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Alachua .: Baptist .: Association,

HELD WITH THE

LEESBURG BAPTIST CHURCH,

LEESBURG, FLA., NOV. 25, 26 AND 27 1887.

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Elder Paul Willis, Moderator,	-	Brooksville, Fla.
Bro. F. H. Rennolds, Sr., Clerk,		Orange Home, "
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Leesburg, Fla., Oct. 21st, 1887.

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Paul Willis,	Brooksville, Fla.
G. M. T. Wilson,	Cason, Fla.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.
LICENTIATE.

W. T. Henderson,	Grahamville, Fla.
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Enrolled the following additional messengers:
Eden—J. M. Hedick.
Brooksville—Eld. P. Willis, H. H. Sturgis and Bro. J. B. Whitney—Roan Smith.

MINUTES.

LEESBURG, FLA., Oct. 21st, 1887.

Owing to the excitement about yellow fever in Tampa, and the consequent strict quarantine of both the town and county, only a few messengers assembled in the meeting-house of the Baptist Church in Leesburg, Fla., at 10 o'clock a. m., Friday Oct. 21st, 1887, and in the absence of the former Moderator, were called to order by the former clerk, (E. H. Rennolds,) and on motion of Bro. W. A. Hocker, Elder W. J. Hughes was called to the chair as Moderator pro tem.

The following messengers were enrolled, to-wit:

Leesburg—W. A. Hocker, J. E. Borders, R. P. Burton.

Pleasant Plains—Isaac Perkins, W. R. Fore.

Center Hill—Eld. W. J. Hughes.

Whitney—E. H. Rennolds, Sr.

On motion of E. H. Rennolds, the deacons and messengers of Leesburg church were appointed a committee on divine service.

On motion of Bro. R. P. Burton, adjourned till 11 a. m. tomorrow. After which Eld. N. A. Bailey preached a sermon.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

Assembled at 11 o'clock a. m.

Prayer by Eld. Paul Willis.

Enrolled the following additional messengers:

Eden—J. M. Hedick.

Brooksville—Eld's P. Willis, H. H. Sturgis, and Bro. J. B. Law.

Whitney—Roan Smith.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. The following named accepted, to-wit: Eld. L. B. Plumer, editor Florida Witness; Mrs L. B. Telford, Cor. Sec. Woman's State Missionary Society; Eld. A. S. Tatum, Wekiva Association.

Bro. Paul Willis moved that we adjourn to meet in this house at 11 o'clock a. m. on Friday, before the 4th Sabbath in November, prox.

After a short discussion, engaged in by Bros. P. Willis, E. H. Rennolds and R. P. Burton, the motion was adopted.

On motion of Bro. P. Willis, the Clerk was instructed to issue a circular letter to the churches in reference to the adjourned meeting of the Association, and to draw on the Treasurer for the necessary funds to comply with the order.

After which Eld. A. S. Tatum preached a sermon.

E. H. RENNOLDS, Sr. Clerk.	W. J. HUGHES, Mod. Pro. Tem.
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LEESBURG, FLA., Nov. 25th, 1887.

In accordance with the adjournment of the previous meeting, the 41st Annual Session of the Alachua Baptist Association re-assembled in the meeting-house of the Leesburg Baptist church at 11 o'clock a. m. of the above date, and was called to order by the former Clerk, E. H. Rennolds, Sr.

On motion of Bro. H. H. Sturgis, Eld. W. J. Hughes was called to the chair as Moderator, pro tem.

Prayer by Eld. L. D. Geiger.

On motion of Bro. R. P. Burton, the rules were suspended, and the enrollment of messengers proceeded with, Bros. L. D. Geiger and F. S. Yager reading the church letters.

Messengers.

Brooksville—Elds. Paul Willis, H. H. Sturgis and Bro. G. W. Higgins.

Belleview—P. H. Walters, Benj. McDonald.

Center Hill—Eld. W. J. Hughes.

Cool Spring—J. W. Wiggins.

Eden—J. M. Hedick.

Harmony—No messengers.

Heidtville—L. L. Aiken.

Hopewell—No messengers.

Lady Lake—C. P. Vaughan, J. S. Cooper.

Lake Kerr—No messengers.

Lake Weir—Dr. E. C. Hood.

Lecanto—Eld. Geo. Frederick.

Leesburg—J. E. Borders, F. S. Yager, R. P. Burton.

New Hope—No messengers.

Ocklawaha Bridge—R. D. McDonald.

Pleasant Plains—No messengers.

Pine Level—R. G. Hood, J. T. Perry, Henry Carter.

Sardis—No messengers.

Shady Grove—No messengers.

Sumterville—No messengers.

Union Level—No messengers.

Whitney—E. H. Rennolds, Sr., Roan Smith.

Wildwood—G. W. Huntsman, D. Guington.

On motion of Bro. R. P. Burton adjourned till 2:30 o'clock p. m. Benediction by Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled at 2:30 p. m.

Prayer by Elder A. E. Cloud, of Lady Lake, Fla.

Proceeded to the election of permanent officers. Bros. F. S. Yager and L. D. Geiger acting as tellers. Elder Paul Willis was elected Moderator, and E. H. Rennolds, Sr., re-elected Clerk.

Call for Petitionary Letters—Letters were presented from Hopewell church, Sumter county, and Heidtville, Marion county, (both recently organized,) and on motion the churches were received, and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator to Bro. L. E. Aiken, messenger from Heidtville church.

Extended an invitation to visiting brethren to occupy seats with us. Elder L. D. Geiger, of Marion Association, Bro. O. D. Anderson, of Wekiva Association, Elder A. E. Cloud, of Lady Lake, Fla., and Elder L. B. Plumer, editor of the Florida Witness, accepted.

Eden—J. M. Hedick.

Harmony—No messengers.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

- Divine Service—Pastor, Deacons and Messengers of Leesburg church.
- Finance—R. P. Burton, Roan Smith, J. E. Borders.
- Sunday Schools—R. G. Hood, G. W. Higgins, L. L. Aiken.
- Missions—H. H. Sturgis, P. H. Walters, G. W. Huntsman.
- Letters and Queries—F. S. Yager, D. Cuington, J. M. Hedick.
- Periodicals—W. J. Hughes, R. D. McDonald, E. H. Reynolds, Sr.
- Temperance—L. B. Plumer, R. P. Burton, C. P. Vaughan.
- Deceased Ministers and Deacons—E. H. Reynolds, R. G. Hood.
- Woman's Work—Geo. Frederick, G. W. Higgins, L. L. Aiken.
- Ministerial Education—L. D. Geiger, H. H. Sturgis, Benj. McDonald.

On motion of E. H. Reynolds, it was ordered that the Introductory Sermon be preached to-night.

The committee on Divine Service reported as follows:

Elder W. J. Hughes to preach the Introductory Sermon to-night.

Elder H. H. Sturgis to conduct devotional services at 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday night—Elder L. D. Geiger, to preach in Baptist church in Leesburg, and Elder Geo. Frederick, at Whitney.

Sunday—Sunday School at 9:30 o'clock. Brief talks on the S. S. Lesson, by different speakers.

10 a. m.—Elder L. B. Plumer to preach in the Baptist church, and Elder W. N. Chaudoin at the Methodist church.

Sunday night—Elder L. D. Geiger at the Baptist church, Elder Paul Willis at the Methodist church, and Elder H. H. Sturgis at Whitney.

Adjourned till 8:30 o'clock to-morrow.

Prayer by Bro. G. W. Higgins.

FRIDAY NIGHT

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. J. Hughes. Text: Matt. 6th Chapter, 10, 11, vs. "Thy Kingdom Come. * * * Give us this day our daily bread."

SATURDAY.

Assembled at 8:30 a. m., and indulged in devotional services for half an hour, led by Elder H. H. Sturgis.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

Extended an invitation to visiting brethren to occupy seats with us. Elder W. N. Chaudoin, Cor. Sec'y State Board of Missions, accepted.

Treasurer's Report.

W. R. MATHEWS, Treas., in acc't with Alachua Association.

Dr.

To amount received of Finance Committee		\$18 46
“ “ Ocklawaha Br'ge Church	12 69	
“ “ Whitney	2 10	
“ “ Belleview	12 58	
“ “ Wildwood	5 00	
“ “ Eden	12 85	
“ “ Chrystal River	2 27	
“ “ Leconto	3 30	
“ “ Bethany	16 02	
“ Collected at Floral City	4 01	
“ “ Bayport	8 00	
“ “ Rutland	1 00	
“ “ Union Meeting at Brooksville Church	13 75	
“ “ “ “ Ocklawaha Bridge	5 00	
“ From Ladies Miss. Society	1 15	
“ “ Sunday School at Pine Level Church	42 00	
“ “ “ “ Spring Hill	11 50	
“ Of W. J. Hughes on pledge	10 00	
“ “ J. E. Borders	5 00	
“ “ J. H. Richards	5 00	
“ “ F. S. Yager	5 00	
“ “ W. R. Mathews	3 00	
“ “ Mrs. Ella Mabry	2 00	
“ “ V. L. Hopson	50	
“ “ R. P. Burton	2 25	
“ “ E. H. Rennolds, Sr.,	10 00	
“ “ Capt. Zimmerman	5 00	
“ “ S. P. Stephens	50	
“ “ P. L. Durisoe	3 00	
“ “ Mrs. Durisoe	1 00	
“ “ Miss Willie Barksdale	25	

MINUTES

“	“	R. D. McDonald	“	1 00
“	“	Joseph Stanaland	“	2 00
“	“	J. M. Hedick	“	5 00
“	“	W. B. Hare	“	10 00
“	“	Joseph Lewis	“	5 00
“	“	Geo. Frederick	“	1 35
“	“	Brown Coggins	“	5 00
“	“	J. J. Phillips	“	2 00
“	“	J. J. Brown	“	1 50
“	“	Jno. S. Perry, Sr.	“	10 00
“	“	Eugene Law	“	4 00
“	“	L. L. Aiken	“	2 00

Total amount received \$ 383 03

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By amount of error in Finance Com. report			\$ 1 00
“	“	Paid W. J. Hodges on last year's salary	57 88
“	“	Clerk as salary	15 00
“	“	For printing minutes	30 38
“	“	State Board	23 77
“	“	W. J. Hughes as missionary	115 00
“	“	H. H. Sturgis	115 00
“	“	Clerk for postage, etc.	1 50
“	“	For postage for Treasurer	25

Total Expended \$359 78

To balance on hand \$23 25.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. MATHEWS,

Treas.

Bro. G. W. Higgins read the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath-schools beg leave to report as follows: We conceive the object of Sunday-schools to be the education of all, both children and adults, in the Scriptures. And since a knowledge of the Bible enables us to meet our obligations, both to God and man, we deem it a duty of each church to establish and maintain a Sabbath-school. In view of the above, it is very important that each school should be thoroughly organized, having a full set of officers and teachers, the most competent that can be had, and they should carry out

a nice and well defined system, ever keeping in view the important fact that the obligation to make the Sunday-school a success rests upon each one of them alike, and each one should pray for, and expect the conversion of pupils. It is of vast importance to have good literature in our Sunday-schools, and it should be denominational. We believe that the International Lessons are the best for our schools, and so we recommend them. We recommend that all the churches in the Association be requested to report in their letters whether they have Sunday-schools, and if so, what their statistics are.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. HOOD,
G. W. HIGGINS, } Committee.
L. L. AIKEN,

Pending a motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Bros. R. G. Hood, P. H. Walters, L. D. Geiger, F. S. Yager, H. H. Sturgis, Dr. E. C. Hood, Geo. Frederick, L. B. Plumer, and L. L. Aiken, and on motion of Dr. Hood, was amended by adding the last clause, and was then unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Bro. R. P. Burton read the following report of the

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Your Committee beg leave to report that we have received the following amounts from the messengers:

For printing minutes.....	\$ 16 35
" Associational purposes.....	17 56
" Foreign missions.....	2 25
" Associational missions.....	17 43
Total amount rec'd	\$53 59

R. P. BURTON, }
J. E. BORDERS, } Committee.
ROAN SMITH.

The report was discussed by Bros. W. J. Hughes, E. H. Reynolds, Sr., R. P. Burton, L. D. Geiger, W. N. Chaudoin and P. H. Walters, and then adopted.

Bro. Hughes then read the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

This is an age of newspapers, both secular and religious, in which the current events of to-day are being published, hence they are being sought after by the masses of the people. Much is

published that the world would be the better for by not knowing, but who shall stay their publication, and give us such things as are wholesome? While these evils cannot be suppressed, yet much has been and is being done by the religious newspapers in meeting the general demands of the people. Many of our people do not feel able to take but one paper, and the religious press is striving to make its publications, as far as practicable, meet the demands of this class by giving us a variety, and our *Witness* is thus trying to meet the demands of our Florida Baptists, and it can better do this than any other paper. We would urge upon all our people the necessity of helping to sustain our State paper, and that it is not only a privilege, but a duty, one that we owe both to ourselves and our posterity. If we can take but one paper, let that be the *Witness*, thus furnishing our families with good and wholesome reading. It is certainly a duty of Christian parents to give their children that which is good, and guard against the evil. We would impress upon our brethren the importance of using Baptist literature in their Sunday-schools, wherever it is practicable. We would recommend the use of *Kind Words*, published by the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Sunday-school literature of the American Baptist Publication Society, either of which will meet the demands of our schools. Let us realize that as Baptists, it is our duty to see that our children have wholesome literature in the Sunday-school as well as at home. We would also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Heathen Helper*.

W. J. Hughes,	} Committee.
E. H. Rennolds, Sr.,	
R. D. McDonald.	

Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Bros. L. B. Plumer, W. J. Hughes, P. H. Walters, W. N. Chaudoin and Dr. E. C. Hood, and a collection amounting to \$2.09, taken up to defray expenses of issuing a missionary number of the *Witness*, and the report adopted.

Eld. W. T. Gordon, accepted a seat as a visitor from Wekiva Association.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Eld. W. N. Chaudoin.

AFTERNOON SESSION,

Reassembled at 2 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Bro. G. Huntsman.

Bro. R. G. Hood read his report as Sunday-school Evangelist as follows:

Though doubtful of my ability to properly do the work assigned me a year ago by the Association, I entered upon it at once, trusting in the Lord for the needed help, as it was a labor of love. I have been warmly received by the pastors and people, and have found everywhere an eagerness to hear more about Sunday-school methods, and a zeal manifested that is encouraging. I am convinced that the people only need to be informed and encouraged to bring this great work to the front as it should be, being the foundation of all our church enterprises, for if the young are properly instructed in the Word of God, they will, when they come upon the stage of action as active workers in the church, be ready in every good word and work. I have traveled 704 miles, delivered 32 lectures, visited 75 families, organized 2 Sunday-schools, received \$18.43; and paid as railway fare \$18.40.

Respectfully submitted,

R.G. HOOD.

Eld. L. D. Geiger read the report on

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

This is an age of skepticism, infidelity and science, falsely so called. In order that the Gospel may have free access to the minds of the people, it is sometimes necessary that these "seducing spirits and doctrines of devils," by which we are so sorely beset in these latter days, be exposed and refuted; and to this end an educated ministry is clearly a necessity. We affectionately and earnestly recommend that all young brethren just beginning the ministry be given whatever educational advantages may be practicable. We can well afford to do this as our denomination is rapidly growing in numbers and material prosperity. We must certainly account to God for the Lord's share of the money which He is giving us, and we cannot make a better disposition of a part of that money than

to have it go to educate young men to preach the Gospel. We would remind you, brethren, that our young brethren, Geiger and Sessoms, are yet at Mercer University, and are looking to us for the means to enable them to graduate. But we must not be content to help these alone; we must look for opportunity to help others. Surely somewhere in this vast State, God is saying to his people: "Separate me this or that young Barnabas or Saul, for the work whereunto I have called him." Let us not be slow, dear brethren, to see and follow the pointings of the Divine finger.

✓ To our young brethren preparing for the ministry, who may be in need of more thorough literary training, we recommend DeLand College. In making this recommendation, we do not depreciate Mercer University, nor any other institution of learning. Nor are we unmindful of, or ungrateful for the good that these have done. We trust we appreciate to a very considerable degree the manifold blessings that our denomination has received from the careful training given many of our young preachers in Mercer University. But we cannot think it right to send our boys to other States to educate them now that we have a good college within the borders of our own State. To those needing a Bible course we recommend our Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Affectionately submitted,

L. D. GEIGER,

H. H. STURGIS,

BENJ. McDONALD,

} Committee.

✓ The report was discussed lengthily by Bros. W. N. Chaudoin, L. B. Plumer, W. T. Gordon, Geo. Frederick, H. H. Sturgis, Dr. E. C. Hood, and F. S. Yager, and adopted.

E. H. Rennolds read the report of the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee would respectfully report that at the adjournment of the last session of the Association, impelled by the very liberal subscription made for the work, and the warm interest manifested by the brotherhood in it, they determined to continue both Bros. Hughes and Sturgis in the field, and to employ them for one half their time each, but at

the close of the first quarter, after a thorough survey of the situation, and of future prospects, we concluded that it would be best to reduce the time to one-fourth each, so that we would be sure not to incur any indebtedness. The stringency of money matters during the summer, and the consequent small collections have proven the wisdom of our decision. Much as we disliked to deny to any locality the preached Gospel, we regarded it as a lesser evil than promising our missionaries money which we had no evidence would be forthcoming.

Both our missionaries have occupied much the same field as last year. Bro. Hughes has succeeded in organizing a church near Rutland's, and Bro. Sturgis one at Tompkinsville. Much interest has been shown at other points, but these brethren have no doubt acted wisely in not hurrying up the formation of churches that would be weak and inefficient. These points however should not in our opinion be neglected, but occupied, and worked up, till success crowns our efforts.

Both our missionaries have been commissioned by the State Board. Bro. Hughes has been paid a small amount by said Board as missionary pastor at Bellview, and Bro. Sturgis has also received some pay from the same source, and also \$50 per quarter by an unknown brother in a Northern State, but as he has devoted his whole time to missionary work he has not received the remuneration his services deserve, and we recommend to the Association to supplement his salary in such amount as they see fit. We present herewith the reports of our missionaries, and also our Treasurer, which we hope you will consider as a part of our report, and a synopsis of each be published with this report.

We recommend that an effort be now made to secure pledges and a cash collection to pay the amount due Bros. Hughes and Sturgis, and also that if necessary so much of to-morrow's collections as may be needed, be used for the same purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

F. S. YAGER,

E. H. RENNOLDS, SR.,

G. W. HUNTSMAN,

L. L. AIKEN,

J. T. PERRY,

} Committee.

After some discussion by Bros. E. H. Rennolds, Sr., W. N. Chaudoin, and Dr. E. C. Hood, the report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. P. H. Walters it was decided to hold a session tonight after Bro. Geiger's sermon.

Bro. W. R. Mathews was reelected as Treasurer of the Association.

The following named brethren were elected as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, to-wit:

J. H. Richards, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., G. W. Huntsman, J. M. Hedick and J. T. Perry.

Appointed the following brethren as Sunday-school Committee for the ensuing year, to-wit: F. S. Yager, chairman; R. G. Hood, P. L. Durisoe, and G. W. Higgins.

Decided that the next session of the Association be held with the Ocklawaha Bridge Church, near Grahamville, Marion county, Fla., commencing at 11 o'clock A. M., on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1888.

Selected Eld. L. B. Plumer to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Eld. Paul Willis as Alternate. Upon the request of Belleview church she was granted a letter of Dismission, to unite with Marion Association.

Bro R. G. Hood was requested to continue to act as Sunday-school Evangelist, under the direction of the Sunday-school Committee.

Appointed Bros. H. H. Sturgis, L. L. Aiken, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., J. M. Hedick, R. G. Hood, F. S. Yager, P. H. Walters, and Paul Willis as messengers to the next session of the State Convention.

Bro. F. S. Yager read the report of the Committee on

LETTERS AND QUERIES.

We find that a majority of the churches use the Associational statistical blanks for letters, and we recommend them to all the churches. We recommend greater care and brevity in the preparation of church letters. We note an increased interest in Sunday-school work among the churches, but there are four churches without any Sunday-school. We find that out of seventeen letters examined only four churches report pray-

er-meetings. Thirteen churches do not report prayer-meetings. We earnestly recommend prayer-meetings and Sunday-schools to each and every church. We do not find enough spiritual growth reported in the letters of the churches, to make it worthy of special mention. We have much to be thankful for, and nothing to boast of. We ought to thank God, and work and pray more. We truly and heartily endorse Bro. R. G. Hood's work as a Sunday-school Evangelist, and recommend his continuance in the labor as we hear of good results. Brethren, let us appreciate our opportunities, realize our responsibilities and do more voluntary work for the Master.

Fraternally and prayerfully submitted,

F. S. YAGER,
D. CUINGTON, } Committee.
J. M. HEDICK. }

The report was adopted without discussion.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That any member of this body being present at any of our sister associations is hereby authorized to act as corresponding messenger to such association.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks is hereby tendered to the Leesburg church, and the citizens of Leesburg, for the magnificent hospitality extended to us during the sitting of this body, to the Methodist and Presbyterian churches for the tender of their houses of worship, and to the F. R. & N. and Fla. Southern railroads for reduced rates to our messengers.

Ordered that the clerk have 800 copies of the minutes printed and distributed, and that he be allowed \$15 for his services.

Adjourned for refreshments.

NIGHT SESSION.

Eld. L. D. Geiger preached a sermon at 7 P. M., text 1st Cor. 16th chapter, and 1st and 2d verses.

The Association then resumed its business.

Bro. H. H. Sturgis then read the following

REPORT ON MISSIONS,

We, your committee, believe that the subject of missions is the most important one which can engage the attention of the

churches of Christ, because in every work done for Christ, some one must be sent to do it, that so the work may be divided, the senders and the sent standing equally and individually responsible to the great Head of the Church for the faithful performance of the work. With this view, and the world lying before us, as Christians, where is it our duty to work? Evidently not everywhere, for God does not expect impossibilities; hence the necessity for Boards who know the wants of the various fields and can, with Divine guidance, direct to the accomplishment of this object, the obeying the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The duty to go rests equally upon each individual Christian as upon those who, having left all, are following the great Missionary into the nations sitting in darkness and death. Go or send a suitable substitute, is our duty.

You cannot? Then hear the cries which come from every field. Africa, the dark continent, stands with open arms to invite us to tell them of Jesus. India, China, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Brazil, and Cuba are reckoned as our especial fields in foreign lands, while our western plains, with the struggling remnants of a once mighty people, whose hunting grounds we now build our cities upon, ask as a dying request, the Gospel of Peace to make the red man happy, by changing his nature. The advancing civilization crowding the red man, and pushing west-ward must be accompanied into those mountain fastnesses and fertile plains by the missionary, or they will endanger civilization, and anarchy, rapine and murder will mark their course. Our near lying fields in our own State, rich with possibilities, call loudly for earnest work, faithful workers, to go into the highways and hedges. The work rests with especial weight upon us, as many coming from other States want their church homes, and Sunday-schools; this want the missionary is to supply as far as possible; will we help him?

Nor is it alone or empty-handed that he should go forth. Let our missionaries have Bibles, Testaments, and Hymn-books, and other religious works to open the door of the cabin, and the heart, and he will be thoroughly equipped for the work of

conquering Florida for Christ, by establishing Sunday-schools and prayer-meetings and preaching places in the rural districts. They call for only a little help, but they call loudly. Will we answer their calls? Or, recreant to our trust, unfaithful to "Him who though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich." As Christians, we cannot refuse these calls.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. STURGIS,
G. W. HUNTSMAN, } Committee.
P. H. WALTERS,

Pending a resolution to adopt, remarks were made by Bros. H. H. Sturgis, W. N. Chaudoin, P. H. Walters, R. P. Burton, W. T. Gordon and R. G. Hood, and then adopted, and the following pledges taken for mission work for the ensuing year:

F. S. Yager, PAID.....	\$ 5 00.	E. H. Rennolds, Sr.....	\$ 5 00.
J. M. Hedick, PAID.....	5 00.	W. T. Gordon, PAID.	1 00.
P. H. Walters,	5 00.	L. L. Aiken,.....	2 00.
R. P. Burton,	10 00.		
Total			\$33 00.

Bro. Geo. Frederick read the report on

WOMAN'S WORK.

We think it must be evident to all, even the most indifferent and skeptical, that the aid of the Christian women of the South, of all denominations, and especially Baptists, is demanded by the spirit and activities of the present times. To lay aside their conformity to the world, and come out from under its maxims and trainings, and give themselves and money to aid the brethren in the great effort now being made throughout the Christian world to send the Gospel to every creature. The call of God is evidently upon them. Shall we repress or encourage them? Not encourage to an unscriptural position, but to occupy the plane laid down in the Word of God for them, helpers to the brethren in carrying forward the Gospel of the Kingdom. Woman's Work has made gratifying advancement during the past year. The Lord has blessed their labors with grand results, yet there remains much to be done in this field of Christian labor. There are many churches which

have not organized Ladies' Mission Societies. It is not so much for a want of interest in this work as knowing how to carry it forward. What is needed most is having some one to properly instruct them in this matter. We have a noble sisterhood here in Florida, who are willing to work where the cause is brought properly before them. This is shown in the hearty response to the calls of sisters Bailey and Telford, where they have lectured and talked with the sisters, and we suggest and urge that this work be fostered with more zealous care. Shall not the dear sisterhood make an entire consecration of themselves, with all that they have, to Him who purchased us with His own precious blood?

GEO. FREDERICK, }
 L. L. AIKEN, } Committee.
 G. W. HIGGINS, }

The discussion on Woman's Work was postponed till 3 o'clock p. m. to-morrow, and the report adopted.

Bro. R. P. Burton read the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

In view of the widespread sentiment for prohibition throughout our State, and in view of the hearty co-operation of all the Baptist pastors throughout the State in temperance work, we desire to express thanksgiving to God for the blessings that have attended their labors, and for the success of the efforts made for the suppression and extinction of the liquor traffic. We express our conviction that every member of our churches should give support to all expedient measures employed to the end that all saloons be forever exterminated. However, we deplore the use of the regular services of the church on the Lord's day for popular union temperance meetings, that are often used by designing persons for political purposes, thereby desecrating the Lord's house and the Sabbath. We recommend that parents instruct their children by precepts and example in the Christian virtue of self control.

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. PLUMER, }
 R. P. BURTON, } Committee.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, the minutes of Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night were approved without reading.

Adjourned to meet with the Ocklawaha Bridge Church near Grahamville, Marion County, on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1888.

SABBATH.

A Sunday-school mass meeting was held at 9 o'clock a. m., and short talks were made on the lesson by Bros. W. T. Gordon, L. D. Geiger, Geo. Frederick, Paul Willis and H. H. Sturgis.

At 11 o'clock a. m. Eld. L. B. Plumer preached in the Baptist church, and Eld. W. N. Chaudoin in the Methodist, to large and appreciative audiences, after which a collection for missions was taken up, amounting to \$21.20.

At 3 o'clock p. m. a mass meeting in the interest of Woman's Work was held, and remarks were made by Bros. W. N. Chaudoin, W. T. Gordon, L. D. Geiger, H. H. Sturgis and Paul Willis.

At 7 o'clock p. m. Eld. L. D. Geiger preached at the Baptist church and Eld. Paul Willis at the Methodist.

E. H. RENNOLDS, SR., Clerk.

PAUL WILLIS,
Moderator.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR

October 1886 to October 1887.

CHURCHES.	Home Church Expenses.	Home Sunday School Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	Bible and Publication work.	Associational Missions	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Building and Loan Fund.	Delaware College.	Printing Minutes.	Total.
Brooksville	\$ 39 13		\$ 28 00		\$ 19 00	\$ 26 51	\$ 7 13	\$ 8 00	\$ 11 60	\$ 94 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 593 37
Belleview					12 58	1 75		6 00			2 50	25 33
Center Hill					10 00						2 00	12 00
Cool Spring												
Eden	117 73	\$ 5 00		\$ 7 13	17 85	19 00		1 25			1 25	169 21
Harmony	50 00	10 00			1 50			1 00			1 00	63 50
Hopewell					1 00	2 50					1 50	5 00
Heitville					2 00						75	2 75
Lady Lake					7 00	3 33	7 00	3 00	54 10		50	74 93
Lake Kerr						2 75						2 75
Lake Weir	300 00	30 00				50 00		15 00			1 50	396 50
Leonto	15 00				9 65	2 35	7 60				1 00	35 60
Leesburg	1 275 23	45 80	5 00		22 75	6 00		4 52	12 00		3 00	1 374 30
New Hope					10 00							10 00
Ocklawaha Bridge	150 00				21 59	16 00	2 43	25 78	6 00		5 56	227 36
Pine Level					42 00	12 71		7 63	4 15		1 00	67 55
Pleasant Plains	15 00	4 00									1 50	20 50
Sardis											1 30	1 30
Shady Grove												
Sumterville			2 55		10 00	8 10		12 95	6 25			39 85
Union Level												
Whitney	120 50	9 00			12 60	1 89		2 30	3 40		2 00	151 69
Wildwood	55 0	16 52			5 00	2 55	5 00	1 00			75	85 82
Total	2 495 59	120 32	35 55	7 13	204 52	155 44	29 16	88 49	97 50	94 00	31 61	3 353 31

STATISTICS OF THE ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1887.

Number	CHURCHES.	County.	Membership.					Present Membership.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Church Property.						
			No. Kept'd last Yr.	incr.		decr.					No. Mtg. Houses	seating Capacity	Val. of Meeting Houses.	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages.	Total Value of Church Property.	
				By Baptism	By Restorath	By Letter	By Exclusion										By Death
1	Brooksville	Hernando	58	1	5	2	1	66	Paul Willis	Jno. C. Law, Brooksville	1	300	\$2,800	1	\$600	\$3,400	
2	Bellevue	Marion	14	5		1	1	17	D. B. Farmer	E. A. Polly, Bellevue							
3	Centre Hill	Sumter	10	6		6		13	Paul Willis	W. J. Hughes, Center Hill							
4	Cool Spring	Lake	18					18		I. G. M. Kraker, Cason							
5	Eden	Hernando	77			6	2	69	Geo. Frederick	J. B. Higginbottom, Rose Hill	1	400	800			1,000	
6	Harmony	Marion	40					40	J. P. Parker	W. E. Martin, Moss Bluff	1	200	350			350	
7	Hopewell*	Sumter						5		J. R. P. Wall, Rutland							
8	Heidtville*	Marion						18	J. B. Haralson	Joe. Aiken, Heidtville							
9	Lady Lake †	Lake	16	6		1		21	A. E. Cloud	J. J. Phillips, Lady Lake						100	
10	Lake Kerr	Marion	23					23	H. C. Martin	W. P. Williamson, Kerr City							
11	Lake Weir	"	45			7	1	38	J. C. Porter	Alfred Ayer, Lake Weir	1	300	2,500			2,800	
12	Leconto	Citrus	17	1	2			24	J. B. Haralson	I. P. Lewis, Leconto	1	100	250			250	
13	Leesburg	Lake	73	9	10	15	3	71	L. B. Plumer	J. H. Richards, Leesburg	1	225	3,500			3,500	
14	New Hope	Marion	41					41		P. W. Whiteside, Ocala	1	200	200			225	
15	Ocklawaha Br'ge	"	75	3				78	W. J. Hughes	Joseph Stanaland, yrie	1	250	500			500	
16	Pine Level	Sumter	115			2	1	112	A. E. Cloud	I. W. Middlebrook, Oxford	1	200	300			400	
17	Pleasant Plains	Marion	25			2		25	S. T. Stanaland	J. H. Parramore, Grahamville	1	150	100			100	
18	Saris	Sumter	52			4	2	45	Joshua Perry	C. B. Perry, Whitesville	1	100	100			100	
19	Shady Grove	Citrus	16					16		J. C. Priest, Stage Pond							
20	Sumterville	Sumter	37					37	Paul Willis	T. W. Graham, Sumterville	1	35	1,400			1,500	
21	Union Level	Marion	49			13		49		Jno. J. Brown, Heidtville	1	200	200			300	
22	Whitney †	Lake	53			2	3	37	W. J. Hughes	E. H. Rennolds, Sr., Orange Home	1	200	600			650	
23	Wildwood	Sumter	33	2				35	W. B. Hare	G. W. Huntsman, Wildwood	1	250	350			350	
			886	27	27	1	52	17	9	898		15	3425	\$13,950	1	\$600	\$15,525

*New churches. † Formerly Midway.
 ‡ Formerly Equity. Chrystal River dismissed last year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

CHURCHES.	Superintendents.	Post Offices of SUPERINT'ND'TS	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils Enrolled.	Total Number Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Teachers Baptized Last Year.	Scholars Baptized Last Year.	No. of Volumes in Library.	No. of S. Papers Taken	Scholars over 15 yrs. of Age.	No. of Months in Session.	Contributions for Missions	Total Amount of Money Contrib'ed.	Remarks.
Brooksville	W. S. Jordan	Brooksville	2	15	60	75	35				40	12				
Bellevue	J. B. Law	Bellevue	1	6	40	46	31	05	103			12		\$1 75	\$17 05	
Center Hill	R. C. Ridge		1													
Cool Spring			1											7 00	15 00	
Eden	J. M. Hedick	Add	1	4	23	27	18					12				
Harmony	W. E. Martin	Moss Bluff	2	8	50	58	40					12				Union.
	J. C. Pillows		1													Union.
Hopewell			1													
Heidtville	L. L. Aiken	Heidtville	1	3	18	21	15				15	12			5 00	
Lady Lake	C. P. Vaugan	Lady Lake	1	3	25	28	20				20	12			4 00	Union.
Lake Kerr																
Lake Weir	C. F. Benson	Lake Weir	1	4	30	34	24				20	12			30 00	
Leconto																
Leesburg	F. S. Yager	Leesburg	1	7	36	43	30	05		30	30	12			30 00	Union.
New Hope																
Ocklawaha Bridge			2	6	51	57	25					12				
Pine Level	O. S. Bogue	Oxford	1	6	100	106	69			40	30					
Pleasant Plains	B. T. Hull	Grahamville	1	3	18	21	15								4 00	
Sardis																
Shady Grove																
Sumterville	A. H. Helverston	Sumterville	1	4	20	24	15					12			3 00	
Union Level			1	11	36	47	29		40	35	20	12			9 00	
Whitney	E. H. Rennolds Sr.	Orange Home	1	6	40	46	38					10			4 00	
Wildwood	G. W. Huatsman	Wildwood	1													
			19	86	547	363	404		10	143	200	80		8 79	121 05	

