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WE HAVE been informed that there are Baptist Sunday schools which have yielded to the solicitations, personal and otherwise, of an undenominational publishing house, and which are taking, in whole or in part, the literature of that house in preference to the literature of their own Publication Society. In view of this information we desire to put the question, *Is it wise?* to pastors, Sunday school officers and teachers who may have been thus influenced.

Is it wise to put into the hands of Baptist children and youth a literature which in some parts is largely sensational, in other parts directly opposed to Baptist teaching, and in no part clearly and positively declarative of our distinctive denominational views? What sort of Baptists will the next generation be if the youth of this generation are brought up on a merely negative or an essentially Pedobaptist literature, and are never taught in the Sunday school the truths for which our fathers were ready to suffer and which form the only ground for our denominational existence? And how are young people to be brought to Christ and developed into stalwart Christians, if the aim in the literature employed is mainly to gratify a craving for the sensational and not to instruct and fortify against errors in doctrine and life?

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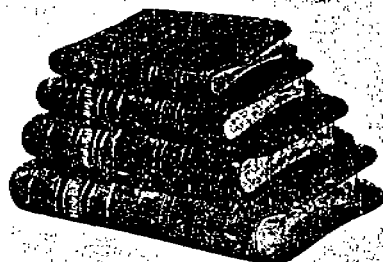
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ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Seventh Annual Anniversary of the Middle Florida Baptist Association will be held with New Hopeful Baptist Church, six miles northwest of Madison, Fla., commencing on Wednesday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1906.

The introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. R. F. Hacker; alternate, Rev. A. N. Woodard.

OFFICERS.

Moderator—Rev. Jno. F. Farnell Day, Fla.
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C. L. Leggett, F. B. Williams.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Enrolling names of messengers.
3. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
4. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Call for correspondence.
7. Appoint committees.
8. Elect messengers to the Florida Baptist Convention.
9. Elect messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention.
10. Unfinished business.
11. Reports of committees.
12. Elect Executive Committee.
13. Elect Treasurer.
14. Address of agents.
15. Appoint correspondents.
16. Miscellaneous business.
17. Adjournment.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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 that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments 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 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.

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 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 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.

Article 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.

Article 3. The letters sent by the churches at each session of the Association shall designate 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 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.

Article 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.

Article 6. The Association, thus organized, shall have no power to lord over God's heritage nor infringe upon the eternal rights 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 hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

Article 8. The Association shall furnish the minutes of their 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 then signed by the Moderator and Clerk before adjournment.

Article 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.

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 church failing to be represented at the meeting of the Association.

Fourth—To withdraw all connection with any church or churches in this 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 interests of the Master's cause.

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

RULES OF DECORUM OF THE MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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 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.

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

Article 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 the division equal. In that case the question shall be lost.

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

Article 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.

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

Article 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 desiring to speak shall have done so.

Article 10. While any member is addressing the As-

sociation, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all private discourse that may be indulged in among the members, and require strict attention on the part of the audience.

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

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

Article 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.

Article 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 adjournment.

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

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

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

Article 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.

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

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

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

Article 22. All messengers are requested to remain during the whole session of the Association; and no

member shall absent himself without being excused by the Moderator.

LIST OF CHURCHES, DELEGATES AND CLERKS.

Aucilla, Jefferson county—Pastor, ———; Delegates, Wesley Bishop, D. W. Bishop, Martin Bishop; Clerk, G. T. Bishop; post-office, Aucilla, Fla.

Antioch, Hamilton county—Pastor, Rev. Wm. M. Tamplin; Delegate, S. M. Morgan; Clerk, W. E. Frier; post-office, Echo, Fla.

Bruces Lake, Lafayette county—Pastor, Rev. I. R. Clements; Delegate, Jno. W. Day; Clerk, B. W. Rodgers; post-office, Day, Fla.

Beulah, Madison county—Pastor, Rev. Wm. M. Tamplin; Delegates, J. P. Webb, J. F. Stokes, Clerk, J. F. Stokes; post-office, Lee, Fla.

Cabbage Grove, Taylor county—Pastor, Rev. J. J. Lambreth; Delegates, J. F. Hartsfield, J. T. Martin; Clerk, C. J. Wilson; post-office, Waylonga, Fla.

†Greenville, Madison county—Pastor, ———; Delegate, C. L. Leggett; Clerk, J. W. Bishop; post-office, Greenville, Fla.

Hopewell, Madison county—Pastor, Rev. R. F. Hacker; Delegate, F. McClamma; Clerk, B. F. Kelly; post-office, Hopewell, Fla.

Live Oak, Madison county—Pastor, Rev. W. S. Kelly; Delegate, J. S. Pinson; Clerk, L. E. Lyons; post-office, Madison, Fla.

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Limestone, Jefferson county—Pastor, ———; Delegate, represented by letter; Clerk, W. P. Coggins; post-office, Wacissa, Fla.

Macedonia, Madison county—Pastor, Rev. I. R. Clements; Delegates, J. T. Woodard, F. B. Williams, W. B. Roye, Lonnie Mercer; Clerk, A. T. Cornett; post-office, Madison, Fla.

Midway, Madison county—Pastor, Rev. L. J. Townsend; Delegates, D. E. Thomas, J. H. Turlington, J. W. Thomas; Clerk, D. E. Thomas; post-office, Lee, Fla.

Mt. Moriah, Madison county—Pastor, Rev. J. T. Farnell; Delegate, W. C. Green; Clerk, A. A. Connor; post-office, Chancy, Fla.

Mt. Gilead, Madison county—Pastor, Rev. J. E. Vann; Delegate, D. W. Vann; Clerk, W. E. Vann; post-office, Iddo, Fla.

New Hopeful, Madison county—Pastor, Rev. A. N. Woodard; Delegate, H. B. Gibson; Clerk, H. B. Gibson; post-office, Madison, Fla.

New Macedonia, Madison county—Pastor, ———; Delegate, W. H. Haney; Clerk, T. M. Barclay; post-office, Greenville, Fla.

Olive Branch, Jefferson county—Pastor, Rev. J. T. Farnell; Delegate, G. F. Andrews; Clerk, W. H. Walker; post-office, Lamont, Fla.

Oakland, Taylor county—Pastor, Rev. J. E. Vann; Delegate, H. B. Sheffield; Clerk, W. P. Johnson; post-office, Waylonga, Fla.

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Pleasant Grove, Taylor county—Pastor, Rev. J. E. Vann; Delegates, J. E. Horne, Colen Lewis; Clerk, J. A. Tedder; post-office, Iddo, Fla.

Pleasant Hill, Taylor county—Pastor, Rev. J. W. Pierson; Delegate, J. P. Humphrey; Clerk, J. M. Hodges; post-office, Lake Joe, Fla.

Pine Grove, Madison county—Pastor, ———; Delegates, D. N. Webb, J. P. Sessions; Clerk, F. J. Blair; post-office, Hanson, Fla.

Pine Bluff, Madison county—Pastor, ———; Delegate, represented by letter; Clerk, M. F. Fuquay; post-office, Greenville, Fla.

Riverside, Lafayette county—Pastor, Rev. L. J. Town-

send; Delegate, M. Webb; Clerk, C. E. Frier; post-office, Day, Fla.

San Pedro, Taylor county—Pastor, ———; Delegate, not represented; Clerk, F. S. Jackson; post-office, Fenholloway, Fla.

Triumph, Taylor county—Pastor, ———; Delegate, R. F. Hacker; Clerk, Wm. Mills; post-office, Stephenville, Fla.

Note—Churches marked thus (†) were received by petitionary letters.

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY OF THE ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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"c c" church connections.

NAME.	WHERE LOCATED.	POST-OFFICE.
Clements, I. R.	<i>p</i> Bruer Lake ----- <i>p c c</i> Macedonia -----	Day ----- Fla.
Farnell, J. T.	<i>p</i> Mt. Moriah ----- <i>p</i> Olive Branch ----- <i>p</i> Pleasant Grove ----- <i>c c</i> Bruer Lake -----	Day ----- Fla.
Gibson, H. B.	<i>w c c c</i> New Hopeful -----	Madison ----- Fla.
Hacker, R. F.	<i>p</i> Hopewell ----- <i>p</i> Luther ----- <i>c c</i> Triumph -----	Aucilla ----- Fla.
Hampton, J. M.	<i>w c c c</i> Aucilla -----	Aucilla ----- Fla.
Kelly, W. S.	<i>p</i> Live Oak ----- <i>c c</i> Hopewell -----	Hopewell, Fla.
Lambreth, J. J.	<i>c c</i> Limestone ----- <i>p</i> Cabbage Grove -----	Wacissa ----- Fla.
Montgomery, J. T.	<i>w c c c</i> Aucilla -----	Aucilla ----- Fla.
Pierson, J. W.	<i>p c c</i> Pleasant Hill -----	Register, Fla.
Rutherford, J. L.	<i>p c c</i> Beulah -----	Lee ----- Fla.
Townsend, L. J.	<i>p</i> Riverside ----- <i>p</i> Midway ----- <i>c c</i> Pleasant Grove, Laf. Co. -----	Slayton ----- Fla.
Tamplin, W. M.	<i>p</i> Antioch ----- <i>c c</i> Midway -----	Slayton ----- Fla.
Vann, J. E.	<i>p</i> Pleasant Grove, Tay. Co. ----- <i>p</i> Oakland ----- <i>p c c</i> Mt. Gilead -----	Red Oak, Fla.
LICENTIATE:		
Henderson, Jno. R.	Beulah -----	Lee ----- Fla.

Note—Clerks of churches are requested to send names of licen-
tiates. CLERK.

MINUTES

OF THE

Middle Florida Baptist Association, Sixth Anniversary.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The introductory sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by Rev. Jno. F. Farnell, from 1st Corinthians, 3d chapter and 9th verse.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—2 O'CLOCK P. M.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Middle Florida Baptist Association was called to order, the former Moderator and Clerk being present.

The roll of churches was then called, and the letters brought forward and read by Rev. R. F. Hacker and H. B. Gibson, and the names of the messengers were enrolled. (See pages 9, 10 and 11.)

The Association was permanently organized by re-electing the former Moderator, Rev. Jno. T. Farnell, and H. B. Gibson, Clerk.

Visiting brethren were then invited to seats with us and extended the courtesies of the floor. Rev. J. A. Davis, of the Florida Baptist Association, responded and was welcomed by the Moderator.

Upon the call for petitionary letters, Bro. C. L. Leggett, a member of Greenville church, presented a letter from his church asking for admission into the Association.

The letter was read by the Clerk and, on motion, Greenville Baptist church was admitted to membership of the Association. The Moderator gave the hand of fellowship to Bro. C. L. Leggett.

Correspondents were then invited to seats with us and extended the courtesies of the floor. Rev. S. J. McLeod, of Waycross, Ga., representing the pulpit and press, re-

On motion, adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m. The Moderator pronounced the benediction.

Divine services at 11 a. m., by Rev. S. J. McLeod, from Matthew, 13th chapter and 24th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

The Association convened for business. A devotional service was conducted by the Moderator; Rev. J. L. Rutherford offered prayer.

Called for Associational letters and enrolled names of messengers.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

Called for petitionary letters.

Called for correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

New Hopeful Baptist Church, Bruer Lake Baptist Church and Hopewell Baptist Church petitioned for the next session of the Association to convene with them.

On motion, that the next session would convene with New Hopeful Baptist Church; carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The report on missions was re-read by the Clerk.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We, your committee, are glad to note that the Lord has prospered the work of our Associational missionaries, and we see from the report of our State Secretary, Rev. L. D. Geiger, that our missionaries under the State Board have been doing a noble work. We want to urge the churches of the Middle Florida Association to a still more active support of mission work along all lines. We suggest that our pastors keep the cause of missions constantly before their churches, and that our deacons talk up the matter and take collections quarterly for the spread of the gospel.

Brother pastor, you are not to be contented with preaching for the congregations that you see before you, but you should preach for the entire world, which

you can do by teaching your churches to support the mission cause and send the gospel to the regions beyond.

We would suggest that our Executive Committee be composed of good men, who live near enough together that they can meet at any time on a short call, as it is very difficult to get them together when living so far apart.

Respectfully submitted.

R. F. HACKER,
A. N. WOODARD,
J. F. STOKES.

The report was discussed by Revs. R. F. Hacker and S. J. McLeod, and adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Dear Brethren: We, your committee, proceeded to organize at an early date, and held a meeting on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in January, 1905.

We employed Bro. L. J. Townsend to labor in the most destitute portion of Lafayette county at a salary of \$5.00 per month for one-half of his time, and also Bro. J. W. Pierson to labor in Taylor county at the same salary; and from their reports to us, we feel that their labors have been blessed.

Brethren, when we see that our efforts are being blessed, this should encourage us to keep up this glorious and good work, and when the work invites us to come and preach the gospel to them, we should use our talents and means to send the glad tidings of the blessed gospel to them, until we no longer hear the sad news that persons grow up to the stature of men and women and have never seen the ordinance of baptism administered. Brethren, this is a loud call on us to aid them with the privilege of the gospel, and gratify their desire by keeping missionaries in the field and supporting them in their work.

On the 10th of March, 1905, God saw fit in His infinite wisdom to remove our dear brother, Wm. M. Cornett, one of our committee, from the sorrows of earth to the

glories of heaven; and we suggest that the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons draft a short memorial to his memory and that it be published in our minutes. Respectfully submitted.

H. B. GIBSON,
JNO. T. WOODARD,
F. B. WILLIAMS.

MISSIONARY REPORT OF R. F. HACKER.

Dear Brethren: I submit the following report of work done at Luther:

Number of days' work, 40; sermons preached, 36; other addresses, 12; miles traveled, 300. I had sincerely hoped that we would have had our house completed before the meeting of the Association, but we have had many things to hinder us. After a location had been obtained and a deed, and getting a part of the lumber on the ground, the plot of ground was found to be incorrect, and we had to wait until a new deed could be made.

We now have the lumber on hand, but are short of means; but we will still keep trying. Brethren, a little help would do a great amount of good. The church will now try to be self-sustaining, and, at their call, we have agreed to serve them the ensuing year.

Brethren, pray for these people. R. F. HACKER.

MISSIONARY REPORT OF REV. JNO. W. PIERSON.

Dear Brethren: I submit the following report as your missionary in Taylor county:

Number of miles traveled, 406; sermons preached, 36; number received by baptism, 11; restored, 8; number of Sabbath schools in the field, 2; religious addresses and prayer meetings, 12; amount collected in the field, \$13.60. Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. PIERSON.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

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

1904.		DR.	
Oct. 27.	To balance from last year	-----	\$145 54
Oct. 27.	Received from H. B. Gibson	-----	1 00
Oct. 29.	Received from union meeting at Beulah church	-----	18 30
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Jan. 29.	Received from union meeting at Macedonia church	-----	17 37
April 30.	Received from union meeting at Aucilla church	-----	33 73
April 30.	Received from Triumph mission work	-----	40 00
April 30.	Received from New Macedonia church, through H. B. G.	-----	7 70
June 27.	Received from Rev. Jno. W. Pierson, missionary	-----	4 40
July 29.	Received from union meeting at Antioch church	-----	38 57
July 29.	Received from Rev. L. J. Townsend, missionary	-----	8 90
Oct. 19.	Received from Jno. W. Day	-----	1 00
Total received		-----	\$316 51
By amounts paid out		-----	213 89
Balance on hand		-----	\$102 62
1904.		CR.	
Oct. 23.	Paid Rev. A. N. Woodard, missionary	\$	24 00
Oct. 29.	Paid H. B. Gibson, Clerk fee	-----	15 00
Nov. 5.	Paid Rev. L. D. Geiger, Foreign and Home Missions	-----	29 84
Dec. 24.	Paid E. W. Rice for printing minutes	-----	26 00
1905.			
Jan. 24.	Paid H. B. Gibson, postage on minutes	-----	3 00
Jan. 29.	Paid Rev. A. N. Woodard, missionary	-----	6 75
Jan. 29.	Paid H. B. Gibson, railroad fare to	-----	

	Greenville-----	1 00
April 30.	Paid Rev. R. F. Hacker, missionary-	40 00
April 30.	Paid Rev. Jno. W. Pierson, missionary	10 00
May 23.	Paid Rev. L. J. Townsend, missionary	15 00
June 27.	Paid Rev. Jno. W. Pierson, missionary	4 40
July 8.	Paid Rev. Jno. W. Pierson, missionary	15 00
July 24.	Paid Rev. L. J. Townsend, missionary	15 00
July 29.	Paid Rev. L. J. Townsend, missionary	8 90
	Total amount paid out-----	\$213 89

Respectfully submitted,

F. B. WILLIAMS Treasurer.

The report on ministerial support was presented by the chairman, Rev. I. R. Clements.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Dear Brethren: In looking over the letters from the churches, we still see that the pastor's salary is very small, and if they were better paid they would be better qualified to preach the gospel. Brethren, we ought to be more liberal in our contributions.

Respectfully submitted, I. R. CLEMENTS.

The report was discussed by Revs. I. R. Clements and S. J. McLeod, and adopted.

The report on ministerial education was read.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Brethren: Your Committee on Ministerial Education regret to say that there is not that interest taken in education that ought to be, as the times demand more education than in ancient days. We, your committee, recommend a forward movement on this line, as God requires the best talents to be put to the best use to advance His cause. Your committee recommend that our ministers avail themselves of this opportunity, and also recommend that our churches rally to the front in this cause, for we have no pastors by the indifference of the churches in our Association. We also say not to fail to study the Word, as it is "the power of God unto

salvation to every one that believeth." We recommend that grand institution in our State, the Stetson University at DeLand, Fla., and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.; also many others which are worthy of our patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. A. N. WOODARD, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Revs. S. J. McLeod, I. R. Clements and others, and adopted.

The report on Sunday schools was read and, on motion, was passed till tomorrow at 10 a. m.

The report on religious literature was read and, on motion, was laid over till tomorrow at 9 a. m.

The report on Orphanage was read and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Brethren: We notice that the churches of our Association have sent up in their letters \$12.16 and \$8.56 during the year. Brethren, that is very little for us to give to those who cannot help themselves. Only \$20.72 for the year. Let us do better the ensuing year—let each one of us make a self-case of it, and we can better understand the responsibility resting on us.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. L. RUTHERFORD, Chairman.

A collection was taken up for the Orphanage, amounting to \$5.05.

The report on nominations was read and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following report:

We suggest and recommend the following Executive Committee: Brethren J. C. Scruggs, H. B. Gibson, Jno. T. Woodard, C. L. Leggett, F. B. Williams; F. B. Williams, Treasurer. Rev. R. F. Hacker to preach the introductory sermon; alternate, Rev. A. N. Woodard.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. TOWNSEND, Chairman.

At this juncture a beautiful quilt was displayed by Rev. R. F. Hacker to sell, to assist in furnishing Moseley Hall Baptist church with seats. The amount of \$2.00 was bid on the quilt and it was presented back to Sister Saunders, of Moseley Hall church.

The report on woman's work was read and laid over till tomorrow indefinitely.

The report on temperance was read.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

"Touch not, taste not," is God's rule in regard to every unclean thing, and as strong drink is an unclean thing, then there is but one way to meet with God's approval on the temperance question—that is to "touch not, taste not, handle not" the unclean thing.

We are thankful to God for the glorious advance that is being made toward driving the bar-room from our State. We believe every Baptist should give his influence in behalf of a clean State.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. HACKER, Chairman.

The report was discussed by the Chairman, I. R. Clements and S. J. McLeod, and adopted.

On motion, adjourned till Friday, 9 a. m. The Moderator pronounced the benediction.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION, 9 A. M.

The Association convened for business. A devotional service was conducted by the Moderator, Scripture reading, 102d Psalm. Bro. A. C. Townsend offered prayer.

Read and approved the minutes of Thursday.

Called for Associational letters and enrolled names of messengers.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us and extended the courtesies of the floor. Bro. G. W. Tedder, of the Florida Association, responded and was welcomed by the Moderator.

Called for correspondence.

The report on religious literature was re-read.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Dear Brethren: We, your committee, recommend that our young ministers use every means that God in His wisdom has provided, that they might more perfectly qualify them to administer the Word.

We especially recommend the John B. Stetson University at DeLand, Fla., and the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and the Southern Baptist Witness.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. TOWNSEND, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Revs. I. R. Clements, S. J. McLeod and R. F. Hacker, and adopted.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted:

Resolved, 1st. That we deplore and condemn the habit of our messengers in leaving the house before adjournment without permission from the Moderator.

Resolved, 2d. That we urge the members to carefully study the 22d Article of the Rules of Decorum.

On motion, the report on Sunday schools was taken up.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Dear Brethren: We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, are very sorry to have to report that very few of our churches have or report Sunday schools. This ought not to be, for we are commanded to bring up our children in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." We know of no better place than the Sunday school to give light to the rising generation and commend them to Christ. We therefore recommend that our pastors call the attention of the different churches to the importance of the Sunday school, and see that a Sunday school is organized and conducted in each church within our Association, if possible.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. LEGGETT, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Revs. S. J. McLeod, R. F. Hacker and I. R. Clements, and adopted.

The Committee on Preaching reported that Rev. R. F. Hacker would preach the missionary sermon at 11 a. m. On motion, adjourned till 2 p. m. The Moderator pronounced the benediction.

The missionary sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by Rev. R. F. Hacker, from Matthew, 13th chapter, 55th and 56th verses; after which a collection was taken for Associational missions, amounting to \$5.80.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

The Association convened for business. A devotional service was conducted by the Moderator, Scripture reading, 1st Psalm. Bro. Jno. W. Day offered prayer.

Called for Associational letters and enrolled names of messengers.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

Called for petitionary letters.

Called for correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The report on woman's work was read and adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We feel that the matter of organized woman's work has not been fully understood in our churches, for it has had but little attention given it, and yet it is a means by which great good may be accomplished.

If every church had a live woman's mission society, we feel confident that it would increase our usefulness 100 per cent. When so much needs to be done, why should we be willing to leave half our powers unused?

We should have an organized band of woman workers in every church. Pastors, please talk this matter to your people. Sisters, organize and see what you can do in the great work.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. R. F. HACKER, Chairman.

The report on deceased ministers and deacons was read and adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Dear Brethren: We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg leave to submit the following report:

We feel profoundly grateful to our Heavenly Father that it has pleased Him to spare our beloved ministerial brethren through another Associational year, and since it has pleased Him to continue their labor of love in our midst, therefore let us learn to esteem them more highly as our co-laborers and faithful servants for their work's sake, and may the Lord impress upon our minds the necessity of supporting and upholding them in the future as we have never done before.

But we regret to have to report the death of our beloved deacon, Wm. M. Cornett, whom it has pleased the Lord to call from labor to refreshment, and while we feel the loss of him keenly, we bow in humble submission to the will of Him that doeth all things well.

Respectfully submitted.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Dear Brethren: We beg leave to report the following amounts sent up by the churches for the following objects, viz: Foreign missions, \$1.00; home missions, \$5.00; State missions, \$8.50; Associational missions, \$33.11; ministerial education, 75c; Orphanage, \$8.86; aged ministers, \$4.85; Associational expenses, \$22.46; minute fund, \$21.66. Total, \$108.19.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. EAY, Chairman.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to the membership of Midway Baptist church and the citizens of this community for

their kind, open-handed and unbounded hospitality extended to us during our session.

STANDING RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That any brother of this Association in good standing, visiting any sister Association, will be recognized as a correspondent from this Association.

On motion, that the Clerk be paid the usual fee and be reimbursed for stationery.

On motion, that the Clerk draw on the Treasurer for funds to pay for printing the minutes.

On motion, that the Clerk prepare an Associational letter and have 200 or more printed and distribute them among the churches; also to draw on the Treasurer for funds to pay for them.

On motion, adjourned.

During the singing of the hymn, "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds," &c., the parting hand was extended. Rev. I. R. Clements offered an earnest prayer. The Middle Florida Baptist Association adjourned to meet with New Hopeful Baptist church, six miles northwest of Madison, Fla., on Wednesday before the fourth Wednesday in October, 1906.

H. B. GIBSON,

Secretary.

REV. JNO. F. FARNEEL,

Moderator.

Sunday Schools.

CHURCHES.	Superintendents.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	Expenses.
1. Aucilla					
2. Antioch					
3. Bruer Lake					
4. Beulah					
5. Cabbage Grove					
6. Greenville					
7. Hopewell					
8. Live Oak					
9. Luther					
10. Limestone					
11. Macedonia					
12. Midway					
13. Mt. Moriah					
14. Mt. Giload					
15. New Hopeful					
16. New Macedonia					
17. Oakland					
18. Olive Branch					
19. Pleasant Grove (Lafay. Co.)					
20. Pleasant Grove (Taylor Co.)					
21. Pleasant Hill					
22. Pine Grove					
23. Pine Bluff					
24. Riverside					
25. San Pedro					
26. Triumph	2	4	65		\$3 50
Total	2	4	65		3 50

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