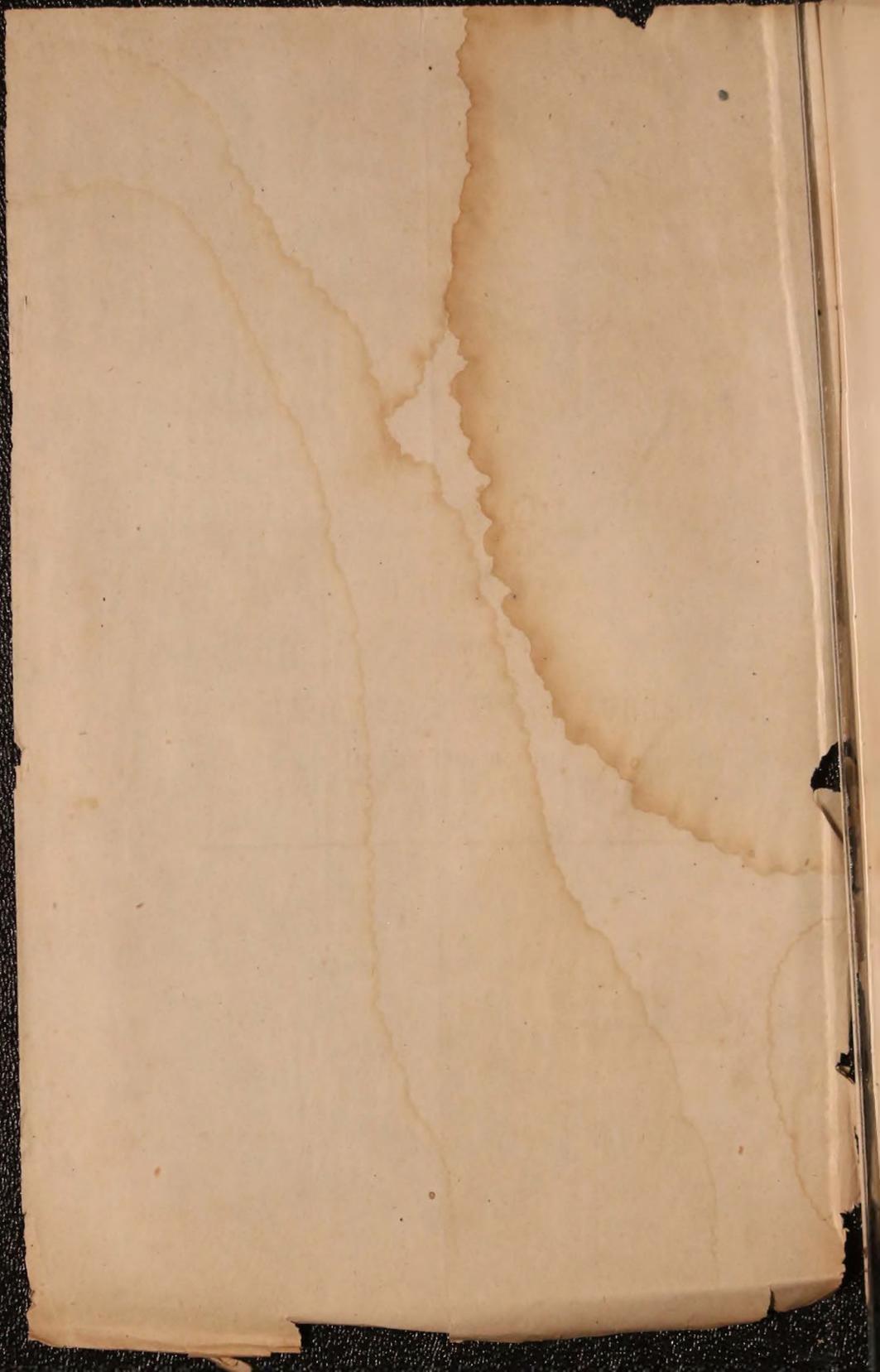

MINUTES

OF THE

ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

CONVEXED WITH THE CHURCH AT BROOKSVILLE, FLA. ON SATUR-
DAY, THE 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER, A. D. 1865.



MINUTES.

The Alachua Baptist Association convened with the Union Church, at Brooksville, Fla., on Saturday, the 21st day of October, A. D. 1865.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Hayman, Mark, 11 ch., 22nd vrs: "Have faith in God." And after an intermission of an hour, the delegates met in the court-house and Elder D. Edwards, the former Moderator, took the chair, and Elder S. C. Craft being appointed clerk *pro tem*, (the former clerk not being present,) the letters from the churches were handed in and read.

Proceeded to the election of officers, whereupon Elder D. Edwards was re-elected Moderator, and Elder J. M. Hayman, Clerk, and brother T. C. Ellis, Treasurer.

Called for correspondence—none was received.

Invited Ministers of our faith and order to seats with us.

The Moderator appointed committees as follows, to wit:

On Preaching—Brethren Breaker, Lykes, Hedick, and Riggs;
On Finance—Harvard, Mathews and Carlton. On Church Letters and Queries—Breaker, Goodnight, Griffin, Hedick, Craft and Kirkland.

On motion, appointed Craft, Breaker, Kirkland, Carlton and Riggs, a special committee to report on Missionary operations.

The Committee on Preaching reported that Elder Wm. Johnson preach in the church-house to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock; and Elder S. B. Todd to preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock, and Elder S. C. Craft to preach in the after noon. After prayer, adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

On Sunday, the stand was occupied by the Ministers, as arranged by the Committee on Preaching.

MONDAY, OCT. 23, 1865, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

After singing, and prayer by the Moderator, read and approved the minutes of Saturday.

Received the report of the former clerk, Bro. W. McGahagin.

Which was referred to the Financial Committee.

Correspondents were again called for, when Elders William Johnson and Lucy J. Simmons presented themselves as members of

the *State* Association, and were duly received as such—and took seats with us.

Called for report of Special Committee on *Missionary* Business, which was received and read. (See Appendix, A.)

The report of the Committee on Finance was handed in, read and received. (See Appendix, B.)

The Committee on Church Letters reported, which was read and received. (See Appendix, C.)

Resolved, That Brother W. McGahagin, the clerk of the last session of this Association be, and he is hereby respectfully requested to furnish the present clerk with a manuscript copy of the minutes of the last session of this Association.

Resolved, That any member of this body who shall be present at the meeting of the Florida Association, the Santa Fee Association, the Concord Association or the Baptist State Convention of Florida, shall be considered as our appointed Messenger or Messengers.

Whereas, it is known to this body that the church at Ocala, a member of this Association, has received at least one member into its connection without gospel baptism, therefore, on motion, a committee was appointed, consisting of Elder D. Edwards, S. C. Craft and J. J. Kirkland, to visit the church at Ocala, and advise with said church, concerning the reception of such person or persons, and report the result of their interview with the church at the next meeting of this Association.

Resolved, That Churches composing this body Association, be informed, that as a denomination we cannot receive members into our communion upon Pedo-Baptist baptism; and if any hold such in their communion, to re-consider their action in the reception of such members, and require them to receive Gospel Baptism, or dismiss them to the world.

The following named brethren were appointed an Executive Committee during this Associational year, to wit: J. H. Breaker, T. Lykes, D. Hedick and Wm. Friarson. Elder J. J. Kirkland was appointed to preach the next Introductory sermon. Elder D. Edwards was appointed to preach the Missionary at our next session.

Appointed the first Thursday in May next as a day of fasting and prayer to Almighty God, for a revival of his work within the bounds of this Association.

On motion, the Clerk of this session was paid forty dollars for his services.

On motion, he was requested to have five hundred copies of these minutes printed and circulated.

Elder J. H. Breaker was requested in behalf of this Association to return thanks to the Church at Brooksville and the kind friends of the vicinity for their kind hospitalities and comfortable enter-

tainments to the members of this Association during its present session.

Adjourned, to meet with the Mount Zion Church, Sumpter county, Fla., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1866.

D. EDWARDS, Moderator.

J. M. HAYMAN, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX.—(A.)

Report of the Special Missionary Committee.

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of our future Missionary operations, and of the practicability of at once engaging in this great work, beg leave to report, as follows:

That missions are of God is a question with but one side with us, and hence, a duty devolving upon us, which we cannot, dare not evade. And if a duty, then it is practicable, and consequently we should at once engage in it with all our hearts, minds, souls and hands.

We therefore recommend—

First. That Delegates be called upon to say about what amount they think can be made up in their respective localities for this noble and God-like enterprise.

Second. That this Association appoint an Executive Committee of five to be located at a central point, say Brooksville, to whom shall be entrusted the whole matter of our Missionary operations during the next Associational year, with instructions, if they deem it practicable, to divide the Association into three Districts, and appoint an able, judicious, experienced and sound doctrinal Minister to devote so much time in his respective district as the means, or assurance of means may justify.

We also recommend that the delegates be requested to bring the claims of missions to bear upon the minds of all persons who can be reached in their respective localities, and that the several Ministers be requested also to bring this subject prominently before their respective congregations.

And lastly. That the brethren and sisters of the several Churches be requested to form in their several Churches Missionary Soci-

eties, auxiliary to the "Alachua Baptist Association Missionary Society," formed during the present session of this body.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAM. C. CRAFT, Chm'n.

(B.)

Your committee on Finance ask leave to report that we find sent up from the Churches for Associational purposes, \$64 75.

Received from former clerk on "Timber Cutter's Bank," 5 00.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. T. CARLTON, Chm'n.

(C.)

Your Committee on Letters: beg leave to report: The letter from New Hope Church request the Association to suggest a plan, by which uniformity of action may be obtained in all our Churches, with reference to the management of their colored membership.

Your Committee recommend that the same course of discipline be adopted as practiced heretofore; and no change of policy be adopted by the Churches in reference to them until future developments shall suggest the necessity of such change. Several applications are made for the next meeting of the Association. We submit that matter to the decision of the body.

The Clerk of the former session asks advice with reference to printing the minutes of the last session. We advise that no minutes of that session be printed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. H. BREAKER, Chm'n.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE	Baptized.	Received by	Restored.	Dismissed.	Expelled.	Died.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Contributions.	TIME OF MEETING.
					Letter.	Dismissed.	Expelled.	Died.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.				
1. Alafia,	J. W. Riggs, M. Alderman,	Hillsboro',	J. M. Hayman,	Bartow,	12	3				1	45		45	2 00	4th Sunday.
2. Apopka,	Not represented,	Orange,													
3. Bethel,	A. Wilson, D. Sloan,	Polk,	A. Wilson,	Cork,	23	11					72	6	78	5 00	
4. Beulah,	Not represented,	Putnam,													
5. Fellowship,	Not represented,	Marion,													
6. Fort McKay,	W. T. Carlton,	"	S. Simmons,	Orange Spring,	10	3				5	48		48	4 75	3d Sunday.
7. Good Hope,	Not represented,	"													
8. Indian Spring,	J. J. Kirkland,	"	S. Simmons,	Orange Spring,	5					2	23	48	71	1 00	
9. Lake Bryant,	Not represented,	"													
10. Long Pond,	Not represented,														
11. Mount Zion,	J. Perry, H. McGlenn,	Sumpter,	J. Perry,		11		1				45	11	56		2d and 4th Sunday.
12. New Hope,	By Letter,	Marion,	C. B. Jones,								33	35	68		
13. Ocala,	Not represented,	"													
14. Oak Grove,	By Letter,	Sumpter,			1						26		26		2d Sunday.
15. Oclawaha Bay,	Not represented,	Marion,													
16. Peace Creek,	S. C. Craft,	Polk,	J. M. Hayman,	Bartow,	4	3	2	5		62	13		75	3 00	1st Sunday.
17. Sand Pond,	By Letter,	Levy,					1		2				15	1 00	
18. Stafford's Pond,	J. Goodnight,	Marion,	J. J. Kirkland,		19	11	2			2	48		48	3 00	1st Sunday.
19. Spring Branch,	By Letter,	Hernando,	H. McGlenn,	Abramtown,	4								40	4 15	
20. Salem,	J. Tanner,	Polk,	S. B. Todd,	Cork,		1	10	5		54			54	2 00	3d Sunday.
21. Tampa,	Not represented,	Hillsboro',													
22. Tenotassassee,	J. Collins, G. Franklia,	"	J. M. Hayman,	Bartow,	27	8	1			78	3		81	4 00	
23. Union,	J. H. Breaker, D. Hedick,	Hernando,	J. H. Breaker,	Brooksville,		2	1			1	97	101	198	3 75	2d and 4th Sunday.
24. Union,	Not represented,	Sumpter,													
25. Wacahoota,	H. Harvard, D. Griffin,	Marion,	F. C. Johnson,	Gainesville,	1		6			5	30	15	45	5 00	4th Sunday.
26. Eden,	J. Haymen, P. B. Weaver,	Hernando,	H. McGlenn,	Abramtown,	1	1				17			17	4 40	
27. Crystal River,	D. Edwards, H. D. Edwards,	"	D. Edwards,	Crystal River,			1	1		13	1		14	7 00	
28. New Providence,	W. P. Edwards, J. L. Mathews,	Marion,	J. J. Kirkland,		7	20				1			31	8 75	3d Sunday.
29. Orange Creek,	E. Barker,	"	J. J. Kirkland,		4	15	3	1	3	3			70	3 55	

