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## MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

W. B. Carson, D. D.	Candler, Florida.
W. R. Coggins	Oxford, Florida.
A. E. Cloud	Lady Lake, Florida.
J. H. Currey	Lady Lake, Florida.
George Frederick	Lecanto, Florida.
L. D. Geiger	Leesburg, Florida.
J. B. Haralson	Lecanto, Florida.
W. B. Hare	Sumterville, Florida.
W. J. Hughes	Webster, Florida.
J. P. Parker	Electra, Florida.
Joshua Perry	Oxford, Florida.
S. M. Provence	Lake Weir, Florida.
J. C. Porter	Lake Weir, Florida.
J. H. Smith	Bushnell, Florida.
H. H. Sturgis	Brooksville, Florida.
G. T. L. Watson	Fairview, Florida.
Paul Willis	Brooksville, Florida.
G. M. T. Wilson	Cason, Florida.
Wm. Young	Bushnell, Florida.

### LICENTIATES.

W. T. Henderson	Lynne, Florida.
W. H. House	Lady Lake, Florida.
J. C. Langley	Sumterville, Florida.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1 Introductory sermon.
- 2 Read letters from churches.
- 3 Election of officers.
- 4 Call for petitionary letters.
- 5 Invite visiting brethren to seats.
- 6 Letters of correspondents.
- 7 Appointment of special committees.
- 8 Reports of standing committees.
- 9 Treasurer's report.
- 10 Reports of special committees.
- 11 Fix time and place of next meeting.
- 12 Appointment of standing committees.
- 13 Miscellaneous business.
- 14 Read and correct minutes.
- 15 Adjournment.

## MINUTES.

OXFORD, FLA., October 25, 1889.

The forty-third annual session of the Alachua Baptist Association assembled in the new and commodious meeting-house of the Oxford church, Sumter county Fla., at 11 o'clock a. m. on Friday, preceding the 4th Sabbath in October, 1889, and was opened by prayer by Bro. W. H. House.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. D. Geiger, of Leesburg, Fla.; text, 1st John, 2nd chapter and 6th verse, "He that saith he abideth in him, ought himself also to walk, even as he walked."

Prayer by Elder W. W. Bestick, of Kathleen, Fla.

The Association was then called to order by the former moderator, Elder Paul Willis, who as pastor of the church, extended a warm welcome to the messengers and visitors, to the hospitality of the Oxford church, and asked Elder C. H. Nash, of Ocala, Fla. to lead in prayer.

The motion of Elder W. J. Hughes, adjourned one hour for refreshments. The doxology was sung, and Bro. W. H. House pronounced the benediction.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Bro. J. M. Hedick. Bros. S. M. Hedick, E. W. Zellner and R. M. Kennedy were appointed a committee on finance.

The letters from the churches were then read by Bros. L. D. Geiger and W. H. Mabry, and the messengers, names enrolled as follows:

- Brooksville—Elder Paul Willis.
- Center Hill—Elder W. J. Hughes.
- Cool Spring—(not represented.)
- Cove Bend—H. W. Zellner, T. E. Morris.
- Eden—J. M. Hedick.
- Harmony—W. E. Martin, I. S. Jordan.
- Hopewell—(not represented.)
- Heidtville—Joe Aiken, F. J. Dobbs.
- Lady Lake—W. H. House, W. B. Coggins.

Lake Kerr—S. L. Griggs, Mrs. M. J. Griggs.  
 Lake Weir—J. M. Maxwell, Wm. Baker.  
 Lecanto—J. P. Lewis.  
 Leesburg—Elder L. D. Geiger, Gov. M. H. Mabry, W. R. Matthews, Mrs. A. J. Chiles.  
 Oclawaha Bridge—Joe Stanaland, E. W. Donald, S. B. Long.  
 Pine Level—(not represented.)  
 Pleasant Plains—I. W. Perkins, Miss A. J. Perkins.  
 Sardis—K. D. Perry, H. R. Shaw, Elders W. R. Coggins and Joshua Perry.  
 Shady Grove—(not represented.)  
 Summerfield—A. B. Mitchell, Wm. Lucius.  
 Sumterville—Lawrence Smith, Elder W. B. Hare.  
 Union Level—G. T. L. Watson.  
 Whitney—E. H. Rennolds sr., Roan Smith.  
 Wildwood—W. W. Caruthers, James Hatfield.

On motion of Elder L. D. Geiger, ladies were permitted to act as messengers from the churches not having other representation, or not having a full representation, and several were enrolled.

On motion of Eld. Joshua Perry, the constitutional provision requiring the election of officers to be by ballot, was suspended, and the officers were elected by acclamation.

Elder W. J. Hughes moved that the former officers, Elder Paul Willis, Moderator, Brother E. H. Rennolds sr., Clerk, and Bro W. R. Matthews, Treasurer, be re-elected. Carried.

Petitions from new churches for membership were called for. Bushnell church presented a letter, and was received, and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator to the messengers, Bros. A. M. Norwood and R. M. Kennedy.

A letter from Enon church asking admission into the Association was received after the adjournment of the body. The statistics only are for this reason included in the tables. Clerk.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

Elder C. H. Nash, Ocala church, Marion Association accepted.

Correspondence from our sister Associations was called for. Elder W. W. Bostick of the South Florida Association accepted.

On motion of E. H. Rennolds sr., the Moderator was allowed till the night session to report the names of committees.

The standing Sunday School Committee was called on to report. Bro. R. G. Hood made a verbal report which was discussed by Bros. R. G. Hood, L. D. Geiger, and M. H. Mabry, and was then accepted.

On motion of the clerk, the order of business was so amended as to change the 10th item of business to the 12th item.

Elder W. J. Hughes and the officers and messengers of Oxford church were appointed a committee on divine service, who reported, Elder W. W. Bostick to preach to-night.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock p. m.

## NIGHT SESSION.

Re-assembled at 7 o'clock p. m. After singing several hymns, Elder W. W. Bostick, of Kathleen Fla., led in prayer, and preached from the text, James 7th chapter and 10th verse.

Prayer by Brother John Cordero, of Ocala, Fla.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Sunday Schools—M. H. Mabry, Roan Smith, J. M. Maxwell.  
 Missions—L. D. Geiger, I. S. Jordan, G. T. L. Watson, J. P. Lewis.

Letters and Queries—W. E. Martin, B. F. Smith, S. L. Griggs, K. D. Perry.

Periodicals—A. M. Norwood, Joe Stanaland, R. H. Steele, H. R. Shaw.

Temperance—Dr. Thos. H. Hammond, W. R. Coggins, Miss A. J. Perkins, Lawrence Smith.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—E. H. Reynolds sr. W. B. Coggins, A. D. Mitchell, I. W. Perkins.

Woman's Work—W. B. Hare, J. W. Middlebrook, W. D. Caution, Mrs. A. J. Chiles, Mrs. M. J. Griggs.

Ministerial Education—W. J. Hughes, Joe Aiken, Wm. Baker, E. W. McDonald, James Hatfield.

A Ladies and Childrens' meeting was announced for 2:30 o'clock p. m. to-morrow at the M. E. church South.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Benediction by Elder W. W. Bostick.

## SATURDAY'S SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 9 o'clock a. m.

Prayer by Elder G. T. L. Watson.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The invitation to visiting brethren and corresponding messengers to accept seats with us renewed. Elder W. N. Chaudoin, of Wekiva Association, and President of the State Convention, Brother M. F. Hood, Editor of the "Florida Baptist Witness," and Bro. John Cordero of Marion Association accepted.

Brother J. M. Hedick read the

*Report of Committee on Finance.*

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

for Ministerial Education .....	\$ 1 00
" Associational Missions .....	5 81
" Home Missions .....	3 50
" Foreign Missions .....	6 35
" printing minutes .....	25 00
" Miscellaneous .....	1 40
Total .....	\$43 76
" Public collection for min .....	5 5
Aggregate .....	\$49 23

Respectfully submitted,  
 J. M. HEDICK, Chairman.

Brother W. R. Matthews Treasurer read the following report:  
W. R. Matthews in account with Alachua Association.

Dr.

To amount received from Finance Committee	\$56 55
"    "    on Pledges at Association	10 50
"    "    Sunday's collection	14 00
"    "    Clerk after adjournment	1 90
"    "    Leesburg church	27 00
"    "    Some unknown person	1 00
"    "    Pledges of W. B. Hare	5 00
"    "    Geo. Frederick	2 50
"    "    E. T. Morris	1 55
"    "    H. W. Zellner	5 00
"    "    J. S. Perry, sr.	6 00
"    "    L. D. Geiger	10 00
"    "    W. J. Hughes	10 00
"    "    J. M. Hedick	10 00
"    "    W. R. Matthews	10 00
"    "    H. W. Zellner	5 00
"    "    W. B. Hare	5 00
"    "    A. J. Edwards	2 00
"    "    Miss Addie Brown	2 00
"    "    Joseph Stanaland	2 50
"    "    P. L. Durisoe	5 00
"    "    E. H. Rennolds sr.	5 00
"    "    W. S. Grimes	5 00

Total

\$202 50

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By amount paid W. J. Hughes on last year	\$74 42
"    "    " M. F. Hood for printing minutes	21 25
"    "    " E. H. Rennolds sr., as clerk	15 00
"    "    State Board	44 75
"    "    W. J. Hughes as Missionary	27 05
	\$202 50

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. MATTHEWS,

Treas.

After a few remarks by Brothers W. N. Chaudoin and L. D. Geiger the report was adopted.

Brother M. H. Mabry read the report on  
*Sunday Schools.*

Your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report that the interests of Sunday School work demands the earnest and prayerful consideration of this Association.

The formality of passing resolutions, and adopting reports reciting the great importance of the work, and recommending action, without efficient work, will avail nothing. What is desired

is that the churches of this Association shall be put actively to work in the Sunday School cause and your committee ask for the careful consideration of this Association as to the best means of accomplishing this end.

Your committee deem it unnecessary to dwell upon the importance of this work. The impressions made upon the minds of the young will last through life, and this fact is now recognized as a potent factor in the propagation of the gospel. A consideration of the condition of the Sunday Schools in the Association as gathered from the letters, and other sources has revealed to your committee a prosperous and encouraging condition of several schools, but the fact remains, that a large portion of the territory of this Association is yet missionary ground.

Your committee recommend first; that the attention of the ministry be called specially to this work, and that the ministers who preach to the various churches of this Association be requested to emphasize this part of the work.

Second, that a standing committee of one member from each church of the Association be appointed by the Moderator, and that he designate some member as chairman, whose duty it shall be to confer with the members of the committee, and with them take such action as may be deemed for the best interests of Sunday Schools in the Association.

The committee recommend that that fuller reports in reference to Sunday School work, including statistics be made by the churches to the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. MABRY,  
ROAN SMITH,  
J. M. MAXWELL,  
P. R. McREYNOLDS,  
Committee.

The report was discussed by Bros. M. H. Mabry, L. D. Geiger, E. J. Dobbs, C. H. Nash, W. N. Chaudoin, and R. G. Hood and adopted.

E. H. Reynolds sr., read the

*Report of the Executive Committee.*

No quorum of the committee being present at the last session of your body, it was impossible to hold a meeting of the committee, as required by your constitution, but one was held afterward at Leesburg, at which it was decided to keep Bro. W. J. Hughes in the field for the whole of his time. He has occupied the same field as last year, but has added to the number of his preaching stations.

We take pleasure in saying that he has proven to be the right man in the right place, and has labored nobly, carrying the Word of Life to the destitute parts in our bounds, and we are led to hope that both time and eternity will reveal in the future the good results of his arduous labors. Through wet and cold, and storm, over all kinds of roads, mainly by private conveyance has he

traveled and preached. We herewith present his report, and ask that it be made a part of this report.

Bro Hughes has received \$216.80 for his services, leaving a balance of \$83.20 still due him.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. RENNOLDS, }  
J. M. HEDICK } For the Com.  
J. T. PERRY. }

Bro. W. J. Hughes read his reports as

*Associational Missionary*

I have preached during the year for six weak churches viz: Center Hill, and Bushnell in Sumter county, Enon in Hernando, and Cove Bend, Shady Grove, and Lecanto in Citrus county, and have preached as often as possible at 7 other stations in connection with these churches, to wit: Beville School-house, Panasofkee, Pemberton, Indian Hill, Istachatta, Floral City, and Mannfield.

I have traveled 2,200 miles, sermons preached 114, family visits 240, baptized 10, received by letter 10, restored 1. Have distributed a good many Bibles, Testaments and tracts donated by the American Baptist Publication Society, which I trust will be as seed sown in good ground. Nearly all the points occupied have Sunday Schools, but are mostly union.

I have been acting as missionary for this Association most of the time for the past twelve years, and at no time has there been a greater demand for the mission work within our bounds. There are so many points of interest, that if they have the Gospel preached to them by Baptists, it must be done by a missionary. There is no way to form any adequate idea of the work needed only as one travels over the territory, and sees for himself. Most of my travel has been by private conveyance, which means hard work.

I have received the following amounts for my services:

From Treasurer of Association.....	\$27 80
" Bushnell Church as Missionary Pastor .....	54 00
" Center Hill " " " " .....	30 00
" Cove Bend " " " " .....	50 00
" Lecanto " " " " .....	30 00
" Enon " " " " .....	25 00
Total .....	\$216 80

Have collected and turned over to Bro. Chaudoin, for State Missions, \$15.

Amount still due me for the year, \$83.20.

Pending the discussion of these two reports, a collection in cash and subscription was taken up to pay the deficit, amounting to \$65.

Adjourned till 1 o'clock p. m. to hear Bro. Chaudoin preach.

Prayer by Elder C. H. Nash.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Prayer by Elder W. N. Chaudoin.

The reports of the Executive Committee and of Bro. W. J. Hughes were adopted without further discussion.

Bro. E. H. Rennolds stated that there was a deficit of \$25 due Elder H. H. Sturgis for his services two years ago as Missionary. And on motion of Bro. L. D. Geiger, the Clerk was instructed to apportion the amount among the churches, and write them, asking them to forward the amount to the Treasurer, and on motion of Bro. W. R. Matthews, a like order was issued in reference to a like deficit due Bro. Hughes for a like amount.

Bro. L. D. Geiger read the

*Report on Missions.*

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to recommend that the Association request the various pastors within its bounds to acquaint themselves as thoroughly as possible with the mission work that our several Boards are attempting which information they may obtain from the excellent journals that are being published solely in the interest of this work, such as the "Foreign Mission Journal," "Our Home Field" and "The Baptist Basket," this last representing the Woman's Mission Work.

We recommend second, that our pastors be earnestly requested to keep the cause of missions in its several departments both Home and Foreign, prominently before the minds of their respective charges. Our success in massing the funds necessary for the prosecution of our mission work depends largely upon the leaders of the people. Our churches as a rule are willing to carry out the suggestions of their pastors, and whenever we find a pastor who is thoroughly imbued with the missionary spirit, we also find a church that is not only *in name* but missionary in *fact*. We recommend third, that the attendance of our Sunday School Superintendent be called to their responsibility in the matter of mission work. Every Sunday School should be a missionary school. Our children should be trained to give. Our schools should be actively engaged in every part or lot in the matter of helping to carry on our great missionary enterprises, and to bring about this state of things is largely the work of the superintendent, aided by the pastor. We believe that our Sunday School literature should be furnished by the church, and whatever our schools give should be given to the cause of missions.

We recommend fourthly, that in the future our Associational Mission work be done through the State Board.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. GEIGER }  
J. P. LEWIS, }  
G. T. L. WATSON, } Committee,  
I. S. JORDAN. }

The report was discussed by Bros. L. D. Geiger, W. N. Chaudoin, and C. H. Nash, and then adopted.

The committee on Divine Service reported as follows:

Elder C. H. Nash to preach at the Baptist church at 11 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Elder C. H. Nash to preach at the Baptist church at 11 o'clock a. m. to-morrow. Elder J. C. Porter at the M. E. church South. Missionary mass meeting at 2 o'clock p. m.

Adopted.

Bro. A. M. Norwood read the

*Report on Periodicals.*

As newspapers are not only the means of communicating religious information between the various sections of the country, and collecting and disseminating this news, but they are the great educators of the masses, and how precious a blessing to thousands whose education has been so limited as to prevent them from otherwise obtaining valuable knowledge. But situated as we are in Florida, cut off as we are by our geographical location from the great publishing centers of the country, it is rendered actually necessary that we should have a denominational State paper, that we may know what our people are doing, and what is needed to be done, and serve up for our use the religious news of the world. Such a medium of communication we have in the Florida Baptist Witness. Much credit is due our Bro. M. F. Hood for the high care & proficiency to which he has brought our paper, since he took charge of it, and we think that he merits the earnest support of the members of the churches in the Association. We would recommend the use of Kind Words, also the Periodical of the American Baptist Publishing Society, in our schools. We also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, published by the Home Board, Richmond, Va., at 35 cents per year, the Home Field, published by the Home Board at Atlanta, monthly for 25 cents, and the Baptist Basket published for the Ladies Missionary at Louisville, Ky., at 50 cents.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. NORWOOD,  
R. H. STEELE,  
JOHN STANALAND, } Committee.

Remarks on the report were made by Bros. M. T. Hood, M. H. Mabry, W. J. Hughes, R. G. Hood, E. J. Debbis, W. W. Bostick, W. N. Chaudoin, and W. G. Hare, and was then adopted.

Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock p. m.

Next morning.

Reassembled at 7 o'clock p. m.

Prayer by Bro. R. H. Kennedy.

Sumterville was selected as the place to hold the next session, and the time fixed on Friday before the 4th sabbath in October 1890.

Heidtville church was granted a letter of dismission to join Marion Association.

A collection of \$5.50 was taken up to supplement the Printing Fund, and on motion of Bro. W. J. Hughes this amount, and the amount of \$1.40 in the general Fund, be added to the Printing Fund, the clerk be allowed \$10 for his services, and to have so many minutes printed with the balance of the fund as possible.

Dr. Thos. H. Hammond read the

*Report on Temperance.*

We regret that Temperance people are not agreed as to the best methods of work. We regret that so much money is spent for drink, and so little for the Gospel. As intemperance is such an enemy to Christianity, we regard it as the duty of every Christian to give his or her influence against this monster evil, and to inculcate Temperance Principles in the home, in the Sunday School and in the church.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. HAMMOND,  
W. R. COGGINS,  
R. L. SMITH,  
MISS A. J. PERKINS, } Committee.

Pending a motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Bro. T. H. Hammond, W. B. Hare, L. D. Geiger, and C. H. Nash, and the report adopted.

On motion of E. H. Rennolds sr., the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we believe the offer made by Mr. W. Jennings Demorest, of New York, to give silver, gold and diamond medals to the best declaimers of Prohibition speeches, by the youth of our country, has been, and will be more so in the future, productive of lasting good, and that we recommend these contests to our people.

Address.

Bro. W. J. Hughes read the following report on

*Ministerial Education.*

This is a subject of great importance, both to the preachers, and to the people, nor can we as Baptists afford to treat this subject with indifference. The public cry is for an educated ministry, and the educational facilities for ministers in our day, are enabling every young man who contemplates entering the ministry to answer that call. Unsanctified education is said to be a power for evil, but on the contrary who can deny that an educated mind and heart, in the hands of God's Spirit is one of the greatest powers for good. Not that uneducated men have not, and can not still do good, but that an education is a great auxiliary to any man. The educated minister can better adopt his discourses to the illiterate than the uneducated can adopt his to the cultivated. In other words the one has an almost unlimited field, and the other in this age of progress, a very limited one. Then too, it lays a broad foundation upon which to build, in the study of God's Word, and bringing in other useful helps.

It is not only our duty to pray for laborers to be sent into the field, with a sense of duty resting upon them to preach the Gospel, but it is our duty to help fit these men for their work, and the more so if possible, since so many inducements are held out by our universities and seminaries.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. HUGHES,  
E. W. McDONALD,  
JOSEPH AIKEN,  
W. A. BAKER,  
J. G. HATFIELD. } Committee.

The report was discussed by Bros. W. J. Hughes and W. N. Chaudoin, and adopted.

Bro. E. H. Rennolds sr., read the report on

*Deceased Ministers and Deacons.*

Deacon John S. Perry sr., of Summerfield church, was born in Lancaster District S. C. in 1815, and at the age of twenty united with the New Hope Baptist church. Removing to Florida in 1851, he united with another New Hope church, and being elected a deacon served in that capacity till his death. New Hope church having dissolved, Bro. Perry united with the Summerfield church, and on the 25th day of June 1889, died very suddenly. Bro. Perry was for 30 years a prominent citizen of Sumter county, and his life was a living epistle read of by all men.

The Lord having blessed him temporally, he did not forget to return good interest by contributing liberally to the support of the Gospel at home, and of its spread elsewhere.

Deacon James J. Phillips, of Lady Lake church, was born in DeKalb county Ga., February 23rd, 1853, and united at the early age of 15 with the Lithonia Baptist church, and was soon elected Deacon and afterwards Church Clerk. In 1884 he removed with his family to Florida and united with the Lady Lake church, in which he served in the offices of deacon and clerk. He died July 11th, 1889. A more earnest, faithful, devoted useful worker than Bro. Phillips is seldom found. What more need be said.

Besides these, the Association has lost the following members: Mrs. Pamela Armstrong of Whitney church. She was the widow of a Baptist minister who was for several years pastor at Columbus, Miss. She was one of the noblest women of the land, ready in every good word and work. Elder R. R. Hare of Pleasant Plains church died in December 1888. No further information could be obtained of him. Mrs. Rebecca Fort, of Harmony; Bro. W. B. Jester and Mrs. Martha Braswell, Heidtville, Bro. S. A. Long and Mrs. Mary Holly, of Oclawaha Bridge, J. H. Parramore, Matilda Marlow, and Mrs. Parks, of Pleasant Plains, Mrs. Mary Shaw, of Sardis; Mrs. Cornelia Helvenston, of Sumterville, and Mrs. Margaret McReynolds, of Wildwood.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. REYNOLDS SR.,  
W. B. COGGINS,  
A. D. MITCHELL,  
J. W. PERKINS. } Committee.

Bro. W. B. Hare read the report on

*Woman's Work.*

Your committee deems it necessary to argue the importance of this work before the Association. That all Christians without re-

gard to sex or age, should engage in the good work of giving the Gospel to the world, is admitted by this body. But the special workers indicated by the appointment of this special committee are the ladies of our churches. We regret that we are unable to report the numbers of Ladies' Societies organized and at work in the churches of the Association. From our personal knowledge we find societies in the Leesburg, Oxford, Wildwood, Whitney, Sumterville, Brooksville, Lady Lake, Oclawaha Bridge, and Harmony churches. And one pastor reports that a large part of the contributions mentioned in the letters come from the money gathered by these ladies. And in all our churches, we are glad to believe there is an increase of interest in this work.

We suggest that all the pastors make special efforts to enlist the active, organized sympathy of all our sisters in their efforts to increase the liberality and efficiency of the churches of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. HARE,  
J. W. MIDDLEBROOK,  
W. B. CAUTHEN,  
MRS. A. J. CHILDS,  
MRS. M. J. GRIGGS. } Committee

The Moderator announced the following as the Executive Committee: Elder L. D. Geiger, Leesburg, chairman; E. H. Rennolds sr., Orange Home, J. C. Langley, Sumterville; J. M. Hedrick, Add. P. O. and J. T. Perry, Oxford.

Also the Standing Sunday School Committee as follows:

M. H. Mabry, Chairman, Leesburg; G. W. Higgins, Brooksville, W. J. Huges, Center Hill; A. M. Cason, Cool Spring; H. W. Zellner, Cove Bend; J. M. Hedrick, Eden, W. E. Martin, Harmony; J. R. P. Wall, Hopewell; C. P. Vaughan, Lady Lake; S. L. Griggs, Lake Kerr; J. M. Maxwell, Lake Weir; J. P. Lewis, Lecanto; P. L. Durisoe, Oclawaha Bridge; O. S. Bogue, Oxford; I. W. Perkins, Pleasant Plains; K. B. Perry, Sardis; A. B. Mitchell, Summerfield; A. H. Helvenston, Sumterville; G. T. L. Watson, Union Level; E. H. Rennolds sr., Whitney; G. W. Huntsman, Wildwood; A. M. Norwood, Bushnell.

Bro. Geiger offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and are hereby tendered to the people of Oxford, and vicinity, for the open-hearted hospitality, which we have received at their hands, also to our Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship, and also to the F. C. & P. and Florida Southern Railroads for reduced rates to messengers and visitors.

Adopted enthusiastically.

Elder L. D. Geiger was, on motion of the clerk elected as messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention to meet in Fort Worth, Texas, May 9, 1890.

The following named brethren were appointed as messengers to the Baptist State Convention to meet at Monticello, Fla., January 23, 1890:

M. H. Mabry, Paul Willis, E. H. Rennolds sr., S. M. Provence, W. R. Matthews, J. M. Hedrick, O. S. Bogue, J. C. Langley, L. D. Geiger, W. J. Hughes.

Ordered that the public collection to-morrow at the close of the services, be equally divided between the State Board, and the present year's Associational Missions.

Bro. W. B. Hare moved that the churches be requested to



make special prayer for the success of the cause at Sumterville during the coming year.

Elder S. M. Provence was selected to preach the next introductory sermon, with Elder W. J. Hughes as alternate.

On motion of Bro. W. J. Hughes the minutes were adopted without reading.

On motion of Bro. W. B. Hare a parting hymn was sung and the parting hand given, and the Association adjourned to meet with the Sumterville church, at 11 o'clock a. m., on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October 1890.

Signed PAUL WILLIS,  
E. H. RENNOLDS, SR., Moderator,  
Clerk.

#### SABBATH.

The Sunday School exercises at 9 o'clock a. m. were conducted by the model Superintendent, Bro. O. S. Bogue, and the excellent singing by Bro. T. N. Steele.

At 11 o'clock a. m. Elder C. H. Nash preached at the Baptist church to a crowded house. Text, John 17th chapter and 21st verse. After which a public collection amounting to \$14.25 was taken up for missions.

Elder J. C. Porter preached at the same hour at the M. E. church South. A missionary collection amounting to \$8 was taken up.

At 2 o'clock p. m. a missionary mass meeting was held at the Baptist Church, which Elder J. C. Porter addressed in a stirring appeal resulting in a collection in cash and pledges amounting to \$100 to assist the church at Regla, Cuba, to purchase ground for a Baptist cemetery.

## 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. xiv, 22, 33; v. 4, 6, 9. 1st Kings viii, 60. Joel ii, 27. Mark xxviii, 19. 2d Cor. xiii, 14. Is. xlvi, 16. John xiv, 16. Mark iii, 16, 17. John x, 20-30. Acts v, 3, 4.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2d Tim. iii, 10. Acts i, 16. 1st Peter iv, 11. 1st Thess. ii, 13. Luke xi, 21. James i, 22. 1st Sam. 15. Deut. iv, 2, 22, 32. Prov. xxx, 8. Matt. xv, 9. Rev. xxii, 19. John xiv, 15.

3. We believe in eternal and particular election. Deut. vii, 6. Acts xxii, 14; xiii, 46; xv, 18. Matt. xxix, 31. John x, 16; vi, 37; x, 27-29. Rom. viii, 29, 30; ix, 15. Eph. i, 4, 5, 11. 2d Thess. xiii, 14. 2d Tim. i, 9. Titus i, 1, 2. 1st Peter i, 12; ii, 9.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen. v, 3. Psalms ii, 5. John iii, 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. xiii, 23; xvii, 9. Rom. i, 28-31; viii, 7, 8. Psalms liii, 1. John vii, 7; iii, 3; vi, 4. Eph. iv, 18, 19. Gal. iii, 10, 11. Heb. x, 4.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ. Rom. viii, 1-25; x, 4; iii, 25, 26. Is. i, 11. Acts xiii, 38, 39. 1st Cor. i, 30. Gal. iii, 21-24; ii, 16. Phil. iii, 8-10.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, renewed, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Rom. viii, 29, 30; xi, 7. Acts xiii, 48. John x, 16-30-32. Eph. ii, 5-10. 2d Tim. i, 9. 2d Thess. ii, 13, 14.

8. We believe that the saints shall preserve in grace, and never finally fall away. John xvii, 9-23; x, 27-29. Rom. viii, 31-39. 1st Peter, i, 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. ii, 19. Mark xvi, 16; i, 5-9. 1st Cor. x, 16; xvi, 29. Acts ii, 38; viii, 36-39; x, 47; xvi, 2-4. Rom. vi, 3; v, 16. Col. ii, 12.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment. 1st Cor. xv, 3-12, 20-25; iv, 5; Matt xxv, 46. Heb. ix, 28.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal. Matt. xxv, 46; Dan. xii, 6. Mark ix, 46. John v, 38, 39. 2d Thess. i, 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. xxviii, 16-20. Acts xiii, 2-5. 1st Tim. iv, 14; v, 22. 2d Tim. ii, 2. 2d John i, 9-11.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

CHURCHES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	REMARKS.											
	Total Amount of Money Contributed.	Contributions for Missions.	No. of Adults in Zion.	Pupils Over 15 Years Old.	No. of Primary Pupils.	No. of Young People in Zion.	Pupils in Sabbath School.	Pupils in Sabbath School Last Year.	Average Attendance.	Total Number Present.	No. of Teachers and Helpers.	No. of Scholars.
Brooksville.....	\$ 45.00	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Bushnell.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Center Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coole Sp.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cove Mt.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Edin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ham.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Heber.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lady.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lake W.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Larkin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leesburg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oxford.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plane Level.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sardis.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shady.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sumner.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Summit Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Level.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Whitney.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Whitwood.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEAR 1939.

District.	Number.	COUNTY.	Inter. Decr.					Pastors.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	No. of Meetings.	No. of Sitzings.	Value of Meeting Houses.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Total Value of Church Property.
			No. Rec. or Dis.	By Baptism.	By Association.	By Transfer.	By Expulsion.								
1st Dist.	11	Harrison	37	1	3	1	29	H. C. Martin	W. E. Martin, Moss Bluff	1	2	300	1	350	350
2nd Dist.	12	Lake Fork	32	2	4	1	29	A. P. Good	W. T. Williamson, Keokuk	1	2	500	1	500	500
3rd Dist.	13	Lake Lake	22	2	1	1	20	A. T. George, Lake Lake	A. T. George, Lake Lake	1	2	500	1	500	500
4th Dist.	14	Lake Weir	68	1	1	1	67	M. J. Smith, Lake Weir	M. J. Smith, Lake Weir	1	2	100	1	100	100
5th Dist.	15	Ocklawaha	33	1	1	1	32	M. J. Smith, Ocklawaha	M. J. Smith, Ocklawaha	1	2	100	1	100	100
6th Dist.	16	Hobbsville	38	4	4	1	33	A. T. George, Hobbsville	A. T. George, Hobbsville	1	2	100	1	100	100
7th Dist.	17	Hobbsville	20	1	1	1	19	A. T. George, Hobbsville	A. T. George, Hobbsville	1	2	100	1	100	100
8th Dist.	18	Orange Level	20	1	1	1	19	A. T. George, Orange Level	A. T. George, Orange Level	1	2	100	1	100	100
9th Dist.	19	Summit Hill	23	1	1	1	22	A. T. George, Summit Hill	A. T. George, Summit Hill	1	2	100	1	100	100
10th Dist.	20	Summit Hill	23	1	1	1	22	A. T. George, Summit Hill	A. T. George, Summit Hill	1	2	100	1	100	100
11th Dist.	21	Summit Hill	23	1	1	1	22	A. T. George, Summit Hill	A. T. George, Summit Hill	1	2	100	1	100	100
12th Dist.	22	Summit Hill	23	1	1	1	22	A. T. George, Summit Hill	A. T. George, Summit Hill	1	2	100	1	100	100
13th Dist.	23	Summit Hill	23	1	1	1	22	A. T. George, Summit Hill	A. T. George, Summit Hill	1	2	100	1	100	100
14th Dist.	24	Summit Hill	23	1	1	1	22	A. T. George, Summit Hill	A. T. George, Summit Hill	1	2	100	1	100	100
15th Dist.	25	Summit Hill	23	1	1	1	22	A. T. George, Summit Hill	A. T. George, Summit Hill	1	2	100	1	100	100
16th Dist.	26	Summit Hill	23	1	1	1	22	A. T. George, Summit Hill	A. T. George, Summit Hill	1	2	100	1	100	100
17th Dist.	27	Summit Hill	23	1	1	1	22	A. T. George, Summit Hill	A. T. George, Summit Hill	1	2	100	1	100	100
18th Dist.	28	Summit Hill	23	1	1	1	22	A. T. George, Summit Hill	A. T. George, Summit Hill	1	2	100	1	100	100
19th Dist.	29	Summit Hill	23	1	1	1	22	A. T. George, Summit Hill	A. T. George, Summit Hill	1	2	100	1	100	100
20th Dist.	30	Summit Hill	23	1	1	1	22	A. T. George, Summit Hill	A. T. George, Summit Hill	1	2	100	1	100	100
21st Dist.	31	Summit Hill	23	1	1	1	22	A. T. George, Summit Hill	A. T. George, Summit Hill	1	2	100	1	100	100
22nd Dist.	32	Summit Hill	23	1	1	1	22	A. T. George, Summit Hill	A. T. George, Summit Hill	1	2	100	1	100	100
23rd Dist.	33	Summit Hill	23	1	1	1	22	A. T. George, Summit Hill	A. T. George, Summit Hill	1	2	100	1	100	100
24th Dist.	34	Summit Hill	23	1	1	1	22	A. T. George, Summit Hill	A. T. George, Summit Hill	1	2	100	1	100	100
25th Dist.	35	Summit Hill	23	1	1	1	22	A. T. George, Summit Hill	A. T. George, Summit Hill	1	2	100	1	100	100

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR---OCTOBER, 1888, TO OCTOBER, 1889.

	CHURCHES.										Totals.
	Printing Fund.	Publication Society.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Sectional Missions.	Tru. B. Keeton College.	Ministerial Education.	Home Sunday School Expenses.	Home Church Expenses.	
Brooksville.....	1.00	2.85	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	13.75	1.00	4.00	54.00	80.75
Bushnell.....	75	85	1.00	1.00	4.85	5.00	10.00	1.00	150.00	54.00	60.75
Center Hill.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Coo Spring.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Cove Bend.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Eden.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Harrison.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Heldville.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Hopewell.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Lady Lake.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Lake Kerr.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Lake Weir.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Leesburg.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Leesburg.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Ooklawaha Bridge.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Oxford.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Pleasant Plains.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Shards.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Shards Grove.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Summerfield.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Summerville.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Union Level.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Wardlaw.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Widowood.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Totals.....	1.00	2.85	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	13.75	1.00	4.00	376.00	469.10

Brooksville.....	1.00	2.85	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	13.75	1.00	4.00	54.00	80.75
Bushnell.....	75	85	1.00	1.00	4.85	5.00	10.00	1.00	150.00	54.00	60.75
Center Hill.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Coo Spring.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Cove Bend.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Eden.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Harrison.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Heldville.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Hopewell.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Lady Lake.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Lake Kerr.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Lake Weir.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Leesburg.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
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Ooklawaha Bridge.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Oxford.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Pleasant Plains.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Shards.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Shards Grove.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Summerfield.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Summerville.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Union Level.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Wardlaw.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Widowood.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	10.00	1.00	17.00	40.00	59.25
Totals.....	1.00	2.85	1.00	1.00	3.15	5.00	13.75	1.00	4.00	376.00	469.10

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