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HELD WITH THE

SARDIS CHURCH

SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA,

ON THE 23rd, 24th AND 25th DAYS OF OCTOBER, 1891.

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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.
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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.

SARDIS CHURCH, October 23rd, 1891.
The 45th annual session of the Alachua Baptist Association assembled in the meeting house of the Sardis church, on the above date, at 11 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by the former moderator, Eld. L. D. Geiger.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. S. Geiger, of Marion Association; text (Matt. 4th chap., and 3rd verse), "If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread."

Adjourned one hour for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 1:30 p. m.

Prayer by Bro. A. H. Helvenston and Bro. T. W. Spicer.

The letters from the churches were then read by Bros. C. V. Waugh and T. W. Spicer, and the messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Brooksville—Eld. C. V. Waugh.

Bushnell—J. W. Kennedy, A. M. Norwood.

Center Hill—Eld. W. J. Hughes, J. Q. Smith.

Cool Spring—Not represented.

Cove Bend—H. W. Zellner, T. J. Zimmerman.

Edon—J. M. Hedick.

Enon—By letter only.

Harmony—W. E. Martin.

Hopewell—M. McNeill, J. R. P. Wall.
 Lady Lake—F. S. Whiting.
 Lake Kerr—S. L. Griggs.
 Lake Weir—Eld. J. C. Porter.
 Lecanto—J. P. Lewis.
 Leesburg—Eld. L. D. Geiger, T. W. Spicer, F. M. Chiles,
 A. B. Norman, W. R. Mathews.
 Oelawaha Bridge—W. B. Holly, Joe Stanaland.
 Oxford—Dr. T. H. Hammond, O. S. Bogue, Henry Carter.
 Pleasant Plains—W. R. Fore.
 Sardis—Elds. W. R. Coggins, Joshua Perry and Bro. J. T.
 Perry.
 Shady Grove—Not represented.
 Summerfield—Dissolved.
 Sunterville—A. H. Helvenston, J. A. Tillman, G. Tomp-
 kins.
 Union Level—G. T. L. Watson.
 Wildwood—W. W. Caruthers.
 Whitney—E. H. Rennolds, Sr., W. V. Peacock, A. J.
 Smith.

The permanent organization was then effected by the
 re-election, by acclamation, of Eld. L. D. Geiger, moderator,
 Bro. E. H. Rennolds, Sr., clerk, and Bro. W. R. Mathews
 treasurer.

Gum Slough church from Pasco association petitioned for
 membership, and was received and the right hand of fellow-
 ship extended to her messenger, Bro. I. M. Woodward.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Eld. J. S.
 Geiger and Bros. L. L. Aiken, L. G. Aiken, G. L. Aiken and
 A. B. Braswell, of Marion Association accepted.

Bro. O. S. Bogue chairman standing Sunday-school com-
 mittee reported no progress.

The moderator announced the following committees:

Finance—T. W. Spicer, J. W. Kennedy, J. Q. Smith.

Missions—C. V. Waugh, H. W. Zellner, O. S. Bogue, W.
 V. Peacock.

Letters and Queries—J. M. Hedick, F. S. Whiting, S. L.
 Griggs, G. T. L. Watson, W. W. Caruthers.

Periodicals—A. H. Helvenston, J. P. Lewis, A. B. Nor-
 man, J. A. Tillman.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Joshua Perry, F. M.
 Chiles, W. R. Coggins.
 Woman's Work—W. J. Hughes, W. B. Holly, Joe
 Stanaland, J. S. Geiger.
 Ministerial Education—Dr. T. H. Hammond, W. R. Fore,
 T. J. Zimmerman.
 Sunday Schools—L. L. Aiken, Henry Carter, W. E.
 Martin.

Divine Service—G. T. L. Watson with the elders and
 deacons of Sardis church.

The committee on Divine Service reported as follows:

Eld. C. V. Waugh to preach to-night at Oak Grove
 school house, and Eld. L. D. Geiger in this house at 11 a. m.
 to-morrow.

Bro. W. R. Coggins moved that we adjourn until 9 o'clock
 to-morrow. The motion prevailed.

Prayer by Eld. W. R. Coggins.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

Assembled at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

Engaged in devotional exercises, led by Bro. F. M. Chiles.
 The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and
 adopted.

The roll of messengers was revised, and newly arrived
 messengers' names enrolled.

Eld. H. C. Martin, of Marion Association, and Eld. N. A.
 Hulley, agent for Stetson University, were enrolled as visitors.
 Bro. A. H. Helvenston read the report on

PERIODICALS.

Realizing the fact, that as education is the great lever
 that moves the world, and because its importance is more
 marked from a spiritual point of view, than a temporal; we
 therefore advise, and insist upon every effort being made, to
 induce the reading and study of good Baptist literature, and
 feeling the Baptist Witness to be our church organ, and
 always well-filled with spiritual food for the soul we recom-
 mend its adoption by all the churches of this association, and

that each one lend a helping hand to forward the interest of said paper that its power may grow greater as it grows older. Furthermore in order that this matter be brought prominently before the churches, we recommend that the month of January, 1892, be designated as witness month, and during some meeting in that month this matter be brought up for action.

We also recommend the convention (known as the Kind Words) series for our Sunday Schools, and that those who prefer the Helps of the American Baptist Publication Society use them as heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. HELVENSTON,
A. B. NORMAN,
J. P. LEWIS,
JNO. A. TILLMAN,

Committee.

Bro. F. M. Chiles moved to amend the original report by the addition of the mention as above of the American Baptist Publication Society. The amendment was discussed by Bros. F. M. Chiles, A. H. Helvenston, C. V. Waugh, J. C. Porter, E. H. Rennolds, Sr. The amendment was adopted, and the report as amended.

Eld. Joshua Perry presented the report on

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee beg with pleasure to report the goodness of God in sparing unto our churches all their ministers and deacons.

But with sadness we hear of the sickness of our brother ministers, B. M. Bean, W. W. Bostick and Paul Willis, and pray our Father for their speedy and full recovery.

We find from the church letters that the following brethren and sisters have died during the year to-wit: Bros. J. M. Coleman, of Lady Lake, Wm. Grant, of Gum Slough, Lawrence Smith, of Sumterville, and S. P. Stephens, of Whitney; and Sisters Nettie Womsey, of Hopewell, and Jerva Itains, of Gum Slough. Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA PERRY,
F. M. CHILES,
W. R. COGGINS,

Committee.

The report was adopted without discussion.
Bro. W. J. Hughes read the report on

WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your committee, bring before you to-day for consideration the necessity and vastness of the woman's side of the "mission question." As in so many of the heathen countries, it is absolutely necessary that the conversion must be brought about through the woman missionary. Is it any wonder that the women of our land are trying to arouse the hearts and consciences of our delinquent sisters to join in a grand rally to the work.

Often times on reading letters from the missionaries we find our hearts aglow with interest in the work, and a desire arises in us that we too might be so blessed in helping to lead the darkened souls to their salvation, but as we are not situated so as to go as missionaries, we lay aside all thought of the work we might do, because we cannot stand where we can see the ripe grain falling.

Many of our sisters are doing a most wonderful work. It is estimated that last year over one thousand dollars were raised by the comparatively few workers. If so much is done by the few, how much more could be done if all our sisters were engaged in this work, even though each did but little in giving? We are fully convinced that the trouble is not unwillingness on the part of the sisters of our churches, as much as that they do not know how to carry on their socialion successfully.

We would suggest that though there may be many pleasant and interesting evenings of amusement spent by the ladies' societies, yet it should be remembered, that the primary object is to raise funds to hasten the Gospel to our darkened sisterhood, and care should be taken to expend as little of the funds raised as possible in running the societies. How shall we advise as to the proper means of successfully carrying on this work among our churches? It seems to us that this is one of the most important fields of labor in our churches. The harvests are ripe, and the reapers few; though, without doubt, their number could be vastly increased, if the means could only be supplied.

How many of our churches have never had a ladies' missionary society, and even worse still have organized, taken a few gasping breaths, and then died of stagnation? These ought not so to be, but how can we remedy them? With the urgent entreaties from the fields, who can refuse to be awakened? But this thought brings to mind that it is true though sad, that the masses of our people never see the missionary literature. We would suggest that pastors do not tire in their efforts to organize and re-organize societies in their churches. Your committee would give our sisters in the latitude that the Scriptures will warrant.

We also recommend Sister Telford as secretary of the woman's work in our State, and the Baptist Basket, the paper for our women, printed at Louisville, Ky. We feel confident if this paper was taken and read there would be a greater interest in this work, and we heartily recommend that our sisters subscribe for this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. HUGHES,
J. S. GEIGER,
W. B. HOLLY,
JOSEPH STANALAND,

The report was discussed by Bro. C. V. Waugh and W. Committee.
and adopted.

Adjourned for preaching and refreshments.

Prayer by Bro. N. A. Bailey.

After which Eld. L. D. Geiger preached from the text, Heb, 6th chapter, and 4th to 6th verse.

Benediction by Eld. J. C. Porter.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 2 o'clock p. m.
Prayer by Bro. L. L. Aiken.

Bro. W. R. Mathews read the

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. R. MATHEWS,

IN ACCOUNT WITH ALACHUA ASSOCIATION.

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To amount received from Finance Committee	\$ 54 95
" " for Associational Missions	25 50
" " Sunday's Collection	23 41
" " received from Lake Kerr Church	5 00
" " " Brooksville "	7 95
" " " Whitney "	12 50
" " " Leesburg "	60 00
" " " Ocklawaha Bridge Church	5 00
" " " Lake Weir Church	3 00
" " " Lecanto Church	8 75
" " " Center Hill Church	6 50
" " " Cove Bend Church	2 10
" " " Eden Church	2 75
" " " Bushnell Church	2 75
" " " Sumterville L. M. Society	16 00
" " " of S. L. Griggs	5 00
" " " Reuben Mathews	1 00
" " " T. W. Spicer	10 00
" " " W. B. Hare	5 00
" " " Mrs. Allen and children	2 25
" " " by Omission in last year's report	8 00
Total	\$262 41

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By amount paid State Board	\$ 25 65
" " " Clerk	15 00
" " " For Printing Minutes	27 49
" " " W. J. Hughes as Missionary, 1889	42 15
" " " W. J. Hughes as Missionary, 1891	144 62
" " " For Postage for Executive Com.	75
Total	\$255 66

Balance on hand \$ 6 75

The report was adopted as read.

Bro. T. W. Spicer read the

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Received for Foreign Missions	\$ 5 71
“ “ Associational Purposes	25 46
“ “ Minutes	28 92
“ “ State Missions	4 50
Total	\$64 59

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. W. SPICER,
J. Q. SMITH,
J. W. KENNEDY.

Committee.

Pending a motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Bros. L. L. Aiken, W. R. Coggins, J. C. Porter, N. A. Bailey, H. C. Martin and E. H. Remolds, Sr. Adopted
Bro. C. V. Waugh read the report on

MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following:

1. FOREIGN MISSIONS.—JAPAN FIELD.—This is a new field, recently entered by our Board, according to arrangement with our Northern Brethren. More ready than ever is Japan for the Gospel. Forty million people, sixteen Missionaries. One Missionary to every two and a half millions! Three recently baptized. We gave to that work \$3,843.50.
2. CHINA.—Five hundred million souls to thirty-seven Missionaries, 29 native helpers. One Missionary to every fourteen million! Baptized 98. Chinese Christians numbering 790. Raised \$890.09. Board gave \$25,837.32
3. AFRICAN FIELD.—Millions without the Gospel. Ten Missionaries, six native helpers. Fifty-eight members, who gave \$45.27. Baptized five. Board gave \$9,554.66.
4. ITALIAN FIELDS.—Progress slow. Persecutions have ceased. Toleration is cured. Benighted thousands, with three Missionaries, twenty-one native helpers. Two hundred and seventy-seven members contributed about \$500. Board gave \$18,907.75. Twenty-five baptisms.

5. BRAZILIAN FIELDS.—Ten Missionaries, nine native helpers. Three hundred and twenty-two members who gave \$770. Board gave \$13,432.51. Baptisms 83.

6. MEXICAN FIELDS.—Fifteen Missionaries, sixteen native helpers. Eight hundred and fifty-five members who gave \$117. Baptisms 147. Board expended \$27,354.68.

HOME FIELDS.

This work covers destitution in our States and Territories, and the Island of Cuba, and the colored people of the South.

1. CUBAN DEPARTMENT.—The work here is very bright and prosperous. Previous persecutions have resulted in good to the cause; public sentiment grows strong for the New Testament faith. Here, and that since 1886, we have 1,917 members who gave \$2,000 to help themselves. Twenty-two Missionaries, under Diaz, hold the field. Baptized 210.

PRESENT AND PRESSING NEEDS.

1. A high school for educating girls.
2. Thirty-five thousand dollars to liquidate debt due on our property there, which sum falls due December 1st.
3. INDIAN WORK.—Is encouraging, but slow of necessity. They are but semi-civilized, opposed to progress and averse to work. Prejudice, and natural aversion to whites, slow to being overcome. This people are surely destined to pass away. The remnant let us strive to help and save.
4. NEGRO WORK. A great deal has not been done, but it is proposed to seize all opportunities that will enable us to solve the great problem that taxes the brain of our greatest statesman. Grace can do what brain cannot.
5. GENERAL HOME WORK.—Of the 407 Missionaries employed in Home Work, Florida has 38—a greater number than in any other State except Texas. Baptized during the year 9,989; built 143 churches; expended on this field \$60,473.

OUR CENTENNIAL MISSION MOVEMENT.

This 1892 is the Centennial Year of our Missionary work as well as the Centennial of American discovery. At the first Southern Baptist Convention a Centennial Committee,

one from each State, was appointed. Bro. C. H. Nash represents Florida. It is proposed,

1. To enlarge our work "all along the line."
2. To hold, at suitable places in each State, Missionary meetings to impart information, to arouse zeal and to encourage systematic help from the churches, Sunday-schools and Mission Societies.
3. To request District Associations to provide for holding meetings to present the work of Missions during the past 100 years.
4. To confer with other conventions in the U. S. and Canada, to provide for proper Centennial celebrations during 1892, and to make proper arrangements therefor.

We recommend that an effort be made to raise \$500 for Cuban House of worship.

Respectfully submitted,

C. V. WAUGH,
H. W. ZELLNER
O. S. BOGUE,
W. V. PEACOCK,
Committee.

Remarks were made by Bros. C. V. Waugh and N. A. Bailey, and the report adopted.

A collection amounting to \$28 45 was taken up for the Havana House of worship.

Bro. J. M. Hedick read the report on

LETTERS AND QUERIES.

We, your committee on Letters and Queries, beg leave to submit the following report.

We find, after a careful examination, but a few churches reporting prayer meetings, and would recommend that the pastors and deacons of the churches endeavor to work up a greater interest in this important branch of church work. We find fourteen churches report Sunday Schools, and would recommend that all churches have Sunday Schools, and, where possible, use either Kind Words or American Baptist literature.

We recommend that the next meeting of this Association

be held with the Brooksville church, commencing on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1892.

In reply to the queries from Sumterville church, "What right has a Baptist to be called a Missionary Baptist, who has refused to contribute one cent to missions, either Foreign, Home, State, or Associational, during the past year," and "What shall be done with persons whose names are on our Church Books, but who refuse to give anything for pastoral support?" we answer first, teach; second, pray for, and third, forbear with.

In regard to request from Whitney Church, that more general gatherings of the brotherhood be inaugurated, we would recommend the appointment of Union meetings and Sunday-school Conventions in each District; and we also recommend that the Executive Committee co-operate with State Board.

J. M. HEDICK,
F. S. WHITING,
S. L. GRIGGS,
G. T. L. WATSON,
Committee.

After remarks by E. H. Rennolds, Sr., and N. A. Bailey the report was adopted.

The motion of E. H. Rennolds, Sr., 10 a. m. to-morrow was not apart for the report on Ministerial Education.

The Committee on Divine Service reported as follows:
Elder H. C. Martin to preach at Oak Grove school-house to-night, Eld. A. F. Randall at Pedro school-house and Eld. J. C. Porter the Missionary sermon to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

Adjourned till 9 a. m. to-morrow.

Benediction by Bro. Joshua Perry.

SUNDAY'S SESSION.

Assembled at 9 o'clock a. m.

Prayer by Dr. J. F. Forbes.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

Bro. T. W. Spicer read the

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to report that \$425.00 have been raised for our Missionary, leaving a deficit of \$75.00, which we hope will be raised and paid over to Bro. Hughes. This devoted brother has been doing a most important work among the destitute churches, viz: Lecanto, Cove Bend, Bushnell, Center Hill, Ebon, Eden, Mannfield and Isachatta. Your committee would recommend that Bro. Hughes be continued in this field. While there is not much in the way of immediate results apparent, still he is keeping together these weak churches, and there is no doubt as to final results.

We think that a reorganization of the Executive Committee at this time advisable.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. W. SPICER,
J. T. PERRY,
E. H. RENNOLDS, SR.,
J. C. LANGLEY,
J. M. HEDICK,

Executive Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Moderator announced the following as the Executive Committee, to wit: C. V. Waugh, Chairman; E. H. Rennolds, Sr., F. M. Chiles, A. H. Helvenston, H. W. Zellner.

Bro. W. J. Hughes read his report as

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY.

I herewith submit my report of work done: Miles traveled, 2,600; sermons preached, 110; family visits, 100; churches supplied 8; other stations occasionally 2; constituted churches, 1; churches preparing to build houses, 2; baptized 7; awaiting baptism, 4; received by letter, 4; received on salary from State Board, \$58.33 1-3 cts.; from Associational Mission fund and Eden Church, for one-fourth of my time for 7 months, \$218; Lecanto Church, \$44.14; Cove Bend Church, \$37; Bushnell Church, \$60; an individual, \$7.50. Total received, \$425. Balance due, \$75.

There has been some advance during the year. Some of

the churches are stronger spiritually and more willing to contribute to Missions than heretofore. The prospects are that much will be lost unless a Missionary is continued in the field. Respectfully submitted,

W. J. HUGHES,
Missionary,

Pending a motion to adopt, the report was spoken to by W. J. Hughes Adopted.

Bro. E. H. Rennolds, Sr., read the report of the standing committee on

TEMPERANCE.

We think it unnecessary to argue before this meeting the importance of the subject of Gospel Temperance. For the Baptist who claims to take the Word of God as his only rule of faith and practice, the duty of practicing this virtue on one's self and doing all in his power to encourage Temperance to the church and world, should be apparent without argument.

But some may ask, "What is Temperance in the Bible sense?" If we answer "Moderation" in the use of all things lawful, and total abstinence in all things unlawful, and even total abstinence for the sake of others in the use of things allowed, we shall not go far wrong. The great Apostle of the Gentiles determined that he would eat no meat while the world stood, not because he regarded the mere act of eating meat as sinful, but because this eating caused his brother to stumble (or sin).

Your Committee is glad to know that Baptists, as a denomination, are outspoken in their opposition to the legalized rum traffic. As long as light is opposed to darkness, truth to error, and holiness to sin, so long must there be an irrepressible conflict between the Church and the saloon. This Association has time and again spoken out on this subject.

We are pleased to report that a considerable portion of our territory is free from the curse of the licensed saloon. During the past year Hernando county has voted out the ban from by a large majority, and Sumter county, forced to a

second election by a technical failure to comply with the law in holding the first election, has again gone on record by a vote of 529 "against," 43 "for," as opposed to the saloon. In these recent elections your Committee is pleased to learn that the Baptists are not a "whit behind" other Christians in their advocacy of the right side.

We recommend as follows:

1. That as individuals and churches we resolve to do all in our power to promote the cause of Temperance and sobriety.
2. That we urge all our members, as citizens, to hold up the hands of our officers in enforcing the anti-liquor laws now in force. To this end we recommend that we use all lawful efforts to elect only sober men to office.
3. That all our pastors preach at least once a year upon the "Power of Intemperance," and our duty as Christians and citizens to oppose it.
4. That as a means of inculcating Temperance and anti-saloon sentiment, we recommend our pastors to encourage among the young people the holding of the Demorest Medal Contests. Sister Tallulah R. Atkins, of Orange Home, Fla., will cheerfully give any information as to how the medals may be obtained.

5. That, as the secular papers, with few exceptions, are friendly to the saloon power, or seldom give facts, figures and information showing the blessings of an anti-saloon sentiment, we ask our FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS to come to the front and lead our Baptists in this fight of the "Homes and Churches versus the Saloon." Let short, fresh news on this line find a welcome to the columns of our paper, and through it to the hearts of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. HARE,
Chairman.

After the report had been discussed by Bros. C. V. Waugh, H. C. Martin, J. C. Porter and N. A. Bailey and amended, on a motion of Bros. C. V. Waugh and W. R. Coggins, it was adopted.

The Moderator announced the following standing com-

mittment: On Sabbath-Schools, 1st District, C. P. Vaughn; 2nd, W. R. Coggins; 3rd, J. M. Hedick; 4th, T. W. Spicer. Confessional Committee, 1st District, J. C. Porter; 2nd District, B. M. Bean; 3rd District, W. J. Hughes; 4th District, W. B. Hare.

Dr. T. H. Hammond read the report on

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We believe in an educated ministry. It is often urged by those who are opposed to a learned ministry that Christ chose illiterate fishermen for His apostles. They ignore the fact that they were three years with the Master preparing for their work. This was the best theological school the world has ever seen. When a man was wanted to carry the Gospel to the Gentiles, and write more of the New Testament than any other man, Paul, who was brought up at the feet of Gamaliel, was chosen. To educate young men for ministers, we must have colleges for this purpose. Such an institution we have in the Jno. B. Stetson University, at DeLand, and we believe it is second to none, and we recommend to our denomination to support it. We learn that there are five young men there now preparing for the ministry.

THOS. H. HAMMOND,
W. R. FORE,
T. J. ZIMMERMAN,
Committee.

Bro. J. C. Porter made a few remarks and introduced Dr. J. F. Forbes, President of the Stetson University, who gave an interesting description of the buildings and apparatus of the University, and made a strong plea for its support. The motion to adopt prevailed.

Bro. N. A. Bailey, agent for the endowment of the University, presented its claims and secured notes for the following amounts, to wit: J. M. Hedick, \$100; J. A. Tillman, \$25; W. R. Mathews, \$25; J. P. Lewis, \$25; J. R. P. Wall, \$25; W. P. Bell, \$25; Dr. T. H. Hammond, \$25; T. J. Zimmerman, \$10; W. B. Holly, \$10. Total, \$270.

Adjourned for the preaching of the Missionary Sermon. Eld. J. C. Porter preached from the text, Romans 15

Chapter and 16th Verse, and took up a cash collection amounting to \$34.45, and pledges as follows: Harmony church, \$10; S. L. Griggs, \$5; Lake Weir, \$5; Ocklawaha Bridge, \$5; Hopewell, \$5; Oxford, \$4; Dr. T. H. Hammond, \$1; Sardis church, \$5; Brooksville, \$15; Cove Bend, \$5; Eden, \$10; Lecanto, \$5; Bushnell, \$5; Center Hill, \$5; Leesburg, \$25; Sumterville, \$5; Whitney \$5. Total pledges, \$125. This collection to be used to pay balance of Bro. Hughes salary as Missionary, and balance to be used by Executive Committee to pay Missionary for next year.

Prayer by Bro. A. F. Randall.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 2 o'clock p. m.

Prayer by Bro. H. W. Zellner.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the State Convention, to wit: C. V. Waugh, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., A. H. Helvenston, F. M. Chiles, H. W. Zellner, J. R. P. Wall, L. D. Geiger, W. R. Mathews, J. C. Porter and J. M. Hedick, with all the other members of this session as alternates.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: E. H. Rennolds, Sr.; alternate, L. D. Geiger.

On motion it was resolved that any messengers of this body who may be present at the meeting of any of our sister associations be authorized to act as our messengers.

Selected Eld. L. D. Geiger to preach the next introductory sermon, with Eld. B. M. Bean as alternate.

Bro. C. V. Waugh moved that the clerk be instructed to insert the advertisement of the American Baptist Publication Society in the minutes, upon the payment of four dollars by the Society.

The clerk was instructed to have 500 copies of the minutes printed and distributed, and to draw on the treasurer for the cost thereof, and be allowed \$15 for his services.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Sardis church and citizens of the vicinity for the hospitable entertainment of this body during its sitting.

Bro. A. F. Randall, of Tampa, made a short talk in ref-

... to the proposed Baptist Chautauqua at Sea Side. Adjourned to meet with the Brooksville church, at 11 o'clock a. m., on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in Oct., 1892.

L. D. GEIGER, Moderator.

E. H. RENNOLDS, Sec., Clerk.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

E. M. Bean	Whitney, Florida.
W. W. Bondick	Lady Lake, "
W. H. Coggins	Oxford, "
L. D. Geiger	Leesburg, "
E. H. Haralson	Lecanto, "
W. H. Hare	Sumterville, "
W. J. Hughes	Webster, "
Joshua Perry	Oxford, "
J. C. Porter	Lake Weir, "
E. W. Powell	Brooksville, "
H. H. Sturgis	Brooksville, "
E. T. L. Watson	Gaitor, "
C. V. Waugh	Brooksville, "
Wm. Young	Bushnell, "

LICENTIATES.

W. T. Henderson,	Lynne, Florida.
J. C. Langley,	Sumterville, Florida a

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Number.	CHURCHES,	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.	Number of Schools.		No. of Pupils Enroll'd.	Total Enroll'd.	Average Attendance.	Volumes in Library.	Sunday School Expenses	Contributions for Missions.	Total Amount of Money Raised	REMARKS.
			No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Schools								
1	Brooksville.....	W. S. Jordan, Brooksville.....	1	3	60	68	45					
2	Bushnell.....	A. M. Norwood, Bushnell.....	1	5	46	51		\$ 12 10		\$ 12 10		
3	Center Hill.....	J. Q. Smith, Center Hill.....	1	6	24	30	23	5 00		5 00		
4	Cool Springs.....											
5	Cove Bend.....											
6	Eden.....	J. R. Snow, Brooksville.....	1	4	20	24		4 00		4 00		
7	Enon.....	R. E. Quinn, Brooksville.....	1	3	9	12						
8	Gum Slough.....		1	3	17	20						
9	Harmony.....	W. E. Martin, Moss Bluff.....	1	7	33	40	20	14 72		14 72		
10	Hopewell.....											Union School.....
11	Lady Lake.....											
12	Lake Kerr.....	S. L. Griggs, Kerr City.....	1	4	17	21		3 00		3 00		
13	Lake Weir.....	C. F. Benson, Lake Weir.....	1	6	20	26		13 00	\$ 7 50	20 50		
14	Leesburg.....	Ernest Yager, Leesburg.....	1	6	57	63		35 00		35 00		
15	Ocklawaha Bridge.....											Sunday S. united with Hickory Head
16	Oxford.....	B. B. Seale, Oxford.....	1	6	24	30		12 47		2 47		
17	Pleasant Plains.....											
18	Sardis.....	A. H. Helveston Sumterville.....	1	4	30	34		17 50		17 50		
19	Shady Grove.....											Union School.....
20	Whitney.....							10 73	1 50	12 23		
21	Wildwood.....							4 30	1 50	5 80		

Statistics of Alachua Association, 1891.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	Number Reported Last Year.	INCREASE			DECREASE			Present Membership.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.	Number of Meeting Houses	Value of Meeting Houses.	Number of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Total value of Church Property.
			By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Death.								
1st District																
Harmony.....	Marion.....	20	3	1			3	19	H C Martin.....	W E Martin, Moss Bluff.....	1	\$ 350		\$ 350		
Lady Lake.....	Lake.....	24	3	4				28	W W Bostick.....	F S Whiting, Lady Lake.....						
Lake Kerr.....	Marion.....	24	3					31	B I Hull.....	W P Williamson, Kerr City.....						
Lake Weir.....	Marion.....	3	3					34	B M Bean.....	L M Aver, Lake Weir.....						
Ocklawaha rge.....	Marion.....	75	4			1	1	77	H C Martin.....	Joe Stanaland, Electra.....	1	2,873		2,873		
Pleasant Plains.....	Marion.....	17					1	16	B I Hull.....	H W Perkins, Grahamville.....	1	100		500	100	
2d District																
Hopewell.....	Sumter.....	11	1				1	11	W R Coggins.....	T H McLean, Rutland.....	1	100		1000		
Oxford.....	Sumter.....	94		2		12	1	80	W W Bostick.....	O S Bogue, Oxford.....	1	2,000		200		
Sardis.....	Sumter.....	60	2	7			3	70	G T L Watson.....	M M Proctor, Summerfield.....	1	300		300		
Summerfield.....																
Union Level.....	Marion.....	12						10	Z A Crumpton.....	G T L Watson, Gaitor.....	1	300		300		
Wildwood.....	Sumter.....	37		2		8		31	B M Bean.....	P R McReynolds, Wildwood.....	1	400		400		
3d District																
Brooksville.....	Hernando.....	79	13	9		7		94	C V Waugh.....	J C Law, Brooksville.....	1	3,500	1	\$1 000	4,500	
Cove Bend.....	Citrus.....	9	3			2		10	W J Hughes.....	H W Zellner, Floral City.....	1	400		400		
Eden.....	Hernando.....	10				4	1	33	W J Hughes.....	M H Snow, Brooksville.....	1	1,200		1,200		
Enon.....	Hernando.....	15	1					16	W J Hughes.....	W C Smith, Brooksville.....						
Leesburg.....	Citrus.....	32				5	2	24	W J Hughes.....	J P Lewis, Mannfield.....						
Pleasant Plains.....	Citrus.....	19						19								
Shady Grove.....																
4th District																
Bushnell.....	Sumter.....	30		6		9		27	W J Hughes.....	W H Snow, Bushnell.....						
Center Hill.....	Sumter.....	25				1		31	W J Hughes.....	T W Smith, Center Hill.....						
Cool Springs.....	Lake.....	21						21								
Gum Slough.....	Sumter.....															
Leesburg.....	Lake.....	91	5	9		8	1	2	10	W J Hughes.....	T M Woodward, Bay Hill.....					
Sumterville.....	Sumter.....	23	3	5			1	33	L D Geiger.....	F M Chiles, Leesburg.....	1	3,500	1	2,000	5,500	
Whitney.....	Lake.....	51				4		46	W W Bostick.....	T W Graham, Sumterville.....	1	1,200		1,200		
									B M Bean.....	E H Reynolds, Orange Home.....	1	500		500		
Total.....		858	45	5	68	13	8	569			15	\$17 223	2	\$2,100	20,223	

*Dissolved

Historical Table of Alachua Association from its Constitution to the Year 1891.

REMARKS	PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR	CLERK	PREACHER OF INTRODUCTORY SERMONS.	No. of Churches		Total Membership.
					Access'n by	Dismiss'd by	
Organized in April, 1847. This session held Nov. 1, '57	1847 Ft. Clark	Jas McDonald	T J Prevatt	Jas McDonald	12	50	461
	1847 Edon	Jas McDonald	T J Prevatt	Jas McDonald	13	17	479
1848 Providence (Trustee)	1848 N. Providence (Trustee)	Jas McDonald	T J Prevatt	Jas McDonald	19	106	938
	1849 Prospect (Hill's Pond)	Jas McDonald	T J Prevatt	Jas McDonald	24	74	1029
1851 Bethel (Spring Hill)	1851 Bethel (Spring Hill)	Jas McDonald	T J Prevatt	M N Stankland	28	65	1031
	1852 Ft. Clark	Jas McDonald	T J Prevatt	Jas McDonald	32	83	1081
1853 Fellowship	1853 Fellowship	Wm Royal	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	39	88	1148
	1854 New Hope	Daniel Edwards	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	44	94	1468
1855 Pleasant Grove	1855 Pleasant Grove	Daniel Edwards	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	48	103	1468
	1856 Ft. Clark	Daniel Edwards	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	52	111	1468
1857 New Hope	1857 New Hope	Daniel Edwards	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	56	119	1468
	1858 Union (Brooksville)	Daniel Edwards	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	60	127	1468
1859 Union (Brooksville)	1859 Union (Brooksville)	Daniel Edwards	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	64	135	1468
	1860 Ocala	Samuel Simmons	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	68	143	1468
1861 Beniah	1861 Beniah	Samuel Simmons	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	72	151	1468
	1862 Peace Creek	J H Breaker	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	76	159	1468
1863 Oklawaha Bridge	1863 Oklawaha Bridge	J H Breaker	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	80	167	1468
	1864 New Hope	Daniel Edwards	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	84	175	1468
1865 Union	1865 Union	Daniel Edwards	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	88	183	1468
	1866 Mt. Zion	J H Breaker	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	92	191	1468
1867 New Providence	1867 New Providence	J H Breaker	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	96	199	1468
	1868 Ft. McCoy	C B Jones	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	100	207	1468
1870 Starford's Pond	1870 Starford's Pond	C B Jones	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	104	215	1468
	1871 Starford's Pond	C B Jones	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	108	223	1468
1872 Starford's Pond	1872 Starford's Pond	C B Jones	J M Hayman	Shepherd French	112	231	1468
	1873 Mt. McCoy	Wm Johnson	H C Martin	Wm T Carlton	116	239	1468
1874 Mt. Arnon	1874 Mt. Arnon	Wm Johnson	H C Martin	Wm T Carlton	120	247	1468
	1875 Starford's Pond	Wm Johnson	H C Martin	Wm T Carlton	124	255	1468

15 churches not represented.
 12 churches not represented.
 No statistics preserved.
 See foot note.

1876 Pine Level	Wm Johnson	H C Martin	Wm T Carlton	128	263	1468
1877 Wachoochee	Wm Johnson	H C Martin	Wm T Carlton	132	271	1468
1878 Fellowship	Wm Johnson	H C Martin	Wm T Carlton	136	279	1468
1881	Jno Cordero	Paul Willis	Paul Willis	140	287	1468
1882 Ocala	Jno Cordero	Paul Willis	Paul Willis	144	295	1468
1883 Oklawaha Bridge	Jno Cordero	Paul Willis	Paul Willis	148	303	1468
1884 Eden	Jno Cordero	Paul Willis	Paul Willis	152	311	1468
1885 Level Union	W B Hare	W J Hughes	W J Hughes	156	319	1468
1886 Pine Level	W B Hare	W J Hughes	W J Hughes	160	327	1468
1887 L'esbure	Paul Willis	Paul Willis	Paul Willis	164	335	1468
1888 Oklawaha Bridge	Paul Willis	Paul Willis	Paul Willis	168	343	1468
1889 Oxford	Paul Willis	Paul Willis	Paul Willis	172	351	1468
1891 Sardis	L D Geiger	L D Geiger	L D Geiger	176	359	1468

12 churches dismissed to form South Florida Association, 1,023 white and 295 colored.
 12 churches dismissed to form Mar on Association.
 Yellow fever caused post-ponement from Oct. 21 to Nov. 29.

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		Home Church	Associational	Associational	Miscellaneous.								
1	Brooksville.....	\$518 50	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00	\$17 00				\$ 2 00	\$ 61 30	\$ 601 80		
2	Bushnell.....	2 00	2 00					1 75	1 25		4 75		
3	Center Hill.....	6 50	5 50	9 50				1 00	1 00	1 00	26 85		
4	Cool Spring.....												
5	Cove Bend.....												
6	Edon.....	37 00	2 60						1 00	1 00	3 50		
7	Enon.....							46	1 00	1 00	45 00		
8	Harmony.....	12 50	2 50					13 00	1 00	3 00	40 76		
9	Gun Slough.....	50 00			12 63	6 58					17 50		
10	Hopevell.....								1 75		70 96	\$8.00 from Ladies' Miss. Society and Band	
11	Lady Lake.....								2 00		2 00	\$6.58 from Ladies' Missionary Society.	
12	Lake Kerr.....	100 00	2 50	9 60					1 50		1 05		
13	Lake Weir.....	25 00							50		112 00		
14	Leonto.....	100 00	3 00	24 17	10 00	16 00			1 00	50	26 50		
15	Leonto.....	44 14	6 00	2 75					2 00	1 00	173 57		
16	Ocklawaha Bridge.....	1,070 00	70 00		30 00	30 00			1 00	4 10	59 99		
17	Oxford.....	110 00		22 73					5 00		120 50		
18	Pleasant Plains.....	160 00		2 43	3 00	2 00			2 40	1 35	167 84	\$19 Foreign M. from Ladies' M. Society.	
19	Sardis.....	10 00							1 50		167 84		
20	Shady Grove.....	38 00	1 50						1 00		12 50	5.00 from Women's Missionary Society.	
21	Sumterville.....								1 30		39 30		
22	Union Level.....	150 00	21 00	22 90	7 00	16 30			2 00		231 80		
23	Wildwood.....	140 00		2 76					1 30		1 30	16.30 from Women's Missionary Society.	
24	Whitney.....	70 00	13 63	4 55	5 00	4 00			1 00	1 00	144 76		
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