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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TRIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

OCWILLA BAPTIST CHURCH.

*Oct. 26th, 27th and 28th, 1878.*

**OFFICERS:**

WILLIAM JOHNSON, MODERATOR, - - *Banqua, Fla.*  
H. C. MARTIN, CLERK. - - - - *Fort McCoy, Fla.*  
GEO. T. GRESHAM, TREASURER, - - - - *Ocala, Fla.*

JACKSONVILLE

UNION BOOK AND JOB ROOMS, 56 1/2 WEST BAY STREET.

1878.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1. Introductory sermon.
2. Association called to order.
3. Letters called for and read.
4. Petitionary letters called for.
5. Election of officers.
6. Inviting visiting brethren to seats.
7. Letters of correspondence.
8. Appointment of committees.
9. Reports of standing committees.
10. Queries considered.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Adjournment.

## MINUTES.

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SATURDAY, Oct. 26th, 1878.

The Thirty-second Annual Session of the Alachua Baptist Association met with the Oclawilla Church, Putnam County, Florida, October 26th, 1878.

According to previous appointment, Elder W. J. Hughs preached the introductory sermon from 6th verse of the 9th chapter of the book of Acts—"And he trembling, and astonished said, Lord what wilt thou have me to do?"

Benediction by Elder William Johnson.

After refreshments the delegates assembled in the Church, while Elders Z. A. Crumpton and B. W. Becks conducted services at the stand.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder M. N. Strickland.

Letters from seventeen churches were presented, read and the names of the delegates enrolled, as shown in the statistical table.

There being no petitionary letters, the election of officers was next in order.

Elder W. J. Hughs moved that the rule of electing by ballot be suspended, and that the present officers be re-elected by acclamation, which was carried, as follows: Elder William Johnson, Moderator; H. C. Martin, Clerk, and Elder Geo. T. Gresham, Treasurer.

All visiting brethren of the same faith and order were invited to seats with the body.

On the call for correspondence, brethren E. B. Timmons, J. T. Cauthen, M. N. Strickland, G. T. Cauthen, B. W. Becks and S. E. Timmons presented themselves and were received as corresponding messengers from the North St. Johns River Association. Brethren J. A. Lewis, Jr., W. J. M. Gridler, and

Robert Kite were received as messengers from the New River Association. Brethren A. E. Smith, W. H. Donaldson, G. W. Hall, W. S. Perry, Calvin Waits, J. M. Sanders, and A. H. Johnson were received as messengers from the Santa Fe River Association.

Committees were appointed as follows:

*On Preaching*—The Pastor and Deacons of Oclawilla Church, together with Brethren M. F. Barksdale and J. L. Mathews.

*On Finance*—J. M. Hedick, J. A. Carlton and A. J. Edwards.

*On Deceased Ministers and Deacons*—W. T. Carlton, James Hobkirk, and M. Hinson.

*On Sabbath Schools*—G. T. Gresham, W. A. Duval and B. F. Willis.

*On Missions*—W. J. Hughs, Joseph Lucius and J. L. Beck.

*On Letters and Queries*—W. J. Hughs, G. T. Gresham and W. T. Carlton.

*On Religious Periodicals*—Z. A. Crumpton, James Chitty and S. T. Stanaland.

The Committee on Preaching made the following partial report, which was adopted:

Elder G. T. Gresham to preach at the church at early candlelight, and Elder W. J. Hughs at the residence of Brother John C. Barrington, and also Elder W. J. Hughs to preach at the stand at 3 o'clock, Sunday evening. Though not appointed by the committee, there was preaching at the residence of Brother E. W. Jernigan, by Elders E. B. Timmons and Josiah Lewis, and also at the residence of Brother \_\_\_\_\_, by Elders Z. A. Crumpton and W. S. Perry.

On motion, adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder E. B. Timmons.

#### SUNDAY SERVICES.

OCTOBER 27th, 1878.

Prayer meeting held at the Church at 9 o'clock. After a short intermission the congregation assembled at the stand. Elder G. T. Gresham introduced the 11 o'clock services by

reading the fifty-third Psalm. Prayer by Elder W. J. Hughs. Elder G. T. Gresham preached on the subject of Missions from the 15th verse of the 16th chapter of St. Mark—"And he said unto them, go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." After which a collection of \$37.55 was taken.

Benediction by the Moderator.

After refreshments W. J. Hughs addressed the congregation, soliciting assistance for the widow of our deceased Brother, Elder J. H. Tomkies, to which there was a response to the amount of \$25.00. Brother Hughs then preached according to appointment, when many came up for prayer.

The Committee on Preaching made a second partial report which was adopted, as follows:

Elder B. M. Beeks to preach at the Church at candlelight, and Elder A. E. Smith at the residence of Brother J. C. Barrington. Also, Elders W. T. Carlton and H. Steel to preach at the stand Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

Elder G. W. Hall conducted night services at the residence of Brother E. W. Jernigan.

#### THIRD DAY.

MONDAY, October 28th, 1878.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read and corrected.

Brother G. T. Gresham read the report of the Committee on Sabbath-schools, which, after discussion, was adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your Committee notices with pain that only three Churches report schools, and that two of these give no statistics while the other reports a total of only 37.

Brethren, this is not as it should be. Every Church ought to have a school, and could have one if its members would exert themselves to have it.

It is a criminal neglect of our children to allow them to

grow up without that religious instruction which is to be obtained in every good Sunday-school, and until we give them such instruction we may expect to see them time and again forsake the faith of their fathers, and identify themselves with other denominations.

We have slept long enough, let us now awake from our slumbers and go to work in earnest about this matter.

GEO. T. GRESHAM,  
B. F. WILLIS,  
W. A. DUVAL,  
Committee.

Brother W. J. Hughs read the report of the Committee on Missions, which was adopted, as follows :

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The subject of missions is one of great importance to both as a denomination, and as the children of God. As an Association, there can be no business brought before the body whose claims can exceed the importance of Missions. Here, brethren, hinges, to a great extent, according as the mission work is continued or discontinued, the prosperity of our Association in the future. The cry for missions is coming from all quarters of the globe, and is lifted even in our midst. We are glad to know that while a missionary has been kept in our own bounds during the past Associational year, yet that the liberality of our Churches has not been confined to our limited territory. As missions are destined, in the hand of God, to be the means by which the gospel shall be carried to all nations and every destitute point, we trust that the time will speedily come when not only each Church, but when every individual member of the Churches, composing the Alachua Association, shall have thoroughly imbibed the spirit of Missions. There is a considerable portion of our own territory that is dependent on missions for preaching from our own denomination. Other denominations send their ministers to these destitute points and will occupy them if we do not discharge our duty.

We have many manifestations that God has been well pleased with the missionary efforts of the past, and your committee would recommend a redoubled effort of the Association to send a missionary to every destitute point within our bounds.

We would also most heartily recommend the Home and Foreign Mission Boards to the body as worthy of your highest esteem and claiming a liberal share of your contributions.

The Home Board is at present aiding several ministers in preaching the gospel in the State of Florida, and two of these in our own Association. This Board will doubtless increase their efforts to discriminate gospel truths in our State as we place the means in their hands so to do.

Finally, let us as an Association, resolve that our prayers shall accompany our contributions, whether used at home or abroad, and much good will be accomplished.

W. J. HUGHS,  
JOSEPH LUCIUS,  
J. L. BECK,  
Committee.

Brother G. T. Gresham presented the report of the Committee on Letters and Queries, which was read, amended, and discussed, in which the Moderator engaged, calling Elder S. T. Stanaland to the chair, and then adopted as follows, the vote being taken separately upon each clause.

#### REPORT ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

Your Committee find that two Churches, Fort McCoy and Fellowship, have sent up petitions for the next annual meeting of this body, and we recommend that the next session be held with the Fellowship Church.

We notice, with pleasure, that the following Churches, Fort McCoy, Oclawaha Bridge, Eden, Oclawilla, Mt. Arnon and Ocala, report prayer-meetings, and would earnestly suggest that their example be emulated by their sister Churches.

Oak Grove and New Hope Churches, of Sumter County, ask for letters of dismission to join a new Association, now forming South of them. We recommend that such letters be granted, and the Churches be assured of our best wishes for their future prosperity.

The Fort McCoy Church presents the following query: "What course should the Church pursue with members who have removed from the country, and taken no letters?"

ANSWER—The Church should make diligent inquiry for such members, and if failing to find them, withdraw their fellowship from them.

G. T. GRESHAM,  
W. T. CARLTON,  
W. J. HUGHS,  
Committee.

The Clerk was ordered to write letters of dismission for Oak Grove and New Hope Churches.

Brother Z. A. Crompton read the report of the Committee on Religious Periodicals, which was received and adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Religious Periodicals beg leave to submit the following report:

As Brother McCallum has not been able to continue the publication of the *Florida Baptist*, on account of the brethren of our denomination failing to support him, and therefore having no Baptist paper published in the State, we would recommend to this body and all Baptists of the State, the *Christian Index*, published at Atlanta, Georgia, as the best Baptist periodical published in the South.

Z. A. CRUMPTON,  
Chairman.

Brother W. T. Carlton presented the report of the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, which was received and adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons report that the Great Head of the Church in His tender mercies, has spared to us all of the preachers of our Association during the last year, but we are called upon to mourn the death of two of the Deacons of our Churches, Brother H. Harvard, of Wacahoota, and Brother John W. Jackson, of Stafford's Pond. These venerable and much esteemed brethren were honored with the office of Deacon long in their respective Churches, but have been called to lay aside forever the implements of Christian warfare, and to enter that rest that remains for the people of God.

Brethren, let us strive to meet them, for we trust they have gone "to that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

W. T. CARLTON,  
Chairman.

Brother G. T. Gresham presented the report of the Executive Committee, which was received and adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee held a meeting on the 29th of October, 1877, and employed Rev. W. J. Hughs, to labor half of his time as missionary, within the bounds of this Association, at twenty-five dollars per month. At our next meeting, which was held at Ocala, in April last, it was agreed to reimburse our missionary for money paid out by him for ferriage. On the 7th of October, 1878, we met in Ocala and decided to transfer all the money then in hand for Associational expenses to the account of Associational Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. GRESHAM,  
H. C. MARTIN,  
M. J. CHITTY,  
Ex. Committee.

On motion of Brother W. J. Hughs, the following was adopted as a standing resolution:

*Resolved*, That, any member of this body who attends the State Baptist Convention, in Tallahassee, shall be our representative, by presenting a copy of our minutes with his name therein.

Brother G. T. Gresham presented the Treasurer's report, which was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Brother W. J. Hughs presented the Missionary's report, which was also received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Brother W. J. Hughs, the Treasurer of the Association was made chairman of the Executive Committee.

The Moderator then appointed the following Brethren as an Executive Committee for the ensuing Associational year: Martin Chitty, H. H. Hudgens, John Cordere and H. C. Martin.

Brother J. M. Hedick presented the following report of the Finance Committee:

#### REPORT ON FINANCE.

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

Associational Mission.....	\$49.40.
Associational Expenses.....	\$39.73.
Total.....	\$89.13.

We have also examined the Treasurer's report, and the Missionary's report, finding them correct.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. HEDICK,  
Chairman.

Adjourned for one hour.

After dinner the business of the Association resumed.

Brother W. J. Hughs offered the following as a substitute for Art. 10 of the Constitution, to wit:

"All Churches shall be entitled to two delegates only, unless they shall exceed fifty in membership, and then they shall be entitled to one additional delegate for every twenty-five after the first fifty."

Which was discussed and adopted.

Brother H. C. Martin offered the following:

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to revise the Constitution and By Laws of this Association, and compile articles of Baptist Faith and Church Covenant, to report to this body at its next annual session. Which, after discussion, was adopted, and the following brethren appointed as such committee: G. T. Gresham, W. J. Hughs, W. T. Carlton, John Cordere and H. C. Martin.

Brother M. F. Barksdale offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed to revise the Constitution be also instructed to draft an order of business for the use of this Association and report at the same time.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Geo. T. Gresham in account with the Alachua Association,

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	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Associational Missions	Associational Expenses	For Paul Willis	TOTALS
To cash from the last Association.....	\$19.40	\$25.00	\$163.96	\$25.48	\$12.00	\$245.84
Former Treasurer.....				43.47		43.47
Brookville Church.....		17.00				17.00
Crystal River Church.....		1.57				1.57
Eden Church.....		3.30	10.00			13.30
Fort McCoy Church.....			3.20		1.00	4.20
Fellowship Church.....	1.75	3.40	3.00			8.15
Leesburg Church.....	2.65		2.30			4.95
Mount Arson Church.....		3.10	14.75			17.85
New Hope Church.....		1.80				1.80
Ocala Church.....			7.55			7.55
Oak Grove Church.....	10.65	21.65				32.30
Pine Level Church.....		.80				.80
Palatka Church.....	3.10	6.88	9.50			19.48
Stafford's Pond Church.....	1.75	14.25				16.00
Wacaboota Church.....	.75	9.30	3.05			13.10
Wacaboota Church.....		1.65	7.50			9.15
Totals.....	40.08	107.10	257.81	66.95	13.00	485.94
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By cash paid.....	40.08	108.10	228.50	56.95	13.00	456.63
Balance in hand, October 24th, 1875.....		1.00	29.31			30.31

G. T. GRESHAM,

Treasurer Alachua Association.

## THE MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Time employed, twelve months; miles traveled, 2,500; families visited, 100; sermons preached, 150; baptized, 65; received by letter, 14.

Assisted in ordaining one Deacon.

The Home Mission Board is still assisting me.

My father has been assisting me in my field of labor since the first of January. He has baptized thirteen, and otherwise has done as much labor as I have.

Received from your Treasurer in payment for services rendered, \$228.50.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. HUGHS,  
Missionary.

Brother W. T. Carlton offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the delegates to this body be requested to urge upon their Churches the necessity of assistance to carry on the mission work in the bounds of this Association.

Brother G. T. Gresham offered the following, which was received and adopted:

*Resolved*, That six eighty-five-one-hundredths dollars of the money collected on yesterday be appropriated to Home Missions, and eight seventy-five one-hundredths dollars to Foreign Missions.

Brother W. J. Hughs presented the claims of Brother Paul Willis, who is attending the Baptist Theological School at Louisville, Ky. Brother G. T. Gresham and others also spoke soliciting aid for Brother Willis.

After which a collection was taken—in cash, \$11.45—in pledges, \$8.00—and placed in the hands of Brother G. W. Hall, of the Sata Fe River Association, to be forwarded to Brother Willis.

Brother W. J. Hughs offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk prepare and superintend the printing and disbursing of the minutes, and that he be paid \$10 for his services, and to draw upon the Treasurer for the same.

Brother H. C. Martin offered the following; which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the sincere thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered the citizens of the vicinity of Ocala-willa Church for their kind hospitality during the session of this Association.

## FINANCIAL TABLE—CONTRIBUTIONS.

NAME OF CHURCH.	POST OFFICE.	NAME OF CLERK.	Sum's copies Minutes.	Associational Mission.	Home Mis- sions.	Associational Expenses.	TOTALS.
Ocala-willa	Banana	J. B. Strickland	25	\$3.00	.....	\$3.00	\$5.00
Wacahoota	Archer	M. Clancy	20	.....	2.35	.....	2.35
Pleasant Grove	Bronson	S. B. Fonkes	10	.....	1.20	.....	1.20
Mount Arnon	Flemington	J. C. Mathews	30	5.00	.....	.....	8.75
Orange Creek	Orange Springs	J. A. Carlton	20	.....	1.50	.....	1.50
Pine Level	Scott's Mills	D. A. Martin	30	8.00	.....	.....	11.00
Crystal River	Crystal River	Wm. Priest	12	6.50	.....	.....	9.00
Fort McCoy	Fort McCoy	H. C. Martin	50	3.00	.....	.....	6.00
Eden	Brooksville	J. M. Hedick	30	.....	3.00	.....	3.00
Ocala	Ocala	W. C. Jeffords	12	1,000	.....	2.00	12.00
Stafford's Pond	Archer	J. P. Reddick	35	.....	2.90	.....	4.93
Oak Grove	Scott's Mills	W. D. Cain	22	.....	2.00	.....	2.00
Ocala-willa Bridge	Grahamville	S. A. Long	40	1.25	.....	.....	3.75
Palatka	Webster	W. W. Kellum	20	3.00	.....	.....	5.00
Fellowship	Cotton Plant	B. H. Hudgens	20	3.40	.....	.....	5.50
Simmons	Orange Spring	J. J. Brown	20	2.50	.....	.....	4.15
New Hope	Ocala	Wm. Lucius	15	3.75	.....	1.25	4.00
Totals			411	\$4,940	.....	\$3,973	\$90.13
Collected on the Sabbath			.....	.....	.....	.....	27.55
Balance in hand of Treasurer			.....	.....	.....	.....	30.31
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## NAMES OF MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE ALACHUA ASSOCIATION.

William Johnson, Banana, Putnam county, Fla.  
 Hiram Steel, Orange Springs, Marion county, Fla.  
 W. T. Carlton, Orange Springs, Marion county, Fla.  
 Z. A. Crumpton, Archer, Alachua county, Fla.  
 L. Bryant, Archer, Alachua county, Fla.  
 W. M. Williams, Ocala, Marion county, Fla.  
 G. T. Gresham, Ocala, Marion county, Fla.  
 S. T. Stanaland, Grahamville, Marion county, Fla.  
 B. I. Hull, Grahamville, Marion county, Fla.  
 J. P. Parker, Grahamville, Marion county, Fla.  
 Joshua Perry, Scott's Mills, Sumter county, Fla.  
 W. J. Hughs, Webster, Sumter county, Fla.  
 Paul Willis, Louisville, Ky.  
 R. F. Marlow, Ocala, Marion county, Fla.

The committee on preaching made this their final report, which was adopted:

To preach the introductory at the next session: J. P. Parker; W. T. Carlton, Alternate. Missionary sermon: Z. A. Crumpton; G. T. Gresham, Alternate.

A hymn was sung, the parting hand given, and the Association adjourned to meet with the Fellowship Church, ten miles south-west of Ocala, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1879. WILLIAM JOHNSON, Moderator.

H. C. MARTIN, Clerk.

### STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME OF CHURCHES.	NAME OF PASTOR.	NAME OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Expelled.	Dead.	Total.	Time of Church Meeting.
Oclawilla	Wm. Johnson	Wm. Johnson, M. Hinson	3	5				1	35	2d S and S
Wacahoota	Z. A. Crumpton	A J Edwards, J L Beck	2		1	11	3	1	32	3d S and S
Mount Arnon	Z. A. Crumpton	Jas Chitty, J L Mathews				8	5		91	4th S and S
Pleasant Grove	L. Bryant	By letter only							18	4th S and S
Orange Creek	W. T. Carlton	Henry Cassels, J A Carlton						1	35	2d S
Pine Level	Missionary	Walter F Martin, H C Carter	10	4		5		1	56	4th S and S
Crystal River	Missionary	By letter only	3						20	
Fort McCoy	W. T. Carlton	H C Martin, W M Sherouse	6						78	3rd S and S
Eden	R. E. Bell	J M Hedick, W A Duval	5	3				2	58	4th S
Ocala	G. T. Gresham	G T Gresham	6	1		5	1		21	2d and 4th S
Stafford's Pond	Missionary	B F Willis, J M Goodnight		1		1			80	2d S and S
Oak Grove	By letter only		1				3		44	3d S and S
Ocklawaha Bridge	J. P. Parker	M F Barksdale, S T Hill	9	3		1			51	1st S and S
Palatkaaha	W. J. Hughes	W J Hughes	21	10		5	3	3	75	2d S and S
Fellowship	Missionary	J J Marlow, S P Stephens	1	2			2		24	1st S and S
Simmons	W. T. Carlton	James Hobkirk, G M Gruber							29	4th S
New Hope, Marion county	G. T. Gresham	Joseph Lactus	20	3					39	3d S
New Hope, Sumter county	Daniel Slown	By letter only	2						18	3d S
Totals			84	39	2	39	16	9	507	