				
Greenville	C. L. Leggett, Greenville	1						
Lee	J. L. Rutherford, Lee	1	85	5	4	3 00		3 00
Lamont	C. P. McCall, Lamont	1	88	2				
Macedonia	J. T. Woodard, Madison	1	66	2		4 00	4 95	895
Madison	W. B. Cate, Madison	1	121	5	5	31 21	79 02	110 23
NewMacedonia	J. C. Dikes, Ebb	1	56	3				
Pleasant grove	C. M. Tillmon, Mayo	1	54	3				
Pine Grove	A. M. Warren, Hansen	1	23	2				
Perry	W. L. Weaver, Perry	1	93	3		68 56	37 50	101 06
River Side	M. J. Frier, Mayo	1	25	2				
San Pedro	C. A. Denmark, Perry	1	40	3				
Triumph	C. C. Rawls, Stephenville	1	30	3				
			15 747 63 87	104.82	100.57	226.29		

Woman's Missionary Society

Central—Mrs. Lon Walker, President, Aucilla, Fla.

Madison—Mrs. W. R. Ivey, President, Madison, Fla.

Contributions: For Missions, \$154.62.

Perry—Mrs. S. H. Peacock, President, Perry, Fla.

Contributions: For Missions and Benevolence \$31.06.

B Y P U Day, O. M. Bowers, Pres. Contributions \$4.14.

Sunbeam Band, Perry, Mrs. C. T. Culpepper, Pres.

Perry, Fla. Contributions \$5.00.

Members who Died During the Year.

Aucilla—Eliza Poppell and Georgia Ann Poppell.

Beulah—Jane Jackson and Caroline McCall.

Hopewell—Annie Smith and Julia Lamb.

Harmony—Catherinè Martin.

Luther—Bro. Z. G. Sheffield.

Lee— " B. F. Ponder.

Macedonia—Hattie M. Mercer, Mary J. Johnson and

Amanda P. Newsom.

Madison—Mrs. Theodore Randall.

Midway—Timothy Peterson.

New Macedonia—J. J. Adams.

Pleasant Grove, Taylor Co.—J. W. Grantham and P. A.

Dice.

Pine Grove—Mr. S. E. Smiley and Sister E. J. Smiley.

Perry—T. L. Garrett and J. I. Kinsey.

River Side—Perry Roberts and Mrs. Fannie Leggette.