

MINUTES

— OF THE —

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

— OF THE —

ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

— HELD WITH THE —

SUMTERVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH,

SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA,

OCTOBER 24th, 25th and 26th, 1890.

ELD. L. D. GEIGER, MODERATOR, Leesburg, Fla.

BRO. E. H. RENNOLDS, SR., CLERK, Orange Home, Fla.

BRO. W. R. MATHEWS, TREASURER, Leesburg, Fla.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.:

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1890.

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 correspondence.
7. Appointment of special committees.
8. Reports of standing committees.
9. Treasurer's report.
10. Appointment of standing committees.
11. Reports of special committees.
12. Fix time and place of next meeting.
13. Miscellaneous business.
14. Read and correct minutes.
15. Adjournment.

MINUTES.

SUMTERVILLE, Fla., October 24, 1890.

The Forty-fourth Annual Session of the Alachua Baptist Association assembled in the meeting house of the Baptist church in Sumterville, Fla., at 11 o'clock A. M., October 24, 1890.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. A. Doll, of Anthony, Fla.; text, Epistle of James, 1st chap., 27th verse), "Pure religion, and undefiled before God and the Father, is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Adjourned one hour for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 2 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Bro. F. M. Chiles.

The Association was called to order by the former Clerk, F. H. Rennolds, Sr.

On motion of Eld. W. J. Hughes, Eld. L. D. Geiger was elected Moderator *pro tem*.

The letters from the various churches were then read by Eld. H. H. Sturgis and Bro. T. W. Spicer, and the messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Brooksville—Eld. H. H. Sturgis, G. W. Higgins, W. S. Jennings.

Bushnell—W. H. Snow, R. M. Kennedy.

Center Hill—Eld. W. J. Hughes, Mrs. Edith Hughes.

Cool Spring—I. G. W. Kraker, W. K. Thompson.

Cove Bend—H. W. Zellner.

Eden—Dr. J. R. Snow, C. A. Mason.

Enon—Ben. Smith, T. K. Quinn.

Harmony—J. J. Brown.

Hopewell—J. J. Medkeif, Mrs. S. M. Wall.

Lady Lake—C. P. Vaughn, F. S. Whiting.

Lake Kerr—S. L. Griggs, H. L. Griggs.

Lake Weir—Eld. J. C. Porter, A. B. Stark.

Lecanto—J. P. Lewis, J. Y. Barns.

Leesburg—Eld. L. D. Geiger, T. W. Spicer, W. R. Mathews, F. M. Chiles.

Ocklawaha Bridge—(Letter only).

Oxford—Dr. T. H. Hammond, O. S. Bogue, S. W. Sparkman, H. B. Brinson.

Pleasant Plains—I. W. Perkins.
Sardis—Elders Joshua Perry and W. R. Coggins, Bro. W. Nicholls.

Shady Grove—(Not represented).
Summerfield—(Not represented).
Sumterville—Eld. W. B. Hare, Bros. J. C. Langley, A. H. Helvenston.

Union Level—(Not represented).
Wildwood—A. C. Atkins, Wm. Paul.

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

The permanent organization was then completed by the election of Eld. L. D. Geiger Moderator, and the re-election of Bro. E. H. Rennolds, Sr., Clerk.

On motion of Bro. E. H. Rennolds, Sr., the order of business was suspended, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That Art. X of the constitution be amended so as to read as follows: Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and as many additional ones as she may send, not to exceed one for each ten members.

Eld. H. H. Sturgis moved that each Ladies' Missionary Society be allowed to send one messenger. The motion was lost.

A letter petitioning membership was received from Enon church, which was read, and on motion of Bro. T. W. Spicer, the church was received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the messengers, Bros. Ben Smith and T. K. Quinn, by the Moderator.

On motion, Elders W. B. Hare and W. J. Hughes, with the deacons of Sumterville church, were appointed a committee on Divine Service.

Visiting brethren were then invited to seats with us; Elder J. A. Doll, of Virginia, Eld. D. T. McLeod and Bro. J. R. Summer, of Pasco Association, accepted.

The Committee on Divine Service reported Eld. L. D. Geiger to preach to-night.

On motion of Eld. W. B. Hare, adjourned till after preaching to-night.

Prayer by Bro. J. C. Langley.

NIGHT SESSION.

Eld. L. D. Geiger preached at 7:30 P. M.; text, 2nd Cor. 8th chap. and 9th verse.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Finance—F. M. Chiles, J. J. Brown, Roan Smith.

Missions—W. J. Hughes, T. H. Hammond, R. M. Kennedy, C. A. Mason.

Letters and Queries—T. W. Spicer, H. W. Zellner, I. W. Perkins, W. H. Snow.

Periodicals—J. A. Doll, J. P. Lewis, W. Nicholls, Wm. Paul.

Temperance—A. C. Atkins, D. T. McLeod, I. G. W. Kraker.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. Perry, W. J. Hughes, S. W. Sparkman.

Woman's Work—H. H. Sturgis, A. H. Helvenston, A. B. Stark, J. J. Medkeif.

Ministerial Education—J. C. Langley, J. C. Porter, J. R. Snow.

Sunday Schools—O. S. Bogue, Paul Willis, W. R. Coggins, J. J. Brown.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

Reassembled at 9 o'clock A. M.

Engaged in Devotional Exercises led by Brother I. G. W. Kraker.

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

Elder B. I. Hull accepted a seat as corresponding messenger from Marion Association.

Elder L. D. Geiger, as chairman of the Executive Committee, reported verbally that the only business transacted by the committee was the recommendation of Elder W. J. Hughes to the State Board of Missions for appointment as Missionary in our bounds. Remarks were made by Brothers J. C. Porter, L. D. Geiger (E. H. Rennolds, Sr., in the chair) and W. B. Hare. The further discussion of the Executive Committee's report was postponed till the report on Missions is read.

Brother J. C. Langley read the report on

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee would beg to report that in their humble judgment the importance of ministerial education cannot be easily over-estimated. Surely there never has been a time when the education of ministers of the Gospel was not desirable, and if it has heretofore been important, it is from every view of the matter more important at present, and its importance increases as time passes, and the mass of the people under our liberal system of public schools and free education become themselves more intelligent and consequently demand in ministers of the

Gospel that they shall keep pace with the onward movement in this direction.

The education of ministers of the Gospel of the blessed Son of God would seem to be peculiarly important in this age of skepticism and so-called science, in order that the cause of the Redeemer may not be left without advocates who are fitted to defend its grand and glorious truths in the midst of the unholy warfare that is being waged by these influences. It would seem that in order to anything like the full enjoyment of the grand truths and glorious doctrines of the Gospel plan of salvation an educated people, but especially an educated ministry, is highly essential. We would not be understood as saying no good or but little good is accomplished by comparatively uneducated ministers; no, indeed; on the contrary, we know that God, in His infinite wisdom, has called and will doubtless continue, in His good pleasure, to call to His ministry men of limited education, and we are prepared to admit that grand results follow their ministry. Yet we believe that if a man can be a useful minister of Christ as an uneducated man, he can and will be a more useful one with the unquestionable advantages of an education.

Education, in the ministry, accompanied with the spirit of Christian love and charity—the spirit of Christ—can but result in the increased promotion of the Master's cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LANGLEY,
J. C. PORTER,
J. P. SNOW,

Committee.

Pending a motion to adopt the report, remarks were made by Brothers J. C. Porter and J. C. Langley, after which the report was adopted.

Brother A. C. Atkins read the report on

TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, We recognize in intemperance one of our deadliest foes, and

WHEREAS, The habit of drink is largely predominant among our church members and friends, therefore be it

Resolved, That each and every member of the churches of this Association should feel it, his duty to lend a helping hand in throwing obstructions in the way of this vile habit.

Resolved, That we use our best endeavors to place suitable literature in the hands of our people, and embrace every opportunity to further the cause of temperance.

Resolved, That we cannot too severely criticise and condemn the actions of our brethren who are lukewarm in the work and faith of the temperance cause.

We respectfully urge that a standing committee of five, be appointed whose duty it shall be to scatter temperance literature, and aid in the enactment and enforcement of suitable temperance legislation, and encourage temperance in our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. ATKINS,
D. T. MCLEOD,
I. G. W. KRAKER,
Committee.

The report was discussed by Brothers A. C. Atkins, A. B. Stark, A. H. Helvenston, W. B. Hare, J. C. Porter and E. H. Rennolds, Sr. During the discussion, the report was amended, on motion of Elder W. B. Hare, and then adopted.

Brother H. H. Sturgis read the report on

WOMAN'S WORK.

As the head of the woman is man, it may with equal truth be said that the heart of every man is woman. The head needs the heart. The heart needs the head. There should be, therefore, a unity in all Christian work. There are fields of labor in which woman's work is more effective than man's, and our sisters, who work the work of the Lord, should be always encouraged, and they should be allowed to use the funds they may collect in any way they may desire.

The work of our women is being felt, not only in this State, but in all our States; a large proportion of the funds sent up to our Boards is sent up by our Woman's Missionary societies.

There should be one of these societies in every church, and they should be unfettered by the churches, and if they break an alabaster box of precious ointment on the Master's feet, let none say, "why this waste?" but let them expend their beneficence in their own way.

H. H. STURGIS,
A. H. HELVENSTON,
A. B. STARK,
J. J. MEDKIEF,
Committee.

The report was discussed by Brethren H. H. Sturgis, J. C. Porter and W. S. Jennnigs, and adopted.

Brother J. A. Doll read the report on

PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals respectfully beg leave to report that, in view of the great benefits derived by the families as well as individuals from religious reading and general information, they take great pleasure in recommending to all the members of the churches of this Association the importance of

subscribing to, and praying for, our interesting and valuable religious journal, *The Florida Baptist Witness*, published at Ocala, Fla., also the *Foreign Mission Journal*. It is highly important that our people should be informed as to the progress of religious principles, not only in our own State and the country in general, but also in foreign countries, and this important information can only be acquired by reading our religious periodicals. There are other interesting and invaluable newspapers of other States, such as the *Baptist Courier* of South Carolina, the *Biblical Recorder* of North Carolina, the *Christian Index* of Georgia, the *Religious Herald* of Virginia, the *Baltimore Baptist*, the *Baptist Basket* of Louisville, Ky., and other Baptist papers, all of which are worthy of our patronage, where we can afford to take more than one religious paper. But the most important one to us, as Florida Baptists, is the *Florida Baptist Witness*. So far as the Sunday-school literature, or periodicals are concerned, your committee deem it unwise and injudicious at present to recommend either the "Kind Words" series and publications of the Home Mission Board, or those of the American Baptist Publication Society, either one, to the exclusion of the other, leaving the choice of the one or the other to the discretion of the churches of this Association, without attempting to influence them by the action of your committee. They are all good publications.

J. A. DOLL,
J. P. LEWIS,
WALTER NICHOLS,
Committee.

Pending a motion to adopt the report, was spoken to by Brethren J. A. Doll and J. C. Porter, and adopted.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons asked that they be excused, and that Brother E. H. Rennolds, Sr., be instructed to prepare the report and insert it in the minutes.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

After which Brother J. C. Porter preached; text: Acts, 8th chapter and 35th verse.

At its close a collection was taken up for Associational Missions, amounting to \$25.50.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 2 o'clock P. M.
Prayer by Elder D. T. McLeod.
Brother W. R. Mathews read the

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. R. MATHEWS, TREASURER,
IN ACCOUNT WITH ALACHUA ASSOCIATION.

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To amount received from Finance Committee	\$42 16
" " collection printing minutes	5 50
" " Sunday's collection	22 36
" " of E. M. Henderson	5 00
" " " Thomas Harver	1 00
" " " F. S. Holly	50
" " " J. H. Latimer and wife	1 00
" " " L. D. Geiger	5 00
" " " W. B. Hare	6 17
" " " F. L. Garrett	1 00
" " received from the following churches to pay balance due Brethren Hughes and Sturgis, to-wit:	
Sumterville Church	1 40
Ocklawaha Bridge Church	4 05
Pleasant Plains "	1 15
Lake Weir "	2 00
Hopewell "	50
Wildwood "	2 15
Oxford "	4 80
Union Level "	65
Cove Bend "	65
Center Hill "	1 20
Leesburg "	5 60
Bushnell "	1 10

Total amount received \$114 94

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By amount paid State Board of Missions	\$22 38
" " " E. H. Rennolds, Sr., as Clerk	10 00
" " " for minutes	22 50
" " " Elder W. J. Hughes as Missionary	47 44
" " " Elder H. H. Sturgis as Missionary	12 17

Total amount paid out \$114 49

Balance due me 45

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. MATHEWS, Treasurer.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Elder W. J. Hughes, the Clerk was instructed to insert the Constitution and By Laws in the minutes.

Elder W. J. Hughes read the following as his

MISSIONARY REPORT.

I herewith submit my report of missionary work done for the year commencing November 1st, 1889, and ending October 24th, 1890.

Churches supplied 5, other stations 4, sermons preached 102, miles traveled 2,300, family visits 160, baptisms 12, received by letter 11, restored 1. Received for missions for State Board—Cove Bend Church, \$10.12; Eron, \$4.83; Lecanto, \$8.26; Bushnell, \$2.19—total, \$27.02. Received on Associational Missions from J. M. Hedick, W. B. Hare, Dr. Smith, A. M. Norwood and Mrs. John Davis, \$17.67. Received from Treasurer on last year's salary, \$34.32. Received from Treasurer on salary balance three years ago, \$12.71. Received from State Board since January 1st, 1890, \$140.15. Received from Cove Bend as missionary pastor, \$40; Bushnell, \$34; Lecanto, \$30. Total amounts received from all sources, \$333.73.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. HUGHES, Missionary.

The report was discussed by Brothers J. C. Porter, W. J. Hughes and E. H. Rennolds, Sr.

Brother J. C. Porter moved that the Executive Committee be instructed to use one half of the mission collections made in the Association for Associational missions if the demands of the work require it, and to turn over the balance not used to the State Board. The motion prevailed and the Missionary's report was also adopted.

Brother W. J. Hughes read the

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Of all subjects which claim the attention of God's people the subject of missions is one of most vital importance. The great heart of love is ever supplying the warm flow of blood to quicken dead nature, but the veins are inactive and hence no response from man's heart. How shall we change this order of things and bring man back to his God is a problem which finds solution in missions. This certainly is God's own chosen way of evangelizing the world. Through this medium we are to carry out the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." These facts are admitted by the mass of those claiming to be Christians, but how to awaken a deeper interest in and make missions more efficient is the question.

Underlying this question is the subject of giving. Let God's people, let our Baptist brethren and sisters wake up to a realization of the fact that it is their duty to give as God has prospered them. Give systematically to missions and this problem will be solved, as God has already supplied the men to carry the everlasting Gospel as fast as the money can be furnished. Therefore we would beg the brethren and sisters of our Association each one to feel that it is their duty to give to missions. Give liberally as to ability, and give systematically.

Our own home field demands a renewed effort on our part in the mission work. In 1877 I traveled as missionary for the Alachua Association, then embracing the territory of the Marion Association. Yet with only about half of the same territory there is more mission work needed in our bounds to day than in 1877. The same is true over the State at large. The State Board is doing all possible on their part to supply this destitution, but let it be clearly understood that the board can only do as the means are furnished; and the same is true of our Home and Foreign Boards. In view of our own Associational destitution we would recommend a continued effort to supply the destitution by a missionary, and that more liberal contributions be made at least quarterly to our State and Associational Boards to enable them to do this work. Let every church take quarterly collections and every member feel it his or her duty to help in this matter. Yes, we would emphasize, let every member give. "The liberal soul shall be made fat."

W. J. HUGHES,
Dr. T. H. HAMMOND,
R. M. KENNEDY,
C. A. MASON,

Committee.

After some remarks by Elder J. C. Porter, the report was adopted.

Brother F. M. Chiles read the

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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

Associational Unions	\$ 8.15
Home Missions	8.10
Printing Minutes	38.69
Total	\$ 54.94

F. M. CHILES,
J. J. BROWN,
ROAN SMITH, Committee.

The report was adopted without discussion.

Brother T. W. Spicer read the report on

LETTERS AND QUERIES.

We find, on examination of the church letters, out of twenty-five churches only twenty are represented by letter; that the Enon church, near Brooksville, was admitted into the Association. We find that Sardis church asks for the Association to meet with them next year. We notice that many of the letters are not written on the regular blanks for that purpose, and we earnestly request that the Clerk of this Association forward blank church letters to every church in the Association. We recommend that each church pay special attention to the writing of church letters, and see that they are filled out properly, and that a contribution be sent with each letter for printing minutes, and other purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. SPICER,
H. W. ZELLNER,
T. W. PERKINS,
H. W. SNOW,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Brother F. M. Chiles, the Treasurer was instructed to pay over to Brother W. J. Hughes the amount of \$8.00 sent up by the churches for Associational Missions to assist in paying the deficit in his salary as missionary.

Brother O. S. Bogue read the report on

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to call attention to the report adopted at the last Association, and recommend that this plan of work be carried out, as it seems feasible and practicable, and presents the best methods of reaching the destitute portions of the Association. We believe it to be the duty of every church to support a Sunday-school, and urge upon the pastors of the different churches where there are no Sunday-schools to organize and sustain a Sunday-school.

Respectfully submitted,

O. S. BOGUE,
W. R. COGGINS,
J. J. BROWN,
Committee.

The report was discussed by Brothers O. S. Bogue, H. H. Sturgis, W. B. Hare and J. A. Doll, and adopted.

The committee on Divine Service reported Elder B. I. Hull to preach to-night; Sunday-school mass meeting at 10 o'clock, A.M., to-morrow, conducted by Brother O. S. Bogue; Elder

J. A. Doll to preach at 11 o'clock A. M., and Elder H. H. Sturgis at 2 o'clock P. M.

Brother W. J. Hughes moved that the next session be held with the church at Sardis, Sumter county (near Oxford, on the F. C. & P. R. R.), commencing on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1891, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Brother T. W. Spicer moved to amend by striking out Friday before the 4th Sabbath and inserting Tuesday after the 3d Sabbath.

The amendment was discussed pro and con by Brothers W. J. Hughes, A. H. Helvenston, L. D. Geiger (E. H. Rennolds, Sr. in the chair), W. B. Hare and T. W. Spicer.

Brother E. H. Rennolds, Sr., moved that the amendment be laid on the table. The motion prevailed.

Brother Hughes' motion was then adopted.

Brother W. J. Hughes moved that the minutes be distributed in proportion to the amount of money sent for the printing fund.

On motion, any of our members who may be present at the next session of the State Convention, at Pensacola, next January, be authorized to act as delegates.

Elder L. D. Geiger was elected delegate to the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention, to be held at Birmingham, Ala., next May, and that he be allowed to select his own alternate.

Brother W. J. Hughes moved that the Clerk be instructed to have the minutes printed and distributed, and that he draw on the Treasurer for the necessary funds, and that he be allowed \$15 for his services!

Brother A. C. Atkins moved that the Clerk be instructed to insert in the minutes the cost per minute, and each church be requested to send money next year in proportion to the number of minutes they want.*

The Moderator appointed Elder W. B. Hare, Brothers W. S. Jennings and Joe Stanaland, Mrs. A. E. Fuller and Miss Tafulah R. Atkins the Standing Committee on Temperance.

The Standing Sunday school Committee of last year was re-appointed, except that Brother Ernest Yager of Leesburg, was appointed in place of Brother M. H. Mabry, removed, and Brother O. S. Bogue was made Chairman.

The following Executive Committee was appointed: T. W. Spicer, Chairman; J. C. Langley, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., J. M. Hedick and J. T. Perry.

Brother W. B. Hare moved that the collection to-morrow be divided by paying three-fourths to the State Board and one-fourth to the Executive Committee.

Adjourned till after preaching to-night.

*NOTE.—The preparation of manuscript and printing minutes cost about 8 cents per minute.—CLERK.

NIGHT SESSION.

Elder B. I. Hall, of Grahamville, preached: text: Romans, 10th chapter; and 8th, 9th and 10th verses.

After which the Association convened.

Elder H. H. Sturgis was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at next session, with Elder L. D. Geiger alternate.

Brother E. H. Rennolds, Sr., moved that any member of this Association being present at the meeting of any of our sister Associations be authorized to act as correspondent.

A vote of thanks to the Sumterville church and vicinity, for their hospitable entertainment of this body, and to the F. C. & P. R. R. for reduced rates, was adopted.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We are thankful to be able to report that the churches have during the past year lost none of their deacons. But we are made sad at the loss of one of our best ministers.

Eld. A. E. Cloud was born near McDonough, Henry county, Ga., May 8th, 1828. He professed religion, joined the church, and was baptized in 1848. He was educated at Mercer University, graduating in 1852, and was licensed to preach the same year. Married Miss Lizzie Calloway in 1853. Was ordained fully to the Gospel ministry at McDonough, Ga., in January 1854. Elders L. T. Doyal, J. S. Calloway and D. L. Duffey constituting the Presbytery.

The greater part of his ministerial life was spent at Jonesboro, Gt., where he was pastor for thirty years. His health failing with lung trouble, he came to Florida in 1881, settling at Lady Lake, where he peacefully and quietly, but victoriously, fell asleep in death, March 28th, 1890.

While in this State he served as pastor at Leesburg, Lady Lake, Pine Level and Whitney. Bro. Cloud was one of the truest men that ever graced the pulpit. His purity of life was his crowning virtue. As a preacher he was calm and deliberate, argumentative and sound. He was free from all tendency to novelty, either in subject or delivery, yet in no way dogmatical. He accepted the doctrines of the Baptists because he had investigated them, and found them to correspond to those laid down in the New Testament. As a pastor he was watchful over his flock, and ever a safe adviser.

When the Christians and moral citizens of Georgia were engaged in their first efforts to drive the whiskey traffic out of the State, he was selected to carry the standard of moral reform in his county, and triumphantly elected to the Legislature, where he served a term or two with distinction. He was one of the originators of the college at Jonesboro, Ga., and for years President

of its Board of Trustees. He was liberal with his money, and gave freely for every good cause.

The church letters report also the deaths, during the year, of Bros. David Mathews, of Whitney, and J. W. Hansbrough, of Leesburg, and of Sisters Corinne Jennings and Eliza Hale, of Brooksville; Mahala Kraker, of Cool Spring; Mary A. Stark, of Lake Weir, and Jane Cain, of Wildwood.

E. H. RENNOLDS, SR., for the committee.

The Association then adjourned to meet with the Sardis church, six miles northwest of Oxford, Sumter county, Fla., at 11 o'clock A. M., on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1891.

E. H. RENNOLDS, SR., Clerk.

L. D. GEIGER,
Moderator.

SABBATH.

A Sunday school mass meeting was held at 10 o'clock A. M., conducted by Bro. O. S. Bogue, and speeches were made by Bros. A. B. Stark, B. I. Hall and J. A. Doll.

At 11 o'clock Eld. J. A. Doll preached: text, Luke xi chap. and 21st and 22d verses. After which a collection for missions was taken up, amounting to \$23 41

Eld. H. H. Sturgis preached at 2 o'clock P. M., and Eld. W. J. Hughes at night.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

W. R. Coggins	Oxford, Fla.
L. D. Geiger	Leesburg, Fla.
J. B. Haralson	Lecanto, Fla.
W. B. Hare	Sumterville, Fla.
W. J. Hughes	Webster, Fla.
Joshua Perry	Oxford, Fla.
J. C. Porter	Lake Weir, Fla.
H. H. Sturgis	Brooksville, Fla.
G. T. L. Watson	Fairview, Fla.
Wm. Young	Bushnell, Fla.

LICENTIATES.

W. T. Henderson	Lynne, Fla.
J. C. Langley	Sumterville, Fla.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated the Alachua Baptist Association.

ART. 2. It shall be composed of such churches as hold the doctrine of human depravity, the atonement of Christ, election to eternal life, regeneration and perseverance of the saints, baptism by immersion in water, administered to none but professed believers, and the Lord's Supper intended for those only who have been regularly admitted into the visible church.

ART. 3. We take the only living and true God, in three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to be one God.

ART. 4. We take the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the only rule of faith and practice, both in the concerns of religion and the general affairs of life, and particularly for transacting the affairs of our churches.

ART. 5. We take the Church of Christ to be a congregation of faithful persons, who live in fellowship, and have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in cordial agreement to observe holy discipline, in conformity with the requirements of the Scriptures.

ART. 6. We take Jesus Christ to be the Great Head of the Church, and the only one given; that the government under Him is with the body, and is the privilege of each individual member; that spiritual discipline, with an eye single to the glory of God, must greatly conduce to the final prosperity and union of the churches.

ART. 7. In view of the increase of fraternal love, knowledge, usefulness and efficiency which must accrue from an association of churches, in cordial union upon the principles of the Gospel, we have sought to be thus united, that by individual and collective action we may best subserve the great objects of the Redeemer's kingdom. And the concurrence of two-thirds will dissolve the connection.

ART. 8. This Association shall have power to withdraw its connection from any church which shall act contrary to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

ART. 9. New churches wishing to be admitted into this body shall petition by letters and messengers, and, upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted by receiving the right hand of fellowship of the Moderator.

ART. 10. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and as many additional ones as she may send, not to exceed one for each ten members.

ART. 11. Every query sent to the association by any church in its union shall be read and put to vote by the Moderator, whether it shall be debated, and if there shall be a majority in favor it shall be taken up and debated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn; provided, always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

ART. 12. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, unless withdrawn by the mover.

ART. 13. Every member who speaks shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while he is speaking unless he depart from the subject.

ART. 14. No person shall speak more than three times upon one subject without permission of the body. The constitution of this body may be altered or amended by the concurrence of two thirds of its members.

ART. 15. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

ART. 16. It shall be the first business of this Association to provide for the general union of churches; second, to provide for the destitution of the churches and districts by missionary aid; third, to keep up a correspondence with other associations of like faith and order, that a chain of communication may be preserved among the churches; fourthly, to give the churches the best advice they can in matters of difficulty, and if communication should be broken between any of the sister churches, to inquire into the cause and use the best means to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from such church or churches as walk disorderly, until they may be reclaimed; and, fifthly, to regulate all matters pertaining to its business, to provide for printing its minutes, and appoint the time and place of its next meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.
2. The Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association, and shall remain in office until their successors are elected.
3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the meetings of the Association, and the duty of the Clerk to keep record of the proceedings and prepare a minute for the press.
4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Association and make a report of the same at each regular meeting of the body. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep all the funds of the Association, subject to the order of the Executive Committee.
5. There shall be an Executive Committee appointed at each meeting of this Association, of five brethren, whose duty it shall be to supervise and conduct all matters pertaining to this Association during the year.
6. Churches wishing to dissolve connection with this body must submit their reasons during its session.
7. It shall be required of the Executive Committee to hold a meeting for business at each session of the Association before its adjournment.

STATISTICS OF ALACHUA ASSOCIATION, 1890.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	Number Reported Last Year.	INCREASE.				DECREASE.				Present Membership.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.	Number of Meeting houses.	Number of Meetings.	Value of Meeting Houses.	Number of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Total Value of Church Property.
			By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Experience.	By Restoration.	By Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Resure.	By Death.									
Harmony	Marion	29	4	1	1	2	2	2	2	26	H. C. Martin	W. E. Martin, Miss Bluff	1	300	\$ 350	1			\$ 350
Lady Lake	Lake	29	4	1	1	2	2	2	2	26	H. C. Martin	W. E. Martin, Miss Bluff	1	300	\$ 350	1			\$ 350
Lake Kerr	Marion	25	2	2	2	10	1	1	1	24	B. M. Bean	A. L. Tague, Lady Lake	1	200	2,500	1		3,500	
Lake Weir	Marion	36	3	2	2	5	1	1	1	30	B. M. Bean	L. M. Ayer, Lake Weir	1	250	500	1		500	
Ocklawaha	Bridge	77	2	2	2	4	1	1	1	75	H. C. Martin	J. C. Stansland, Electra	1	200	100	1		100	
Pleasant Plains	Marion	21								17	H. I. Hull	H. W. Perkins, Grahamville	1	100	100	1		100	
Hopewell	Sumter	8	3							11	W. R. Coggins	T. H. McLean, Rutland	1	100	100	1		100	
Oxford	Sumter	14	16	9	5	1	2			56	J. T. Pittman	O. S. Bogue, Oxford	1	300	2,800	1		2,500	
Sardis	Sumter	22								66	G. T. L. Watson	W. R. Coggins, Oxford	1	100	100	1		100	
Summerfield	Marion	12								22	G. T. L. Watson	F. S. Lucius, Summerfield	1	200	300	1		300	
Union Level	Marion	35								13	B. M. Bean	W. S. Grimes, Oxford	1	250	450	1		450	
Wildwood	Sumter	3								1	B. M. Bean	W. S. Grimes, Oxford	1	200	500	1	\$1,000	6,000	
Brooksville	Hernando	66	17	7	2	11	2			79	J. C. Porter	John C. Law, Brooksville	1	300	5,000	1	\$1,000	6,000	
Cove Bend	Citrus	11	1	1	1	2				1	W. J. Hughes	H. W. Zellner, Floral City	1	200	400	1		400	
Eden	Hernando	54								50	H. W. Sturgis	M. H. Snow, Brooksville	1	300	1,000	1		1,000	
Enon	Hernando	15								12	W. J. Hughes	Wesley Smith, Brooksville	1	200	500	1		500	
Secundo	Citrus	31								15	W. J. Hughes	J. P. Lewis, Mannfield	1	200	500	1		500	
Shady Grove	Citrus	19								19	W. J. Hughes	J. P. Lewis, Mannfield	1	200	500	1		500	
Bushnell	Sumter	21	5	8	1	3	3			36	W. J. Hughes	W. H. Snow, Bushnell	1	300	\$19,500	1	\$1,000	\$20,500	
Center Hill	Sumter	13	7	5	1	1	1			25	W. J. Hughes	Pelham Elbert, Webster	1	450	3,500	1		3,500	
Cool Spring	Sumter	28	2	4	3	7	1			41	A. M. Cason	A. M. Cason, Cason	1	450	3,500	1		3,500	
Leesburg	Lake	92	5	7	1	10	1			101	L. D. Geiger	P. M. Cutler, Leesburg	1	450	3,500	1		3,500	
Sumterville	Sumter	25	2	4	1	1	1			35	N. A. Bailey	F. M. Graham, Sumterville	1	200	500	1		500	
Whitney	Sumter	46	2	4	1	1	1			51	B. M. Bean	E. H. Reynolds, Sr., Orange Home	1	300	\$19,500	1	\$1,000	\$20,500	
		367	63	56	11	94	15	1	10	374			15	3,500	\$19,500	1	\$1,000	\$20,500	

SUNDAY-SCHOOL RECORD.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.		Number of Schools.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Pupils Enrolled.	Total Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Baptized Last Year.	Volumes in Library.	Contributions for Missions.	Total Amount of Money Raised.	REMARKS.
Brooksville.	W. S. Jordan,	Brooksville.	1	11	61	72	45	9		\$ 56.84		
Bushnell.	A. M. Norwood,	Bushnell.	1	6	55	61	30			\$ 4.65	17.15	Union.
Center Hill.	I. G. W. Kraker,	Cason.	1	4	32	36	20	7				
Cool Spring.	Dr. J. R. Snow,	Brooksville.	1	3	19	22	11					
Cove Bend.	W. E. Martin,	Moss Bluff.	1	3	19	22	11					
Eden.	W. W. Jackson,	Electra.	2	4	54	58	40					Union.
Enon.												
Harmony.												
Hopewell.												
Lady Lake.												
Lake Kerr.												
Lake Weir.	C. F. Benson,	Lake Weir.	1	7	24	31	25	2		11.50	22.15	Union.
Leecanto.												
Leesburg.	Ernest Vager,	Leesburg.	1	6	40	46	38				48.01	Union.
Ocklawaha Bridge.	B. B. Seale,	Oxford.	1	8	43	51	35				17.26	
Oxford.												
Pleasant Plains.												
Sardis.												
Shady Grove.												
Summersfield.	A. H. Helvenston,	Sumterville.	1	6	30	36	25				16.80	
Sumterville.												
Union Level.	E. H. Rennolds, Sr.,	Orange Home.	1	7	44	51	30	1	50	1.60		
Whitney.	G. W. Huntsman,	Wildwood.	1	6	36	42	36				10.00	
Wildwood.												
Total.			12	68	438	506	335	19	50	\$17.75	\$188.21	

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR OCTOBER, 1889, TO OCTOBER, 1890.

CHURCHES.	Home Church Expenses.	Home Sunday-school Expenses.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Printing Fund.	Miscellaneous.	TOTAL.
1 Brooksville.	\$ 312.85		\$ 26.86	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$ 1.80		\$ 379.51
2 Bushnell.	51.75	\$ 12.50			2.22	1.60		68.07
3 Center Hill.			2.00			2.00		4.00
4 Cool Spring.			2.50			1.00		3.50
5 Cove Bend.	40.00		10.12		50	1.00		52.12
6 Eden.						44		1.44
7 Enon.			13.02	10.00	10.00	2.30		34.32
8 Harmony.					1.35	1.25		2.60
9 Hopewell.						50		50
10 Lady Lake.	25.00				1.00	1.00		27.00
11 Lake Kerr.						1.25		1.25
12 Lake Weir.	106.93	12.65	\$50.00		6.15	2.00		199.98
13 Leecanto.	33.00		8.26		1.50	4.80		47.56
14 Leesburg.	87.16	48.01	45.80	30.00	30.00	4.80		252.77
15 Ocklawaha Bridge.	60.00		3.00		3.19	5.00	4.05	75.24
16 Oxford.	135.00	18.72			4.71	2.00		160.43
17 Pleasant Plains.	12.00					2.00		14.00
18 Sardis.						1.00		1.00
19 Shady Grove.			3.00					3.00
20 Summersfield.	150.00					3.00		153.00
21 Sumterville.								
22 Union Level.	80.00	6.40			1.75	1.50		89.65
23 Wildwood.	75.00	6.00			5.36	2.50		88.86
24 Whitney.			10.00			4.00		14.00
Total	\$1,998.69	\$104.00	\$50.00	\$159.42	\$64.07	\$38.69	\$10.05	\$2,411.01