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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.

2. Read letters and enroll messengers.

3. Election of officers.

4. Call for petitionary letters.

5. Invite visiting brethren to seats.

6. Cail for correspondence.

7. Appointment of committees.

8. Report of Executive Committee.

9. Treasurer's report.

10. Election of Executive Committee.

11. Reports of committees.

12. Fix time and place of next meeting.

 Election of delegates to State and Southern Baptist Conventions.

14. Miscellaneous business.

15. Read and correct minutes:

16. Adjournment.

MINUTES.

Oxford, Fla., October 26, 1900.

The fifty-fourth session of the Alachua Baptist Association convened at the above named place at 10 o'clock a. m. the day and year above written. The Association was called to order by the former Moderator. Bro. J. M. Hedick. After deyotional exercises, the church letters were read and the following messengers enrolled: ...

Eden-L. W. Simmons, J. M. Hedick, J. R. Snow, * Hebron-By letter.

Lady Lake-W. P. Ebbs. F. S. Whiting, G. W. Stringfellow. Floral City-G. W. Higgins, R. L. Clark, Sister Etta Tooke. Wildwood-R. H. Smith.

Webster-W. J. Sanford.

Sardis-W. S. Grimes, P. Caruthers, H. R. Shaw, Walter Nichols, H. E. Snowden.

Whitney-R. D. Mathews. Tom Roebuck. Bushnell-Sister Mary Beville, Sister Minnie Towne, Samterville-A. H. Helvenston, N. E. Norwood, Leesburg--M. E. Weeks, Brooksville-By letter.

Lake Weir-J. C. Porter.

Bro. J. M. Hedick was re-elected Moderator by ballot. On motion of Bro. Porter, Bro. R. L. Clark was elected Clerk, and Bro. O. S. Bogue was re-elected Treasurer of the Association.

On motion of Rev. E. M. C. Dunklin, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolution.

We wish to encourage the attendance of all of our pastors and so if any church that is in good standing has a pastor, we will regard him as a messenger from that church if he so desires.

The hour for devotional services having arrived, Bro. L. W. Simmons proceeded to preach the Introductory Sermon from 1 John 4:23, after which Bro. J. C. Porter took up a collection for. aged ministers, which amounted to \$7.25. The Association then adjourned until 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

After singing and prayer, Bro. Porter talked "Witness" while the committees were being made up, which were announced as follows:

Missions-L. W. Simmons, E. M. C. Dunklin, S. L. Griggs. Periodicals-W. P. Ebbs, T. A. Hammond.

Sunday Schools-G. W. Higgins, Walter Nichols, W. R. Oberry.

Temperance-Sister Clara Nichols, T. Roebuck, R. D. Mathews.

Obituaries-J. C. Rogers, R. H. Smith, W. J. Sanford.

Woman's Work—A. H. Helvenston, Sister D. A. Tooke, Sister Mary Beville.

Nominations-F. S. Whiting, R. H. Smith, H. R. Shaw.

Ministers' Assurance Association-L. D. Geiger, L. W. Simmons, M. E. Weeks.

Divine Services-Rev. E. M. C. Dunklin, with the deacons of the Oxford Church.

Education-N. E. Norwood, J. R. Snow, W. H. West.

Letters and Queries-P. Caruthers, W. R. Oberry, Mrs. J. B. Towns.

The Association then adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

At 7 o'clock Friday evening Bro. J. C. Porter preached from John 6:5 and took up a collection for ministerial education which amounted to \$4.66.

SATURDAY-MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises.

Bro. W. P. Ebbs read the report on Periodicals.

After remarks by Brethren L. W. Simmons, N. E. Norwood, E. M. C. Dunklin, A. H. Helvenston, T. W. Spicer and Sister Clara Nichols, the report was adopted.

Bro. L. D. Geiger read the report on Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association. After remarks by Brethren L. D. Geiger, Madison Weeks and T. W. Spicer, the report was adopted.

Bro. N. E. Norwood read the report on Education. After remarks by Brethren N. E. Norwood and E. M. C. Dunklin, the report was adopted.

Bro. F. S. Whiting read the report on Nominations. This report was adopted without discussion.

Bro. G. W. Higgins read the report on Sunday Schools. Af-

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ter remarks by Brethren O. S. Bogue and L. D. Geiger the report was adopted with the understanding that a Sunday School mass meeting be held on Sunday morning.

Bro. J. C. Rogers read the report on Obituaries. After remarks by Brother Rogers the Association adjourned until 2 p. m. At 11 o'clock Bro. L. D. Geiger preached from Luke 22:31-32.

Afternoon Session.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. After singing and prayer the report on Obituaries was taken up. Remarks were made by Brethren E. M. C. Dunklin, T. W. Spicer, A. H. Helvenston, L. W. Simmons, J. M. Hedick and N. E. Norwood. The report was then adopted.

The report on Missions was read by Bro. L. W. Simmons. Remarks were made by Brethren L. W. Simmons, E. M. C. Dunklin and N. E. Norwood. The report was adopted.

Bro. M. E. Weeks read the report on Finances. The report was adopted without discussion.

Bro. A. H. Helvenston read the report on Woman's Work. Remarks were made by Brethren T: W. Spicer, E. M. C. Dunklin, A. H. Helvenston, R. L. Clark, G. W. Higgins, L. W. Simmons, N. E. Norwood, J. R. Snow and J. M. Hedick. Report adopted.

The report on Letters and Queries was read by Bro. E. M. C. Dunklin. The Association then adjourned until 7 p. m.

Evening Session.

At 7 o'clock Bro. N. E. Norwood preached from Gal. 6:14. On mction, the discussions were limited to five minutes. The

report on Letters and Queries was then adopted without discussion.

Bro. O. S. Bogue read the Treasurer's report, which was adopted without discussion.

Bro. O. S. Bogue read the report of the Executive Committee. Remarks were made by Brethren O. S. Bogue, T. W. Spicer, L. W. Simmons and A. H. Helvenston. Report adopted.

Bro. N. E. Norwood offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

Resolved. That this Association extends to the Oxford Church a vote of hearty thanks for the very kind and hospitable treatment received during the session of this body.

Sister Clara Nichols read the report on Temperance. Remarks made by Brethren Mathews, Spicer, Norwood, Weeks, Helvenston, Clark, Simmons and Dunklin. Report adopted.

Bro. A. H. Helvenston then addressed the body on the New

Century Movement and on his motion the following committee was appointed on this work: A. H. Helvenston, N. E. Norwood, M. E. Weeks.

On motion of Bro. O. S. Bogue, it was agreed to pay the Clerk \$10 out of any funds not already appropriated.

On motion of Brother Simmons, Bro. M. E. Weeks was made chairman of the Executive Committee in place of Bro. T. W. Spicer. With this change the old committee was reappointed. The committee, as it now stands, is as follows: M. E. Weeks, J. M. Hedick, O. S. Bogue, J. R. Snow, H. W. Zeilner, R. D. Mathews.

On motion, the following named brethren were elected delegates to the State Convention at Arcadia: E. M. C. Dunklin, L. W. Simmons, N. E. Norwood, R. L. Clark, H. W. Zellner, J. M. Hedick, Sister Hornady, A. H. Helvenston, Sister M. E. Walker, A. M. Norwood.

Bro. O. S. Bogue was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion of Brother Dunklin, it was agreed that enough of the Sunday's collection be paid to the Clerk to make his compensation ten dollars and that the remainder be sent to the State Board of Missions.

The minutes were then read and adopted, after such correction as was found necessary.

On motion of Brother Higgins, the Association adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

SUNDAY-MORNING SESSION.

Meeting came to order pursuant to adjournment. After singing and prayer the discussion of Sunday Schools began, the report having been previously adopted. Talks were made by Brethren G. W. Higgins, M. E. Weeks, A. H. Helvenston, O. S. Bogue and A. M. Norwood. Choir sang hymn No. 45.

Bro. W. S. Grimes gave the Clerk one dollar and Bro. Sol. *Smith fifty cents for the relief of aged ministers, which amounts were turned over to the proper parties.

On motion, the Association adjourned for preaching service and dinner until 2 o'clock p. m.

At 11 a. m. Bro. L. W. Simmons preached from Acts 10:42-43.

Afternoon Session.

Meeting came to order pursuant to adjournment. The collection taken after the 11 o'clock sermon amounted to \$13,60.

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Brother Oberry preached from 1 John 1:7-8-9. On motion of Brother Dunklin, Sister J. M. Hedick and Sister Emma Hornady were elected Vice Presidents of the Ladies' Aid Society, Sister Helvenston being previously appointed.

The Association then adjourned to meet with the Sardis Church Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1991. R. L. CLARK: J. M. HEDICK,

RK: J. M. HEDICK, Clerk. Moderator.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Executive Committee.

Dear Brethren: We report six union meetings held in the Association during the year—four in the western district and two in the eastern district. It was a struggle with us to maintain these meetings, the attendance being rather small and not much interest manifested.

At the last Association our Board advised or requested that each church in the Association ask for a contribution quarterly for Associational missions to support missionary work in the Association in destitute places where there are no churches or preaching. In answer to our request we beg to report the following amounts: In the western district, \$29.75; eastern district, \$22.88. We paid the amounts to Brother Simmons.

We are unable to report the work done by our missionaries, as they have failed to report to us, but hope they will report to the body during its session. We would like to be instructed by the body as to the future work in this direction.

Associational Missions:

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Letters and Queries.

From reading the letters of the different churches we notice that some have the Spirit of God working wonderfully in their midst and we are glad and rejoice at learning of so many souls being saved. As a body we pray that God will be with our ministers during the next year; that He will bless their labors in His vineyard and in the breaking of the bread of life and that many souls may be brought to Christ. We find no queries reported in the letters.

> P. CARUTHERS, J Chairman.

Woman's Work.

the letters.

The woman of today is not the woman of a century or even a quarter century ago. As we look out into the world we find her today occupying various places of trust and honor, unknown in years agone.

Some might conclude that woman is putting herself forward, but too often is it the case—yea, we may say it is generally true—that man is found wanting in those nobler qualities which belong to the gentler sex. It is no fault of woman that she is preferred to men in many of the various employments of life.

Some would say woman is becoming independent, but we say she is becoming more dependent—dependent upon self for the necessaries and comforts of life. The men fail in certain work, while woman succeeds. Where does the army of tramps come from? Not from the ranks of the females. Who are the defaulters generally? Not the women.

What is said of woman in secular life is equally true in Christian life. We are learning more and more to depend upon women in our church work and often they outnumber the men by great odds in every important meeting of the church.

The facts as set forth above should stimulate every son of God, born into His Kingdom, to renewed zeal, energy and faithfulness.

We notice there are not as many women's missionary societies as we could wish, but we do know there are many faithful women at work in the church and the contributions from these societies always occupy a conspicuous place in the amount received by the secretaries of our State, Home and Foreign Boards. Respectfully submitted.

A. H. HELVENSTON, Chairman.

Missions.

So much has been said from time to time on this subject, that it seems needless to say more, but, brethren, the burden and privileges of this work of exangelizing the world have been laid upon us and the Master has bidden us go forward. The fields are already white unto harvest. Our Associational, State and foreign fields are all open to us, and none need say. "There is nothing I can do." So soon as we are brought into the fold there is work to do. The Savior invites us to come to Him and so soon as we obey, in the next breath we hear him say. "Go work in my vineyard today." L. W. SIMMONS,

Chairman.

Obituaries.

After an examination of the letters from the different churches we find that the following named brethren and sister have departed this life since the last Association and gone to their reward: Rev. W. J. Hughes, of Bushnell Church. Brother Hughes has been an ardent laborer in the Master's cause, is well known to us all and to know him was to love him. He had many beautiful traits of character. He was earnest, zealous and faithful. One of the members of Lady Lake Church died during the year. We have not been able to ascertain the name. James Hatfield died May 10, 1900. He was a member of Wildwood Church. And Sister Shields, of Fellowship Church.

In behalf of the Association we extend sympathy to the bereaved churches and families of the deceased. We recommend that a page in our minutes be left sacred to their memory.

We recommend that the clerks of the various churches be careful in future to send in numes of deceased members.

Respectfully submitted. J. C. ROGERS,

Chairman.

Sabbath Schools.

We found by reference to the last minutes of the Association that one-third of our churches had no Sunday Schools. Can a good and sufficient reason be given by these churches for the neglect of such a great and good work? We think not. The Sunday School is the church at work and all agree that a live church will maintain and support a school. All members should attend and not leave the responsibility to a few, criticising them for any shortcoming or mistakes that may occur, or, if they should be successful, claiming part of the credit for the good school they have at their church. We believe that the pastors of

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the different churches should urge this grand and noble work upon the membership.

Of the twelve churches reporting, eleven have Sunday Schools, with an aggregate of 54 officers and teachers and 362 pupils, making a grand total of 413 engaged in this work.

Respectfully submittee. G. W. HIGGINS,

Chairman.

Nominations.

We recommend that the next meeting of this Association be held with the Sardis Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1901. We further recommend that Bro. N. E. Norwood preach the Introductory Sermon; Bro. E. M. C. Dunklin alternate. F. S. WHITING,

, Chairman.

Education.

Our_dBaptist people have long known the advantages of a common school education; but many of our members do not realize the still greater advantages of the higher education of all our young people. We would urge all our young people to make the be a preparation for life's work that is possible. Since our ministers are the leaders of the people they should especially be urged to educate themselves for this, the noblest of all work.

While there are many good schools in our State, we would especially recommend to our Baptist people our own John B. Stetson University, as being a Christian school, well equipped in every way, and one that strives to do thorough work. We have here seven noble young men preparing themselves for the ministry. Bro. J. P. Graham goes from this Association and should receive our prayers and hearty support. Since God usually calls poor men to preach His Word, we would urge all our churches to aid these worthy young ministers while at college.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary offers especial advantages to the ministry and we believe more of our ministers should attend. Bro. E. N. Bell began work there this year.

Respectfully submitted.

Chairman.

N. E. NORWOOD.

Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association.

This Association is no longer an experiment. It has been tried and found practicable, and it has come to stay.^{*} And the un told good it has accomplished has demonstrated its right to stay. We know of no benevolent enterprise among us that is more worthy of our support. Many of our ministers are receiving such meager compensation that not only are they not able to lay by

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aaything to defray burial, expenses in the event of their death, but it is difficult to even keep the wolf from the door.

It was with a view, primarily, of providing for such expenses that this Association was organized. And in the few years of its existence it has served this purpose most nobly. Again and again have the families of our deceased ministers written to the Secretary: "We do not know what we would have done but for the timely aid tendered by the B. M. A. A."

But the Association can and ought to be made to yield something more than funeral expenses simply. The dead preacher's family is entitled to more than that. The salary all along has been barely enough to provide the absolute necessaries of life, much of the service rendered having been "without money and without price." And now that he is gone, and his earnings, small as they were, have ceased altogether, his family may justly, if not hopefully, look to his denomination for something more than funeral expenses. And it seems to your committee, as it seemed to those who projected this enterprise, that the best method of paying what we justly owe in such instances is through such an organization. All of our people who can do so ought to become members of the Association, and then it would pay, not a hundred or two dollars, simply, but two or three thousand. And thus we would have the sweet consciousness of having shown some recognition of the faithful and gratuitous services of the man of God, even though the recognition was post mortem.

Respectfully submitted.

Chairman.

L. D. GEIGER.

Periodicals.

We recommend for our Sunday Schools the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention. We also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field. Last, but not least, we commend to our churches and brethren our Florida Baptist Witness. We feel sure that if our brethren would read the paper carefully they would never be willing to give it up. This paper has done a great deal to build up the Baptist cause in our State and we think the Baptists ought to support it.

Respectfully submitted.

W. P. EBBS, Chairman.

Temperance.

We, as true and earnest followers of our Lord, realize that one of the greatest evils blighting and ruining our fair land today and casting a shadow of reproach on the children of God is the curse of intemperance. The habit of drink once formed is hard to subdue. We urge that each one of us consider well the great responsibility that rests upon us as Christians. Is it right to preach salvation to men and women and then vote to perpetuate an institution that brings damnation to them?

In our homes we should carefully shield our children from intemperance in every form. We also urge the sisters to recognize the great rosponsibility that rests upon them and ask them to abstain from all intoxicants in their cooking. If young ladies would refuse to keep company with young men of intemperate habits they would soon win the young men from such habits. It has been said that 25,000 new men and boys become proprietors or employes of saloons every year. What a vast army of recruits Satan musters into his service annually! and each of these is "some mother's boy." What are we doing to counteract this great evil? Do the Christians of our country realize the strength of this great whisky evil? We fear not. Dr. Talmage says that if the 7,000,000 professed Christians of our land would take the proper stand and do all in their power to prevent the use, sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors, it would not be long before the destiny of this nation would be decided and rum cease to reign in our councils and in our homes. God hasten the day when we, as Christians, shall arouse to a full sense of our duty to God and man!

Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. CLARA NICHOLS, . Chairman.

Finance Committee.

Your Finance Committee begs leave to report the following: Foreign missions, \$1.23; home missions, \$1.23; Bible work, \$1.26; Associational purposes, \$6.70; for minutes, \$20.48. Total, \$30.90. Respectfully submitted. M. E. WEEKS, Chairman.

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DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

REV. W. J. HUGHES.

Born in Wilkinson county, Ga., September 15, 1849; died at Webster, Fla., April 18, 1906, being fifty years old. His father, grandfather and one brother were Baptist preachers. He graduated at Mercer University. His first wife was Miss Mary Ellis, of Georgia; his second, Miss Edith Armstrong. He left five daughters by his first marriage, and one son and one daughter by his second.

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FINANCIAL TABLE.

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