

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Thirty-Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

Alachua Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

FORT McCOY BAPTIST CHURCH,

October 23, 24 and 25, 1880.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Read Letters from the Churches.
3. Elect Officers.
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5. Invite Visiting Brethren to Seats.
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7. Appointment of Special Committees.
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9. Treasurer's Report.
10. Appointment of Standing Committees.
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12. Fix Time and Place for Next Meeting.
13. Miscellaneous Business.
14. Read and Correct Minutes.
15. Adjournment.

MINUTES.

The Thirty-Fourth Annual Session of the Alachua Baptist Association met with the Fort McCoy Church, in Marion county, Fla., October 23d, 1880.

According to previous appointment, Rev. M. W. Sams preached the Introductory Sermon, from the 5th and 6th verses of the 2d chap. of 1st Timothy: "For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time;" and 9th verse of the 2d chapter of Hebrews: "But we see Jesus who was made a little lower than angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man." Benediction by Elder Wm. Johnson.

After an hour's intermission for refreshments and hand-shaking, in which were many expressions of joy and gladness on the meeting of old friends and soldiers of the cross, the delegates assembled in the church, while Elders S. T. Stanaland and Joshua Perry conducted services at the stand.

After singing and prayer by Elder Wm. Johnson, the assembly was called to order by the Moderator. The Clerk not being present, Bro. W. E. Martin was called to act as such in the organization.

The Moderator requested Bros. B. I. Hull and Thos. Smith to act as Reading Clerks.

Letters from Twenty-two churches were presented, read, and the names of the delegates enrolled, as shown by the statistical table.

On motion of Bro. John Cordero, the rule of electing officers by ballot was suspended, and the present incumbents were re-elected by acclamation, to-wit: Elder Wm. Johnson, Moderator, and H. C. Martin, Clerk.

Petitionary Letters were received from Citra Church, of Marion county, and Unity Church, of Sumter County, which were read, Articles of Faith examined, the churches received as members of the Association, the hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator to their delegates, and their names enrolled.

Bro. W. N. Chandoin, Editor of the Florida Department of the *Christian Index*, and Bro. Basil M. Pack, Sunday-school Missionary of the American Baptist Publication Society, were received as visiting brethren.

The following Corresponding Messengers were received: Bros. W. N. Chandoin and G. W. Hall, of the Santa Fe River Association, and Bro. Ira J. Carter, of the Harmony Association.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On Preaching—The pastor and deacons of Fort McCoy Church, together with Bros. John Cordero, James Hobkirk and J. C. Barrington.

On Finance—Bros. L. W. Jackson, J. M. Hedick and Henry Cassells.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Bros. J. P. Parker, S. T. Stanaland and W. E. Martin.

On Sunday Schools—Bros. B. I. Hull, M. W. Sams and H. B. Stephens.

On Missions—Bros. Joshua Perry, L. C. Vogt and D. A. Frier.

On Letters and Queries—Bros. W. J. Hughes, K. B. Perry and W. A. Duval.

On Religious Periodicals—Bros. M. W. Sams, H. H. Hudgens and J. E. Barders.

On motion of Bro. W. J. Hughes, the following brethren were appointed a committee to consider the subject of dividing the Association into districts: W. J. Hughes, M. W. Sams, J. C. Barrington, Z. A. Crumpton, J. M. Hedick, E. M. Henderson and W. J. Folks.

The Committee on Preaching made the following partial report, which was adopted: Elder S. T. Stanaland to preach at candle-light at the school-house near the residence of Mr. Joel Hall, and Elders Z. A. Crumpton and J. P. Parker, to conduct services at the church.

Adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock. October 25, 1880.

SUNDAY SERVICE.

October 24, 1880.

At 9 o'clock Sunday morning Rev. Basil M. Pack, Sunday-school Missionary of the American Baptist Publication Society, made an address on the subject of Sunday-schools, followed by Bro. P. L. Durisoe, with illustrations on the black-board, which were very interesting and instructive; after which, Rev. M. W. Sams delivered a short but able lecture on the same subject.

At 11 o'clock the audience assembled at and around the stand, at which time Elder W. J. Hughes was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon, but being much afflicted with sore eyes, was unable to perform the service, so the work fell on "Uncle Shad," therefore Rev. W. N. Chandoin preached from 8th verse of 3d John: "We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow-helpers to the truth;" after which a collection of \$41.85 was taken for missionary purposes, and \$13.75 for Sister Tompkies, making a total of \$55.60.

During an hour or two's recess, the audience partook of refreshments and indulged freely in expressions of admiration of "Uncle Shad's" Missionary Sermon, many saying it was the best they ever heard.

Rev. B. M. Pack preached at the stand at 3 o'clock.

Rev. W. N. Chandoin preached at the church at candle-light.

MONDAY'S SERVICES.

October 25th, 1880.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Geo. W. Hall. After remarks by the Moderator on the business of the Association, the Minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read and corrected.

On the call for reports of Standing Committees, Brother John Cordero read the report of the Executive Committee, and after remarks by Bros. G. W. Hall, S. T. Stanaland, W. J. Hughes, H. C. Martin, John Cordero and E. C. Chitty,

Bro. Thos. Smith offered an amendment, which was adopted, and then the report was adopted as a whole as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

To the Alachua Association:

We, your Executive Committee, would submit the following report, viz: That on account of the small amount of money in the hands of the Treasurer, we could do nothing in the way of missionary work.

We recommend that the delegates composing this Association be requested to ask their several churches to help carry on the missionary work in the bounds of the Association.

JOHN CORDERO, }
H. H. HUDGENS, } Committee.
H. C. MARTIN, }

Bro. M. W. Sams read the report of the Committee on Religious Periodicals, which was adopted, as follows:

ON RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Religious Periodicals report: That they renew their last year's commendation on the *Christian Index* and *Kind Words* to the support and constant study and use of all our churches and Sunday-schools.

M. W. SAMS, Chairman.

Bro. John Cordero presented the report of the Treasurer, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

<i>JOHN CORDERO, Treasurer,</i>		
<i>In account with the Alachua Association,</i>		Dr.
To amount received at last Association.....	\$169.69	
“ “ from H. C. Martin.....	3.85	
“ “ “ P. L. Durisoe.....	1.00	
Total.....	\$174.54	
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By amount paid to.....	\$ 35.80	
“ “ “ W. J. Hughs.....	76.00	
“ “ for Minutes.....	32.00	
“ “ the Clerk.....	10.00	
Total.....	\$153.80	
Balance in hands of the Treasurer.....	\$20.74	
Respectfully submitted,		
JOHN CORDERO, Treasurer.		

Bro. B. I. Hull read the report of the Committee on Sunday-schools, on the adoption of which there arose a discussion between Bros. W. N. Chaudoin and M. W. Sams as to the identity of the Sunday-school. Bro. Chaudoin took the position that the Sunday-school was identical with and equal to the Church of Christ, and not "second only," as stated in the report. Bro. Sams urged the adoption of the report as written, which was carried. Bro. B. M. Pack also made some general remarks on the subject of Sunday-schools while the adoption of the report was pending.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday-schools feel constrained to report that only a few of the churches composing this body manifest any interest in the religious education of the young. These are devoting but little time and labor to this noble, this truly glorious work, which is interesting in its behalf the earnest co-operation of all evangelical christians on both sides of the Atlantic. This is true, so far as that the same Scripture lesson is taught on the same day to the children of the Eastern and the Western world. In order, therefore, that we should occupy no doubtful position in the eyes of the various christian denominations and the world at large, in reference to the Sunday-school cause, we recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Sunday-school has been greatly blessed by God as an instrumentality in bringing many of the young "to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus,"

Resolved, firstly, That this Association regard the Sunday-school as second only to the Church of Christ in its efficiency in saving men.

Resolved, secondly, That we earnestly solicit every church that is a member of this body to organize a Sunday-school at once, and begin the noble work of training up their own children, and their neighbors' for Jesus Christ.

Resolved, thirdly, That every church having organized such a school is requested to send up every year to this body the statistics of the school, as well as the church, that they may be published together in the minutes of the Association.

Resolved, fourthly, That hereafter the Committee on Preaching shall appoint at least one speaker to address the Association on the subject of Sunday-schools at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning.

B. I. HULL, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Missions was presented by Elder Joshua Perry, and after stirring appeals in behalf of Missions, both foreign and domestic, by Bros. W. J. Hughs, M. W. Sams, Thos. Smith, W. N. Chaudoin and Ira J. Carter, of the Harmony Association, the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions submit the following report:

First. We feel that as an Association comprising so many destitute fields, that we have come far short of our duty in not supporting a missionary to labor in our bounds, and that we should attempt more than we have the past year.

Second. We recommend that the churches make as liberal contributions as their circumstances will allow to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, which has rendered us such efficient service, and is yet helping to support missionaries in our State.

Third. Notwithstanding we are weak and not able to do much, we urge our churches to do something for Foreign Missions.

Of all missionary work, this is the most unselfish. To evangelize the heathen is a work of pure benevolence, and in it we more nearly imitate our Savior in His work of redemption.

Our Foreign Mission Board has very recently sent out two more missionaries, and two others have been appointed, and will go as soon as means can be raised for their support. The Board is now asking all who can to send one dollar to aid in giving the heathen the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA PERRY, }
L. C. VOGT, } Committee.
D. A. FRIER, }

Bro. W. J. Hughs offered the following, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the money collected on Sunday be divided into three equal parts, and one part given to the Associational Mission, a second part to the Home Mission, and the other part to the Foreign Mission.

Bro. W. J. Hughs read the report of the Committee on Letters and Queries, which was adopted as follows, after a few remarks by Bros. G. W. Hall, of the Santa Fe River Association, and W. J. Hughs.

ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

We find that four churches, viz: Ocala, Ocklawaha Bridge, Pine Level and Stafford's Pond, report Sabbath-schools for the year, and five others report schools for part of the year. That only four churches report prayer meetings, and would urge that all the other churches follow their example.

Two Petitionary Letters were presented at this session, thus indicating the constitution of other churches in our midst.

We note the return of Oak Grove Church, which called for a letter of dismission two years ago.

Eaden and Hickory Spring Churches suggest the necessity of mission work.

From the letters, we find a general spirit of revival among the churches of the Association. Five churches have called for the Association next year, viz: Leesburg, Pine Level, Ocala, Stafford's Pond and Eaden.

Your Committee recommend that the next session of this body be held with the Leesburg Church.

We find that several of the associational letters are quite lengthy, and would suggest brevity and conciseness in the letters hereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. HUGHS, }
K. B. PERRY, } Committee.
W. A. DUVAL, }

Bro. N. K. Shaw offered the following:

Resolved, That in future this Association occupy four days instead of three, and meet on Friday instead of Saturday.

Which provoked a lively discussion for a short time. Bros. W. J. Hughs, W. N. Chaudoin, G. W. Hall and others advocated the affirmative, and Bros. L. W. Jackson, H. C. Martin, W. T. Carlton and Ira J. Carter the negative.

Bro. E. C. Chitty offered to amend by substituting Tuesday for Friday, which was lost.

Finally, after all had had a say on the subject who wished to, on motion of Bro. John Cordero, the resolution was laid on the table.

Bro. S. T. Stanaland presented the report of the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, which was adopted without any discussion, as follows, to-wit:

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee would respectfully report, that through the letters we learn that two of our brethren, Elder S. D. Everett, M. D., and Deacon Elijah Simmons, have been called to their final rest.

Bro. Everett was the beloved pastor of the Cedar Keys Church, where he was laboring with zeal and energy for the Master. Bro. Everett came among us from Georgia, and was a graduate of Mercer University.

Bro. Simmons was a member of Simmons Church, where he was highly esteemed and beloved.

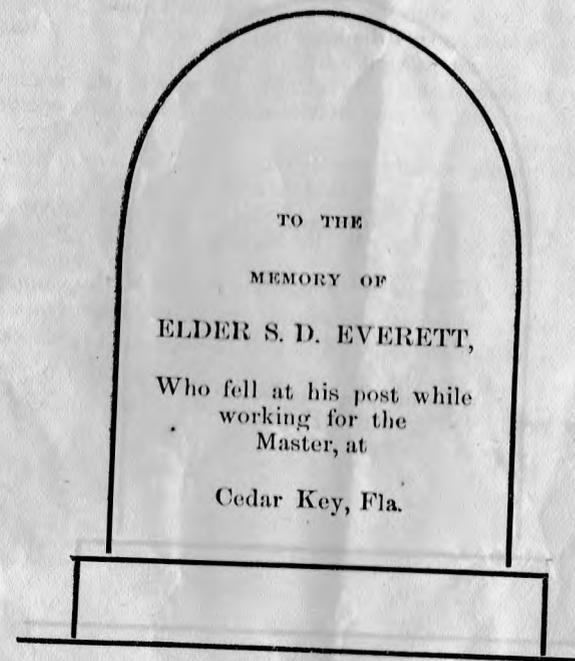
While realizing the loss of those dear brethren to us, and viewing with deep emotions of sorrow their vacant seats, we hope and feel that in this dispensation of our Heavenly Father's, our loss is their eternal gain.

We recommend that a blank page be left with suitable epitaphs in memory of each of these brethren on the minutes of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. PARKER,
S. T. STANALAND, } Committee.
W. E. MARTIN, }

Bro. L. W. Jackson presented the report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted, and the Clerk requested to collate from the church letters and other authentic sources all monies paid by the churches for missions during the Associational year, and add the amounts to the financial report.

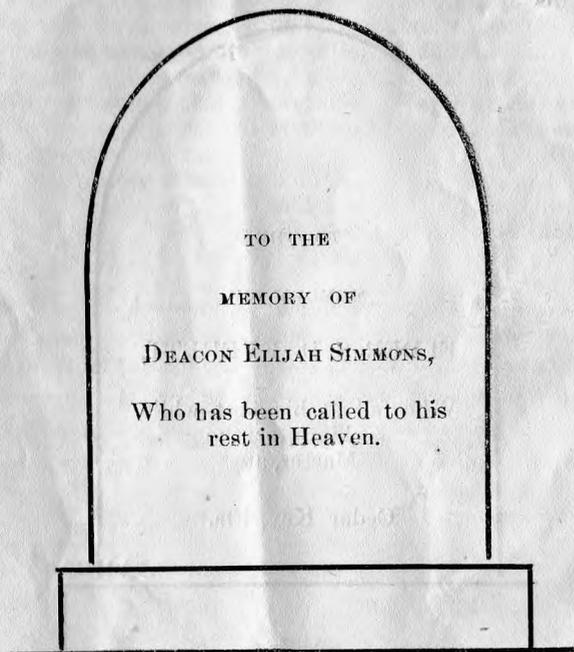


FINANCIAL REPORT.

Names of Churches.	S.S. Mission.	For Minutes.	Associational Mission.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Total.
Fellowship.....	\$	\$1.40	\$ 3.00	\$	\$	\$ 4.40
Ocwilla.....	2.50	3.75	.....	.....	6.25
Wacahoota.....	1.00	5.18	.....	.....	6.78
Mount Arnow....	4.15	.....	.....	4.15
Orange Creek....	1.50	.....	.....	1.50
Pine Level.....	15.35	.....	.....	15.35
Pleasant Grove...	1.70	.....	.....	1.70
Crystal River....
Fort McCoy.....	3.55	1.00	.....	4.55
Eden.....	2.00	3.00	.....	.....	5.00
Ocala.....	10.00	5.00	8.05	23.05
Stafford's Pond...	5.00	.....	.....	5.00
Ocklawaha Bridge	2.50	3.00	3.00	.....	8.50
Simmons.....	2.00	.25	.....	.....	2.25
New Hope.....	10.25	.....	.....	10.25
Palatlakaha	11.45	2.00	2.00	15.45
Pleasant Plain....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Cedar Keys.....	5.00	.....	.....	6.00
Lake Kerr.....	2.65	.....	.....	2.65
Harmony.....	1.50	.....	.....	1.50
Ebenezer.....	6.00	.....	.....	6.00
Hickory Spring...	1.50	.....	.....	1.50
Leesburg.....	6.00	3.30	.....	9.30
Oak Grove.....	1.70	.....	.....	1.70
Citra.....	1.00	3.00	.....	.....	4.00
Unity.....	1.00	1.50	.....	1.50	4.00
Coll'd on Sunday	13.85	13.85	13.85	41.55
Remaining in hands of Treasurer...	20.74	.....	.....	20.74
Totals	\$14.40	\$144.57	\$28.15	\$254.40	\$212.52
<i>Contributed During the Year.</i>						
Ocala.....	2.60	.....	3.05	.....	.....	5.65
Leesburg.....	5.50	5.50	11.00
Stafford's Pond...	6.00	.....	.....	6.00
Mount Arnow....	2.25	.....	.....	2.25
Totals	\$2.60	\$14.40	\$155.87	\$33.65	\$30.90	\$237.42

The Treasurer has in his hands now for Associational Missions and printing the minutes and paying the Clerk, the amount of \$163.77.

On motion of W. T. Carlton, the former Executive Committee was re-appointed, as follows: John Cordero, M. J.



Chitty, H. H. Hudgens, P. L. Durisoe and H. C. Martin.

Bro. John Cordero was elected Treasurer.

The Committee of the following brethren—G. T. Gresham, W. J. Hughs, W. T. Carlton, John Cordero and H. C. Martin—appointed in 1878 to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association, and compile articles of Baptist Faith and Church Covenant, whose report was in part received at the meeting of the Association in 1879, and the Committee continued, was again continued to report at the next session of this body.

Bro. M. W. Sams presented the report of the Committee appointed to divide the Association into districts, and after discussion by Bros. L. W. Jackson, in opposition to such division, and W. J. Hughs and E. C. Chitty, in support of the measure, the report was adopted, as follows:

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of dividing the Association into districts, with a view to its annual accommodation, report: That they recommend,

1st. That the country within the bounds of the Association be divided into three districts, each containing the following churches:

Northwestern District—Ocala, Fellowship, Mount Arnow, Wacahoota, Stafford's Pond, Ebenezer, Cedar Keys, Hickory Spring, Pleasant Grove.

Northeastern District—Ocwilla, Orange Creek, Simmons, Citra, Fort McCoy, Ocklawaha Bridge, Pleasant Plain, Harmony, Lake Kerr.

Southern District—New Hope, Pine Level, Oak Grove, Unity, Leesburg, Palatlahaha, Brooksville, Eden, Crystal River.

2d. That these districts accommodate the Association in succession.

3d. That the churches in each district hold union meetings on every Fifth Sunday.

4th. That at one of the union meetings the churches of the district which is to accommodate the Association next in order, select the church that will accommodate it.

5th. That at the same time the selected church be instructed to ask for the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. SAMS, Chairman.

Bro. James A. Carleton offered the following preamble

and resolution, which was adopted, after remarks by Bro. W. N. Chaudoin:

WHEREAS, The Alachua Baptist Association, believing the sale of intoxicating drinks to be a great evil, and one that much obstructs the advancement of our Savior's Kingdom; therefore

Resolved, That this Association doth hereby send a petition to the next Legislature of Florida, asking that honorable body to enact a law as enacted in some of the other States, known as "the local option law," which enables the localities or districts that may feel the need of such a law to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks in their bounds.

Resolved, That fifteen copies of our minutes be sent to that body bearing this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. CARLETON.

The following named brethren were appointed delegates to the State Convention: Z. H. Crumpton, John Cordero, James S. Turner, P. L. Durisoe, M. W. Sams and L. W. Jackson.

On motion of Bro. W. J. Hughs, the Clerk was paid fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and ordered to draw on the Treasurer for the same.

On motion of Bro. Jno. Cordero, Eld. W. N. Chaudoin was requested to have the Missionary Sermon preached by himself on Sunday published in the Florida department of the *Christian Index*.

The following brethren were appointed Messengers to the Harmony Association: Z. A. Crumpton, B. F. Willis, L. W. Jackson, W. T. Carleton, N. K. Shaw and Jerry Smith.

The Committee on Preaching made the following report, which was adopted: To preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session, Elder Z. A. Crumpton; Missionary Sermon, Elder W. J. Hughs; S. S. Lecture, Elder M. W. Sams.

Bro. T. Smith offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and are hereby tendered to the brethren of Fort McCoy Church, and the citizens of the vicinity for their kind hospitality during the session of this Association.

The following are the names of the ministers belonging to the Alachua Association, with their post-office address:

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICE.	CLERK.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Expelled.	Dead.	Present.	Membership.	Number Copies of Minutes.	Time of Meeting
Oak Grove.....	Whitesville.....	Thos L Winer.....		N K Shaw, Joshua Perry.....	4	1	2				29	20		
Wacahoota.....	Archer.....	J Q Bishop.....	Z A Crumpton.....	L W Jackson.....	3		4				30	20	3d S & S	
Pine Level.....	Whitesville.....	R H Smith.....	W J Hughs.....	J T Perry, K B Perry, Henry Carter.....	22	5	3	16	2		90	40	4th " S	
Eden.....	Brooksville.....	J M Hedick.....	R E Bell.....	J M Hedick and W A Duval.....	1	1					20	3d " "		
Ebenezer.....	Levyville.....	E T G-ger.....	Z A Crumpton.....	J Smith.....	1	1	5	7	1		88	30	1st " "	
Fort McCoy.....	Fort McCoy.....	H C Martin.....	W T Carlton.....	D C Galbraith, Gabriel Priest, A Adams.....	1					1	81	50	3d " "	
Ocala.....	Ocala.....	Thos Smith.....	M W Sams.....	Thomas Smith and John Cordero.....	5	4	2				36	40	2d & 4th S	
New Hope.....	Whitesville.....	Wm Lucius.....	W J Hughs.....	L C Vogt and John Hamlin.....	11		2	2			45	25	3d S & S	
Palatkaaha.....	Webster.....	W W Kellam.....	W J Hughs.....	J D Futch and W J Hughs.....			3	3	2		60	25	2d " "	
Lake Kerr.....	Nar Weck.....	W P Williamson.....	J P Parker.....	A Dillard and T Howard.....	3	4		1			26	12		
Oculla.....	Banana.....	B F Dooittle.....	B W Becks.....	Wm Johnson and J C Harrington.....	1			1	1		39	30	2d " "	
Fellowship.....	Ocala.....	H H Hudgens.....	G W Hall.....	H H Hudgens, Wm H Robertson.....	6	4	2		2	1	26	30	3d " "	
Harmony.....	Mass Bluff.....	W E Martin.....	J P Parker.....	J P Parker and W E Martin.....							16	12		
Simmons.....	Orange Spring.....	A L Davis.....	W T Carlton.....	G T L Watson and G H Calle.....	7			4		1	26	15	4th " "	
Hickory Spring.....	Pleasant Grove.....	J J Folks.....	W S Perry.....	W J Folks.....	2						28	25	3d " S	
Unity.....	Leesburg.....	A B Goodwin.....	W R Coggin.....	P L Hopson and W P Ebbs.....							18	18	2d " "	
Pleasant Grove.....	Pleasant Grove.....	G W Jones.....	Lamar Bryan.....	By letter only.....	2			1			52	15	4th S & S	
Leesburg.....	Leesburg.....	J E Borders.....	W J Hughs.....	J E Borders and R Smith.....	3	4	2		1		65	25	1st " "	
Cedar Keys.....	Cedar Key.....	S J Edwards.....	S D Everett.....	By letter on v.....	3	2	2		1	2	38	25	3d " "	
Citra.....	Ocala.....	J D Hobkirk.....		James Hobkirk and H B Stevens.....							6	10		
Ocklawaha Bridge.....	Grahamville.....	D A Frier.....	J P Parker.....	D A Frier and E M Henderson.....	1			1			48	25	1st " "	
Stafford's Pond.....	Williston.....	J P Reddick.....	Z A Crumpton.....	B F Willis, L W Edwards, J M Goodnight.....	3	2	2	3		1	107	40	2d " "	
Orange Creek.....	Orange Spring.....	J A Carlton.....	G W Hall.....	W T Carlton and Henry Cassels.....	3	2	2				71	20	2d " "	
Pleasant Plain.....	Grahamville.....	B I Hull.....	G W Hall.....	B I Hull and J E Hurndon.....	4	1	1				45	15	2d " "	
Mount Arnow.....	Flemington.....	C N Barry.....	Z A Crumpton.....	E C Chitty and E G McEwen.....				5	2		45	30	4th " "	
				For the Legislature.....							15			
Totals.....					87	30	14	30	49	15	963	632		

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