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PROCEEDINGS

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Alachua Paptist Association,

HELD WITH

LEESBURG BAPTIST CHURCH,

OCTOBER 22D, 23D AND 24TH, 1881.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1. Introductory Sermon.
- 2. Read Letters from the churches
- 3. Elect officers.
- Petitionary letters.
- 5. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
- 6. Letters of correspondence.
- 7 Appointment of Special Committees.
- 8. Reports of Standing Committees.
- 9. Treasurer's report.
- 10. Appointment of Standing Committees.
- Reports of Special Committees.
 Fix time and place for next meeting.
- 13. Miscellaneous Business.
- 14. Read and correct minutes.
- 15. Adjournment.

MINUTE

FIRST DAY.

LEESBURG, FLA., October 22d, 1881.

The thirty-fifth annual session of the Alachua Baptist Association convened with the Leesburg Baptist church this day.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. Z. A. Crumpton, from Rom. 12:1: "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

After an intermission of an hour's length, in which refreshments were served and Christian greetings shared, the delegates

assembled in the house, and, in the absence of former officers, on motion, Deacon John Cordero was requested to act as Moderator, and P. Willis, Clerk, in the organization of the body.

The Moderator requested that the 299th hymn be sung, and called

on Rev. W. N. Chaudoin to lead in prayer.

By request of the Moderator, the twenty-two (22) letters sent up by the churches were read by Elders Z. A. Crumpton and B. M. Pack, and the names of delegates were enrolled, as shown in the statistical table.

The petitionary letter of Level Union church was received and

the right hand of fellowship extended to its delegates.

The invitation to seats was accepted by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, editor of Florida Index, and Corresponding Secretary of the State Board of Missions, and Rev. B. M. Pack, Sunday-school-Missionary of A. B. P. Society for Florida.

The names of corresponding messengers were enrolled, as follows:

From Manatee Association-Rev. E. J. Hull.

From South Florida Association-Brother T. W. Wilder.

From Wekiya Association-Rev. G. M. T. Wilson.

From Santa Fe River Association-Elders W. N. Chaudoin and B. M. Pack.

St. John's River Association Rev. Paul Willis, by request.

Special Committees were appointed as follows:

On Preaching-Deacons and pastor of Leesburg church, with brother Hansbroughs. On Finance—Brethen Thomas Morton, J. L. Mathews and J. B.

Hobkirk.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons-Revs. Joshua Perry and J. P. Smith, and brother J. S. Turner.

On Sunday Schools-Brethren A. H. Helvenston, W. A. Duvall

and J. A. Carlton. On Missions-Elder Z. A. Crumpton, brethren J. T. Perry and John Gordon.

On Letters and Queries-Brethren A. B. Goodwin, N. B. Plummer and Wm. Rawls.

On Periodicals-Brethen J. J. Brown, Davis B. Willis and Dan-

iel Shaw.

The Committee on Preaching made the following partial report: Elder B. M. Pack to peach to-night, Elder W. N. Chaudoin, to-morrow, at 11 A.M., and Elder Paul Willis, to-morrow night. A Sunday-school mass meeting to be conducted at 2.30 P.M., tomorrow, by Elder Pack.

On the call for reports of standing committees, the Treasurer

made his report as follows:

John Cordero, Treasurer in account with the Alachua Association,

Dr.		
To amount on hand and received at last Association\$	163	77
To amount received from Leesburg church	2	50
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To amount received from Pine Level church		50
To amount received from Stafford's Pond Union		00
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To amount received from Ocala church		00
To amount received from Hickory Spring Union		15
To amount received from Orange Union	10	00
To amount received from Citra church	8	04
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All of which is submitted, JOHN CORDERO, Treasurer.

Report of Executive Committee.

To the Moderator and Members of the Alachua Association:

Your Executive Committee would beg leave to report that on account of not receiving more than \$212.96, they were not able to account of not receiving more than \$212.96, they were not able to pay Rev. W. J. Hughes his full salary for services as missionary within the bounds of this Association. Your committee paid him \$161.15, leaving balance for eleven months' service at \$25 per month on half of his time, leaving balance due him \$113.85. Your committee expected that all the churches would help to pay to keep our missionary in the field, but were somewhat disappointed. Your committee would recommend that the pastors of the

churches within the bounds of this Association, be requested to take up collections once in every three months, so that we (the Executive Committee) may be able to keep a missionary employed all the time. Respectfully submitted,

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

The report of Elder W. J. Hughes, missionary, for the Associational year of 1881, was read and adopted, as follows: Months of labor...... 11 Baptized...... 12

Preached for five churches and eight stations, as often as I well could. Have collected funds from different churches, all of which has been reported to the Treasurer of the Association.

The Association is still due for services a balance for eleven months of \$120. Respectfully submitted,

W. J. HUGHES.

On motion of brother A. H. Helvenston, the old twelve articles of Faith herein printed were adopted by this Association.

On motion, the collection on to-morrow be appropriated as follows: Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to Home Missions, the same amount to Foreign Missions and the balance to Associational Missions.

While the motion for adoption was pending brother Pack took oceasion to ask more serious attention to Sunday-school Missions. On motion; adjourned till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Preaching at night by Rev. B. M. Pack.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

At 11 A. M., Rev. W. N. Chaudoin preached the Missionary Sermon, from Psalms 40:1, 2, 3: "I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: Many shall see it and fear, and shall trust in the Lord," at the close of which a collection was taken up, amounting to \$51.00.

At 2.30 o'clock P. M., Rev. B. M. Pack conducted a Sundayschool mass-meeting, collecting for Sunday-school Missions \$8.50.

MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing the 297th hymn the Moderator requested Rev. E. J. Hull to offer

Minutes of vesterday read and adopted. Visiting brethren being again invited to seats, the invitation was accepted by Rev. Wm.

B. Hare, of Alabama.

By acclamation the present Executive Committee continued in

Present Treasurer was reappointed.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Report of Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

We, your Committee, would submit the following: We find that three of our brethren, Elder A. W. Jones and Deacons Charles Mixon and J. H. Wilkinson, have been called to their final rest. Brother Jones, though not in active serv ce, was an able defender.

Brother Jones, though not in active service, was an able defender of the Baptist cause.

Brother Mixon was a member of Mt. Arnon church, but how long he had been in the service of the Master, your Committee are unable to say. He was an old and highly esteemed brother.

Brother Wilkinson was a member of Ebenezer church, being a quiet citizen and a good Christian.

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We sympathize with our sister churches in their loss, but we believe that their and our loss is the eternal gain of the brethren

We recommend that a blank page be left, with suitable epitaph to the memory of each of these brethren on the Minutes of this Association. Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA PERRY, J. P. SMITH, J. S. TURNER, Committee.

Adopted.

SACRED

· TO THE MEMORY OF

ELDER A. W. JONES,

WHO HAS

Completed his work on earth and is now resting with Jesus in Heaven.

SACRED

TO THE MEMORY OF

DEACON J. H. WILKINSON,

WHO HAS

Gone to occupy a mansion in Heaven.

SACRED

TO THE MEMORY OF

DEACON CHARLES MIXON

who has

Left earthly scenes and entered into Heavenly joys.

Read the report of Committee on Sunday schools, and after some remarks by Revs. W. N. Chaudoin and B. M. Pack, it was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Sunday-Schools.

We, your Committee on Sunday-schools, offer the following From what we have been able to gather, we have not nearly the number of Sunday-schools in our churches there should be. We notice that some few schools have been organized, while others already in existence have been allowed to go down. This is not as it should be. We should seek by every means possible, to keep every school now in operation going on; and it should be our deep concern to organize as many more schools as it is possible for us to do.

We, therefore, hail with pleasure, the presence of Rev. B. M. Pack in our midst as Sunday-school missionary, stirring us up to our duties in regard to Sunday school work, and we pledge our selves to co operate with him, so far as practicable, in all Sunday-school efforts.

We respectfully urge, that our pasters and other Christian workers, manifest a livelier interest in this department of Christian labor. And we further recommend that there be a meeting called by some church wishing it after Christmas to organize an Associational Sunday-school Convention. Respectfully submitted,

A. H. HELVENSTON, W. A. DUVALL, JAS. A. CARLTON, Committee

The report of the Committee on Missions, was read, and after remarks by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, during which he secured pledges in support of the work of the State Board of Missions to the amount of \$50, was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Missions.

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following: We find that there is great destitution within the bounds of our Association; shall we regard it with indifference, as we have done in the past; or will not each brother and sister begin to work to day to support a missionary within our bounds, as this is the only way to supply the destitute points?

We would recommend that the pastors of the churches composing this Association take up a collection in each church quarterly, for Associational missions and forward the same to the Executive Committee, as we feel assured that when we support the missionary laboring within the bounds of this Association, we shall do more for Home and Foreign Missions. Respectfully submitted,

Z. A. CRUMPTON, J. W. GORDON, J. T. PERRY, Committee.

The report of the Committee on Letters and Queries, was adopted as follows:

Report of the Committee on Letters and Queries.

The Committee on Letters and Queries report as follows: We find twenty-two churches properly represented by letter in this Association, and no trouble in this respect. We find no Corresponding Letter from sister Associations, and find no Queries from any church.

Citra church desires that some action be taken to stop the sale of religious books and periodicals on the Sabbath, at the annual meeting of this Association.

We find that Ocklawaha Bridge, Pine Level, Ebenezer, Harmony, Level Union, Wacahoota and Unity churches desire the prayers of the Association, while Stafford's Pond especially desires that prayer be made to God to send them a pastor. We recommend that prayer be made as requested.

We find by referring to the Minutes of last year, that the Association was divided into three districts, each of which was to make arrangements and entertain the Association in succession; but no such arrangements have been made to our knowledge, therefore, we recommend, that the Association accept the invitation of Ocala church, and that the next annual session of this body be held with it. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A, B. GOODWIN, W. L. RAWLS, N. B. PLUMMER, Committee.

Report of Committee on Periodicals.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report the following: Past experience teaches us that ignorance is vice. We therefore recommend that the churches composing this Association procure good, sound periodicals. We think THE CHRISTIAN INDEX, published in Atlanta, Ga., is worthy of the patronage of all those wishing a good paper and one that is ably edited.

We recommend as a good paper for our Sunday-schools, Kind Words, published at Macon, Ga., under the direction of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We further recommend the literature of the A. B. P. Society, represented by Rev. B. M. Pack, as being good and worthy of patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. BROWN, D. W. SHAW, DAVIS WILLIE, Committee.

Adopted.

Read and adopted the

Report of Committee on Finance.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following:

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	S. S. Missions.	For Minutes.	Associational Mission.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	TOTAL
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The following Corresponding Messengers were appointed:

To Santa Fee River Association-Brother Jas. A. Carlton and Elders Z. A. Crumpton and Paul Willis.

To New River Association-Brother A. B. Goodwin and Elder Joshua Perry.

To Harmony Association-Elder Z. A. Crumpton.

To South Florida Association-Elder Joshua Perry,

To the Baptist State Convention—Brethren N. K. Shaw, John Cordero and A. H. Helvenston and Elders Z. A. Crumpton, W. J. Hughes and Paul Willis.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered to the citizens of Leesburg and vicinity, for kind hospitality dispensed during our session. Also to railroads and steamboats for courtesies and favors shown.

On motion of brother Z. A. Crumpton, the Clerk was paid fifteen dollars (\$15.00), and ordered to draw on the Treasurer for the same. On motion, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) were appropriated for

printing and distributing Minutes.

During the session of the Association Rev. W. W. Chaudoin raised by voluntary contributions eight dollars and fifty-five cents (\$8.55) for sister Tomkies.

On motion, adjourned for refreshments.

Association called to order again by the Moderator.

On motion, the Clerk was requested to collate from all sources all moneys paid out for Missions during the year, and include a statement of the same in the Minutes.

On motion, all funds left over from paying Clerk and printing Minutes be turned over in payment of Missionary Hughes for ser-

vices rendered during the last Associational year.

The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. E. J. Hull as appointed to preach to-night at candle light. Also Elder W. J. Hughes to preach the Introductory Sermon next year and Elder Z. A. Crumpton the Missionary Sermon.

Minutes read and adopted. On motion, adjourned to meet with the Ocala Baptist church, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1882.

W. N. CHAUDOIN, Moderator.

PAUL WILLIS, Clerk.

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
Lemar Bryan	Bronson, Fla.
W. T. Carlton	Orange Springs, Fla.
Z. A. Crumpton	Archer, Fla.
W. J. Hughes	Webster, Fla.
B. J. Hull	Grahamville, Fla.
William Johnson	Banana, Fla.
R. F. Marlow	Ocala, Fla.
J. P. Parker	
Joshua Perry	Wildwood, Fla.
Wm. S. Perry	Gainesville, Fla.
J. P. Smith	Webster, Fla.
S. T. Stanaland	Grahamville, Fla.
Wm. M. Williams	Citra, Fla.
Paul Willis	Palatka, Fla.

STATISTICAL

Present Membership No. Copies Minutes Days of Meeting.	2 1 10 25 & 4th Sundays. 2 2 11 52 & 5th Sundays. 2 2 10 63 Stat. and Sun. 3 10 52 Standay. 3 75 Style Sunday. 3 75 Style Sunday. 3 10 10 2d & 4th Sundays. 3 10 10 2d & 4th Sundays. 3 10 10 2d Sunday. 3 10 10 2d Sunday. 3 10 10 2d Sundays. 3 10 2d Sundays. 4 10 10 4th Sundays. 5 12 5 2d Sunday. 4 10 4th Sat. and Sun. 4 10 4th Sat. and Sun. 5 12 5 18 St. and Sun. 5 2 2 5 4d Sat. and Sun. 5 2 2 4d Sat. and Sun.
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PASTORS.	J. P. Smith J. W. Spheer, R. S. Balley, J. S. Berry, M. T. Carlton, N. Gelegates, G. W. Hall, D. J. Flaw, H. W. S. Perry, S. A. Crempton, J. P. Poulitte, J. P. Parker, S. D. Futch, A. H. J. P. Smith, J. P. P. Smith, J. P. P. P. J. L. Mathews, W. J. Hughes, N. J. L. Mathews, W. J. Hughes, W. J. Hughes, W. J. Hughes, N. F. Privote, W. J. Hughes, N. F. Privote, P. Privot
CLERKS.	J. E. Borlers, W. E. Davis, W. L. Davis, H. C. Martin, H. E. Davis, H. E. Martin, J. J. Folker, J. T. D. Morton, J. A. Carlton, J. R. B. H. Suph, H. H. Hudgens, J. R. Chitty, J. R. Chitty, J. R. Chitty, J. A. Carlton, G. M. Hedick, M. H. Hudgens, J. R. Chitty, J. A. Carlton, G. M. Hedick, M. Hedic
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NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Citra, New Hope. New Hope. Simmons. Fort McCoy Ockwilla. Wocahoota. Harmony Halkory Spring. Palatlakaha. Level Union Ocala. Oning. Oning. Oning. Oning. Oning. Oning. Coklawaha Bidge Mount Arnow. Eden. Eden.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead-Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Is. 45:22, 23, v:4, 6, 9, 1st Kings, 8:60. Joel, 2:27. Mark, 28:19. 2d Cor. 13:14. Is. 48:16. John, 14:16. Mark, 3:16, 17. John 10: 20, 30. Acts, 5:3, 4.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2d

Tim. 3:10. Acts, 1:16. 1st Peter, 4:11. 1st Thess. 2:13. Luke, 11:28. James, 1:22. 1st Sam., 15. Deut., 4:2, 22, 32. Prov., 30:8. Matt., 15:9. Rev., 22:19. John, 14:15.

3. We believe in eternal and particular election. Deut. 7:6. Acts, 22:14; 13:46; 15:18. Matt., 24:31. John, 10:16; 6:37; 10:27, 29. Rom. 8:29, 30; 915. Eph., 1:4, 5, 11. 2d Thess., 13;14. 2d Tim.. 1:9. Titus, 1:1, 2. 1st Peter, 1:12; 2:9.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen., 5:3. Psalms,

51:5. John, 3:6.

5. We believe in man's impotency, of his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the state he is in by nature. Jer., 13:

23; 17:9. Rom. 1:28, 31; 8:7, 8. Psalms, 53:1, John, 7.7; 3:3; 6:4. Eph., 4:18, 19. Gal., 3:10, 11. Heb., 10:4.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ. Rom., 8:1, 25; 10.4; 3:25, 26. Isaiah, 1:11. Acts, 13:38, 39. 1st Cor., 1:30. Gal. 3:21, 24;

216. Phil., 3.8, 10.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, renewed and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Rom., 8:29, 30; 11:7. Acts, 13:48. John, 10:16, 30, 32. Eph., 2:5:10. 2d Tim., 1:9. 2d Thes., 2:13, 14.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away. John, 17.9, 10, 11, 23; 10:27, 28, 29. Rom, 8:31,

39. 1st Peter, 1:4, 5.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus, imposed upon his churches; that nothing is baptism except immersion; that believers are the only subjects of this ordinance, and that none but baptized believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. Matt., 2:19. Mark, 16:16; 1:5, 9. 1st Cor., 10:16; 16:29. Acts, 2:38; 8:36, 38,39; 10:47; 16:2, 4. Rom., 6:3; 5:16. Col., 2:12.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment. 1st Cor., 15:3, 4, 12, 20, 25; 4:5. Matt., 25:46. Heb.,

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal. Matt., 25:46. Dan., 12:6. Mark, 9:46. John, 5:38, 39. 2d Thess., 1:9.

12. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the

ordinances, only such as are called and have come under the hands of the Presbytery. Matt., 28:16, 20. Acts, 13:2, 5. 1st Tim., 4:14; 5:22. 2d Tim., 2:2. 2d John, 1:9, 11.