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

Names and Post Offices of Ordained Ministers:

N. A. BAILEY	Leesburg,	Fla.
B. M. BEAN	Whitney,	"
W. R. COGGINS	Oxford,	"
B. F. FREER	Electra,	"
J. B. HARALSON	Lecanto,	"
W. B. HARE	Sumterville,	"
W. J. HUGHES	Webster,	"
J. C. LANGLEY	Leesburg,	"
JOSHUA PERRY	Oxford,	"
J. C. PORTER	Lake Weir,	"
H. H. STURGIS	Brooksville,	"
G. T. L. WATSON	Gaitor,	"
C. V. WAUGH	Brooksville,	"
WM. YOUNG	Bushnell,	"

LICENTIATES.

G. W. POWELL	Bushnell,	Fla.
W. T. HENDERSON	Lynne,	"

MINUTES.

BROOKSVILLE, FLA., Oct. 21, 1892.

The Alachua Baptist Association convened in its 46th annual session, in the meeting house of the Brooksville Church on the above date at 11 a. m.

The body was called to order by the former Moderator, Eld. L. D. Geiger.

Prayer was offered by Eld. W. B. Hare.

On motion of Eld. N. A. Bailey the preaching of the Introductory Sermon was postponed till 7 p. m.

The church letters were read by Elds. N. A. Bailey and D. B. Farmer, and the following names enrolled as

MESSENGERS:

Antioch—Henry Shepard.

Brooksville—Elders C. V. Waugh, H. H. Sturgis, and Bros. G. W. Powell, G. W. Higgins, W. S. Jordan and J. C. Davant.

Bushnell—Elder W. J. Hughes, A. M. Norwood.

Cool Spring—I. G. W. Kroker.

Cove Bend—H. W. Zellner.

Eden—John Bishop, J. P. Higginbottom, J. M. Hedick.

Enon—Dr. S. T. Smith, W. A. Smith, B. R. Quinn, W. T. Quinn.

Harmony—Elder B. F. Freer.

Gum Slough—By Letter.

Hopewell—By Letter.

Lady Lake—Elder D. B. Farmer.

Lake Kerr—By Letter.

Lake Weir—Alfred Ayer.

Lecanto—John Barnes.

Leesburg—Elder N. A. Bailey, F. M. Chiles, W. R. Matthews, Mrs. Mamie Matthews, Mrs. L. H. Mote, Mrs. S. T. Stimson.

Oclawaha Bridge—L. B. Griggs.

Oxford—O. S. Bogue, B. B. Seale.

Pleasant Plains—I. W. Perkins.

Sardis—By Letter.

Shady Grove—Not represented.

Sumterville—Elder W. B. Hare.

Union Level—Not represented.

Wildwood—By Letter.

Whitney—Elder B. M. Bean, E. H. Reynolds, Sr., Roan Smith, W. L. Mahone.

Proceeded to complete the organization by electing Elder W. J. Hughes, Moderator, and re-electing Bro. E. H. Rennolds, Sr., Clerk, and Bro. W. R. Matthews, Treasurer.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. The invitation was accepted by Elder L. D. Geiger, Secretary of the Baptist Ministers' Relief Association, Bro. A. F. Randall, of the South Florida Association, and Elder R. T. Caddin, of the Pasco Association.

On motion of Bro. N. A. Bailey, it was agreed to meet each day at 9 a. m. and adjourn at 12 m., meet at 2 p. m. and adjourn at 4 p. m., meet at 7:15 p. m. and adjourn at will.

Adjourned.

Benediction by the Moderator.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 2 p. m.

Prayer by Bro. B. M. Bean.

The Moderator announced the following

#### COMMITTEES:

Divine Service—The Pastor and Deacons of the Brooksville Church.

Finance—F. M. Chiles, G. W. Higgins, Roan Smith.

Sunday Schools—C. V. Waugh, O. S. Bogue, John Barnes, Dr. S. T. Smith.

Education—W. B. Hare, Henry Shepard, G. W. Powell, R. E. Quinn.

Temperance—B. M. Bean, B. B. Seale, B. K. Quinn, Jno. Bishop.

Letters and Queries—H. W. Zellner, B. F. Dreer, I. W. Perkins, S. L. Griggs, J. C. Davant.

Periodicals—E. H. Rennolds, Sr., Alfred Ayer, J. B. Higginbottom.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—H. H. Sturgis, Roan Smith, H. W. Zellner.

Womand's Work—N. A. Bailey, W. L. Mahone, F. M. Chiles.

Missions—D. B. Farmer, A. M. Norwood, G. W. Higgins. Bro. C. V. Waugh read the report of the

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Executive Committee's report of last session, and the expressed wish of the Association at its first meeting, your Committee agreed to recommend Bro. M. J. Hughes to the State Board for appointment as our missionary. Our brother received his appointment, and has been doing faithful labor within our bounds. For a report of results, we refer you to his report as missionary.

As all amounts collected have been forwarded, and reported to the secretary, Bro. Chaudoin, of which we have not been advised, we are unable to make a report of any funds collected.

We suggest that an Executive Committee be appointed with headquarters at Leesburg, with the pastor of the Leesburg church as chairman, and one brother from each district as members of the board.

We further suggest that the board be requested to prepare a programme for the Ministers' and Deacons' Meetings of each district, and announce the place of meeting in due time, so that these meetings may be more successfully inaugurated. The reason for this suggestion is the inestimable good resulting from these meetings, when successfully carried out; and the desirability of unity and concert of action.

We heartily recommend full and hearty co-operation with the State Board of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

C. V. WAUGH,

E. H. RENNOLDS, SR.,

F. M. CHILES,

A. H. HELVENSTON,

H. W. ZELLNER.

On motion of E. H. Rennolds, Sr., the report was adopted, and the Moderator filled out the Executive Committee as follows: N. A. Bailey, chairman; First District, Alfred Ayer; Second District, O. S. Bogue; Third District, J. M. Hedick; Fourth District, W. L. Mahon.

Elder W. J. Hughes read his report as missionary, (Elder N. A. Bailey in the chair,) as follows:

## REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

For the current year from Nov. 1, 1891, to Oct. 31, 1892:  
Miles traveled, 2,490; sermons preached, 101; family visits, 125;  
churches served, 4 regularly and 2 occasionally; other stations, 5;  
baptized, 11; received by letter, 6; restored, 1.

Collections for missions during the year: Lecanto \$15.35; Eden,  
\$39.15; Bushnell, \$6.36; Cove Bend \$9.34; Oclawaha, \$5.00; Rock  
Mines, \$4.90; Sumterville, \$17.78; Center Hill, on pledge, \$5.00;  
Omission 1891, from Oclawaha Union, \$5.00. Total..... \$105 88  
Amount paid on last year's deficit..... 13 00

Balance for this year.....	\$ 82 88
Received from Bro. Chaudoin, including collections.....	229 75
Received as missionary from Pastor of Bushnell.....	42 00
Received as Missionary from Pastor of Cove Bend.....	34 00
Received as missionary from Pastor of LeCanto.....	34 40
Total.....	\$423 03

The demand for missionary work in our Association increases.  
Besides the weak churches, there are more mission ~~stations~~ stations  
than one man can possibly occupy. At Bushnell we have a house in  
a half completed state, and need help very much to get it so we can  
occupy it. The spiritual condition of the field at present is encourag-  
ing.

In submitting my report I feel it my duty to call the attention of  
the Association to the large number of negroes employed at the differ-  
ent mines within our territory, and I would recommend that they be  
looked after.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. HUGHES.

The report was discussed by Bros. W. J. Hughes, L. D.  
Geiger, W. B. Hare, and D. B. Farmer, and adopted.

Bros. B. M. Bean, W. B. Hare and W. J. Hughes made ver-  
bal reports as members of the Centennial Committee.

Centennial Committee for ensuing year—First District: P.  
L. Durisoe; Second District, B. M. Bean; Third District, C. V.  
Waugh; Fourth District, J. C. Langley.

After considerable discussion, participated in by Bros. N. A.  
Bailey, L. D. Geiger, B. M. Bean, W. B. Hare, W. J. Hughes,  
(B. M. Bean in the Chair), W. C. Mahon, R. T. Caddin, E. H.  
Rennolds, Sr., and D. B. Farmer, Friday, before the fourth Sab-  
bath in October, 1893, was selected as the time for the next ses-  
sion of the Association.

Adjourned.

Benediction by Eld. N. A. Bailey.

## NIGHT SESSION.

Prayer by Eld. N. A. Bailey.

The Annual Sermon was preached by Eld. L. D. Geiger, of  
Ocala, Fla. Text, John viii. 31, 32: "If ye continue in my  
word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the  
truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Bro. N. A. Bailey presented the claims of Bushnell Church,  
and took up a collection, amounting to \$30.50, cash, and \$30.00  
in subscriptions.

## SATURDAY'S SESSION.

The Association assembled at 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer and  
praise conducted by the Moderator.

Read and approved the minutes of yesterday.

Selected Whitney as the next place of meeting, after a lively  
discussion.

Renewed the invitation for the enrollment of visiting breth-  
ren. Eld. H. C. Martin, of Marion Association, and Eld. —  
Jones, of the South Florida (colored) Association, accepted.

Bro. H. H. Sturgis read the report on

## DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Whereas, the Father has, since our last session, called to rest our  
beloved brethren, Eld. Paul Willis and Dea. W. W. Caruthers, and,  
while Bro. Willis was not at the time of his death a member of our  
body, yet having been, for several years, our Moderator and also our  
Clerk, and his labors held in grateful remembrance, call for a tribute  
from this Association.

*Resolved.* That we extend to his bereaved family our sincere con-  
dolence, and we also extend to the family of Dea. W. W. Caruthers  
our sincere sympathy, and commend to the Church his work and zeal  
for the Master.

*Resolved.* That a memorial page be set apart in our minutes,  
giving the name, date of birth, of ordination and death of Brethren  
Willis and Caruthers.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. STURGIS,  
ROAN SMITH,  
H. W. ZELLNER.

The report was adopted.

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

## PERIODICALS.

As the *Florida Baptist Witness* is the only means of dissemina-  
ting our denominational news and of keeping before our people the

needs, wants and progress of our cause in the State, we deem it the part of wisdom to give it our undivided support.

As the Convention series of Sunday School papers is not the only means of indoctrinating our Sunday School scholars with pure Bible doctrine, but also is the property of Southern Baptists, and all the profits derived from its publication go to the aid of the work of the Southern Baptist Convention, some of which was recently sent to our State Board to help on the work in our own State, therefore we think we are doubly bound to sustain the series in every way we can.

The *Foreign Mission Journal*, the *Home Field* and the *Baptist Basket* being the organs of our Boards and of the Womans' Missionary Union, ought to be in every Baptist family.

If any of our brethren desire other periodicals than those we have mentioned, we leave it to their own good judgment to decide between the many good periodicals published in other States.

Respectfully submitted.

E. H. RENNOLDS, Sr.,  
J. B. HIGGINBOTTOM,  
ALFRED AYER.

The report was adopted without discussion.

Bro. H. W. Zellner read the report on

#### LETTERS AND QUERIES.

We find, after a careful examination, that our Sunday School cause is on a stand still, being the same number; fourteen schools, as was reported last year. We feel this is one of the most important works our churches have to do, therefore think the Pastors and Deacons should do all in their power to organize and keep up a Sunday School in every Baptist Church or Baptist neighborhood, also that Baptist literature be used in the same.

We further find, to our sorrow, that but few of the churches report prayer meetings. We feel that this is the key to the spiritual life of a church, therefore deem it the duty of every church to have one.

As we feel it an honor to have our Associational letters prepared in a more business-like manner, we recommend to our Church Clerks to take more pains in preparing them. If they are incompetent to do so themselves, they can get the help of their Pastors.

Respectfully submitted.

H. W. ZELLNER,  
B. F. FREER,  
ISAAC W. PERKINS,  
S. B. GRIGGS,  
J. C. DAVANT.

The report was discussed by Bros. C. V. Waugh, N. A. Bailey and H. W. Zellner, and then adopted.

Bro. N. A. Bailey read the report on

#### WOMEN'S WORK.

Your Committee would respectfully submit that the interest in Women's Mission Work in the Association has not that hold upon the

hearts of our sisters it ought to have. Where the trouble lies we do not know, but suspect that the Pastors do not encourage the sisters and aid them by their advice and sympathy. This work is the right arm of power to the Pastor in developing the entire church in the grace of giving.

At the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, it was reported by the Committee on this work that the women of the South raised during the year \$44,282. Of this amount the women of Florida raised \$1,328.58; \$122.43 of this was raised in the Alachua Association, or nearly one-tenth of the amount contributed by Florida. While this is a much better showing than some of the other Associations have made, still it is not what might and ought to be done by the women, and would be done by them if they were properly instructed and encouraged by our Pastors and brethren.

Your Committee recommend the following:

1st. That the women of each church band themselves together in the local organizations, under the auspices of the church, and seek to enlist every sister to unite in the work.

2d. That the Pastors meet with them as often as possible and encourage them.

3d. That the sisters take the *Baptist Basket*, published in Louisville, Ky., at fifty cents per year. This magazine will greatly aid them in their work.

4th. That the Societies put themselves in correspondence with Sister L. B. Telford, of DeLand, our efficient Secretary of Women's Mission Work for the State, who will render them ready assistance in every way possible.

Respectfully submitted.

N. A. BAILEY,  
W. L. MAHON,  
F. M. CHILES.

Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Bros. N. A. Bailey, C. V. Waugh, W. J. Hughes. (C. V. Waugh in the Chair,) A. F. Randall and D. B. Farmer, and adopted.

The discussion of the Sunday School report was set for 9:30 A. M. to-morrow.

Bro. W. R. Mathews read the

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. R. Mathews in Account with Alachua Association, Dr.:

To amount received of Finance Committee	\$64.59
" " Sunday's collection	34.45
" " of Hopewell Church (pledge)	5.00
" " of Whitney	2.10
" " Mission Band	1.14
" " of Roan Smith	1.00
" " of E. H. Rennolds, Sr., pledge	5.00

Total.....\$113.28

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By amount paid E. H. Rennolds, Sr., Clerk.....\$15.00  
 " " for printing minutes ..... 35.87  
 " " Bro. W. N. Chaudoin..... 5.71  
 " " W. J. Hughes ..... 55.00

Total.....\$111.58  
 Balance on hand.....\$1.70.  
 Respectfully submitted. W. R. MATHEWS, Chairman.

The report was ordered placed on record.  
 Bro. W. B. Hare read the report on

#### EDUCATION.

This word, *education*, includes the mental and the moral, as also the secular and religious training of the young; when thought of in its true meaning and due import, we cannot lay too much stress upon it. We cannot watch and guard it with too much diligence. He who leaves his child in the world educated in the true sense, has given him that which alone prepares him to answer the great and solemn purpose and end of his being. Only when thus educated is he fitted to meet best the pressing responsibilities of a noble life. To leave the mental uneducated is to place your child behind, unable to cope with the progress of the age in which we live. To neglect the moral in connection with the mental, is to invest your child with powers which the devil may use to his own liking. To despise the religious is to ignore our Christian obligations and to turn your child out upon the world a ready prey to all the distracting isms of the day, perhaps to be overpowered by skepticism and led on to a woful end!

Education is not complete with the mental; there must be the moral and religious! And if your children do not receive these from you, it must come—it *will* come—and it may be of that nature and character which shall make your child, not a blessing, but a dishonor to his parents and a curse to himself and to his generation! Bear in mind that the secular must not be neglected, and you meet your responsibilities in this only when you have done your utmost in giving the mental, the moral and the religious.

We are glad to know that there are excellent schools all over the land, and the facilities are reasonably good for educating. Then, when you would send your child to college, remember that the John B. Stetson, of our own State, at DeLand, is second to none, either North or South. Contribute liberally to the support of the excellent young brethren who are there struggling for an education that they may be the better able to preach the Gospel of Christ!

Don't forget that the Sunday School is a great aid in the proper education of your child! Take a good religious newspaper for him. Keep a good book always before him. Never suffer pernicious literature to enter your home! Feed the mind on that which is wholesome, and, under God, it will form character and shape life. Respectfully submitted.  
 W. B. HARE, Clerk.

The report was spoken to by Bros. C. V. Waugh and N. A. Bailey.

Pending the discussion the Association adjourned.  
 Benediction by Bro. W. B. Hare.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 2 o'clock p. m.  
 Prayer by Bro. F. M. Chiles.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the State Convention, to-wit: B. M. Bean, N. A. Bailey, C. V. Waugh, H. C. Martin, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., W. B. Hare, J. Y. Barnes, W. J. Hughes, O. S. Bogue, W. R. Mathews.

Elected Elder N. A. Bailey as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and E. H. Rennolds, Sr., alternate.

The Committee on Divine Service reported Elder D. B. Farmer preach to-night, that a Sunday School mass meeting would be held at 9:30 a. m. to discuss the report on Sunday Schools, Elder N. A. Bailey to preach at the Baptist church at 11 a. m., and Elder A. F. Randall at night, Elder B. M. Bean at the Methodist church at 11 a. m. and Elder H. C. Martin at night.

The Clerk was instructed to have 500 minutes printed, and be allowed \$15 for his services.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the Brooksville Church, and citizens generally, for their hospitable entertainment of this body, to the Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship, and to the Florida Southern and F. C. & P. Railroads for reduced rates.

The clerks of churches were requested to forward the church letters to the Association Clerk by the first of October.

Ordered that so much of to-morrow's collection as may be necessary be used to supplement the Printing Fund, and that the balance be sent to the State Board without designation, and that the collection taken up for Bushnell church be reported to Bro. Chaudoin, as part of the Centennial Fund.

On motion of Bro. W. B. Hare, the following brethren were appointed by the Moderator as chairmen of the standing committees to report at next session, to-wit: On Education, C. V. Waugh; Temperance, D. B. Farmer; Woman's Work, W. B. Hare; Sunday Schools, N. A. Bailey; Missions, B. M. Bean.

It was ordered that the Associational Missionary be instructed to hereafter make his report to the Executive Committee prior to the assembling of the Association, and that it be included in said committee's report.

The discussion of the Report on Education was resumed, and the body was addressed by Bros. W. B. Hare, A. F. Randall, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., and H. C. Martin, and was then adopted.

Bro. F. M. Chiles read the report of

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Amount received for Printing Fund.....	\$28 03
Amount received for Associational purposes.....	5 50
Amount received for Home Missions.....	3 00
Total.....	\$36 53

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. CHILES,  
G. W. HIGGINS,  
ROAN SMITH.

The report was, on motion of Bro. D. B. Farmer, ordered recorded.

Bro. D. B. Farmer read the

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Ten years ago last May, the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention reported about \$28,000 total receipts for the year, and forty missionaries in the field. The receipts of the Home Board for the year ending May 1, 1892 amounted to \$227,281.51, and 265 missionaries were employed.

Ten years ago the Foreign Board had twenty-five missionaries and thirty-one native assistants in foreign fields, occupying thirty-four stations, with 740 church members, and the whole contributions to its work amounted to \$49,041.02. Last year the Foreign Board employed ninety-nine missionaries, and seventy-seven native helpers, occupying about 200 stations, with 2,723 church members, and the home contributions were \$114,325.80.

Ten years ago the Woman's Societies in the South, gave the Foreign Board \$8,633.95, and last year they contributed \$25,040.27. We would gladly give a more extended account of the work performed by our sisters, if we had the statistics at hand.

In April 1881, two missionaries commenced work under the Board of the Florida Baptist Convention, and the salary of our corresponding secretary was then paid by the Home Board of S. B. C. In 1891 our State Board, in connection with the Home Board, had 33 missionaries and expended in our State \$7,485.50, not including church building. Last year Florida Baptists gave \$1,300 to the Foreign Board, and \$907.16 to the Home Board, according to our Treasurer's report.

Your Committee have presented this very brief outline of mission work as a matter of encouragement, and to inspire greater zeal and diligence in our work. This Centennial year has already been marked with increased efforts to send the Gospel to the destitute in our own and in heathen lands, and it is to be hoped that it is the beginning of a wonderful advancement in the glorious work of our blessed Lord.

As special means of progress in the mission cause we recommend the following:

1. That our pastors and workers urge the importance of systematic giving by the churches, Sunday Schools and Missionary Societies.
2. That in addition to District Union meetings, special missionary meetings be held by our churches and Sunday Schools whenever it is practical to do so.

D. B. FARMER,  
A. M. NORWOOD,  
G. W. HIGGINS.

The report was discussed by Bros. D. B. Farmer, N. A. Bailey, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., C. V. Waugh and B. M. Bean, and adopted.

Bro. B. M. Bean read the report on

TEMPERANCE.

Two years ago this Association, by resolution, made the Committee on Temperance one of our standing committees. The aim of the body was to have a committee at work gathering information all the time, and report at each session the status of the temperance cause in our bounds. At our last session the Moderator failed to name the persons to serve on this committee. As a consequence this special committee has not the data for a general report. We, however, wish again to place our Association record as in favor of temperance. Let us as Bible Christians strive to reach the apostolic rule, to-wit: Moderation in all things lawful; abstinence from all things forbidden, and even abstinence from all things allowed if indulgence tends to cause others to stumble (or sin.)

As Baptists, while differing as to methods, we again declare that we should be opposed everywhere, and at all times to the manufacture and sale of all intoxicants as a beverage, as one of the greatest obstacles to the success of the Gospel. We favor all legal methods for the suppression of the matchless evil. Where this is not practical, let us strike hand with all other Christians in enforcing the laws that tend to limit its power for harm.

As Christians let us avoid extremes. We should not depend upon legislation to take the place of religious instruction and moral suasion. Let us never forget our duty to realize our individual responsibility to employ all our influence to the enactment and enforcement of good laws.

B. M. BEAN,  
B. B. SEALE,  
JNO. BISHOP,  
R. E. QUINN.

The report was adopted without discussion.



The Executive Committee reported that the Union Meetings would be held as follows: At Lady Lake on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in January; Floral City on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in April; Oxford on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in July, and Bushnell on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in September.

The minutes were adopted without reading.

Adjourned.

Benediction by Bro. N. A. Bailey.

#### NIGHT SESSION.

The Association convened, after sermon by Eld. D. B. Farmer—text: John i. 12, 13.

Prayer by the Moderator.

The Committee on Divine Service reported Eld. C. V. Waugh to preach the next Introductory Sermon, with D. B. Farmer alternate.

Bro. J. C. Porter presented the claims of the *Baptist Witness*, and took up a collection of \$12.60 for the *Witness* Distributing Fund.

Bro. A. F. Randall presented the claims of the Seaside Baptist Encampment.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Bro. A. F. Randall.

#### SABBATH SESSION.

The Association assembled at 9:30 A. M.

Prayer by the Bro. A. F. Randall.

Bro. C. V. Waugh read the report on

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee noted, with pleasure, during the reading of the letters from the churches, that most all of our churches report Sunday Schools. This is as it should be. While we cannot say that, among Baptists, the Sunday School is the nursery of the churches, yet we do not see why it may not be made thus. By faithfully teaching the word of the Lord and the power of his grace, and the great necessity for a clean heart and a regenerated soul, we are teaching those great doctrines that lead the soul to the Lord Jesus Christ! When we lose sight of the idea that the Sunday School is simply a *place to which to go* to say the Scripture lesson, and strive to bring those truths to bear on the heart and the conscience until the pupils are made to feel their great need of Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, then will we make the Sunday School become what it should be, a training place for the church!

It is a noted fact that very few of our brethren and sisters engage in this grand work! We stand greatly in need of a revival in this direction. Could we gain the ear of professing Christians who do not engage in this great work, we would say *up brother*, to the grand possibilities now opened to you in this department of Christian endeavor!

We would recommend that every church try to have a Sunday School, even if it be composed of only a few. Your interest and zeal will stimulate others to take hold with you and to shove forward in the great enterprise!

We would recommend a return to the use of question books for the younger children, as the best means of imparting general information in Bible knowledge, and as the best means of impressing the great doctrines that characterize us as a people.

We would also recommend that, as far as possible, there be a discontinuance of union schools.

We would further recommend that a portion of time be allotted to the consideration of *Sunday Schools* at the Ministers' and Deacons' meetings. Respectfully submitted.

C. V. WAUGH,

O. S. BOGUE,

JOHN BARNES,

DR. S. T. SMITH.

The report was adopted after remarks by Bro. C. V. Waugh.

Bros. C. V. Waugh, N. A. Bailey and F. M. Chiles spoke of the claims of Bro. M. F. Blicht, now at John B. Stetson University studying for the ministry, and a collection was taken up to assist him, amounting to \$1.00 in cash and \$66.00 in pledges.

Bros. N. A. Bailey, C. V. Waugh and D. B. Farmer were appointed a committee to secure the money for an Associational scholarship in John B. Stetson University.

The Association then adjourned to meet at Whitney Church, four miles west of Leesburg, at 11 o'clock A. M., on Friday, before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1893.

Eld. N. A. Bailey preached the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock A. M., and, at its close, a collection, amounting to \$13.46, was taken up.

W. J. HUGHES, Moderator.

E. H. RENNOLDS, Sr., Clerk.

This Page is Dedicated

TO THE MEMORY OF

Elder Paul Willis,

BORN AT FLEMINGTON, FLA DEC. 2, 1852.

GRADUATED AT S. B. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN 1879.

Served as Pastor of Peniel, Monticello, Live Oak, Ebenezer, Brooksville, Center Hill, Sumterville, Oxford, Eden, Bushnell and Sanford Churches in Florida, and of Parnwell, S. C.

CLERK OF AL. CHUR. ASSOCIATION, 1880 TO 1883. MODERATOR OF SAME 1887 TO 1889.

SECRETARY OF STATE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

DIED AT WILLISTON, FLA., JULY 20, 1892.

ALSO OF

Deacon W. W. Caruthers,

BORN IN BURK CO., GEORGIA.

ORDAINED AT OAK GROVE, FLORIDA, IN 1869.

DIED, NEAR WILDWOOD, FLORIDA, APRIL 27TH, 1892.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, OCTOBER 1891 TO OCTOBER 1892.

Number.	CHURCHES.	Home Church Expenses.	Home Sunday School Expenses.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Bible Colportage and Publication.	Education.	Church Poor, Ministers, Orphanas, Etc.	Church Building Fund.	Printing Minutes.	Miscellaneous.	TOTAL.
1	Antioch.....	\$ 516 85	8 20	5 00	5 35	2 89	1 50				1 73	1 00	7 73
2	Brooksville.....	42 00		74 39	5 61						1 50		902 48
3	Bushnell.....										1 00	1 25	58 81
4	Cool Spring.....										1 00		35 00
5	Cove Bend.....			34 00							1 50	1 00	138 40
6	Eden.....	79 75	12 00		39 15	5 00					50	1 00	15 50
7	Enon.....	9 00	3 00		3 00								6 00
8	Gum Slough.....	50 00	6 00								1 30	1 75	91 26
9	Harmony.....		12 00	26 31									5 00
10	Hopewell.....			5 00							1 25		1510 43
11	Lady Lake.....	1500 00	2 00	9 18							1 00		39 26
12	Lake Kerr.....	25 00	29 52	14 46	2 26					50 00	1 00		295 32
13	Lake Weir.....	142 50			14 46	14 46	14 46	14 46			1 00	1 25	52 40
14	Lecanto.....	34 40			15 75								1683 32
15	Leesburg.....	1420 90	39 50	53 10	31 00	55 90	39 50	17 17			5 00		155 72
16	Ocklawaha Bridge.....	100 00		13 20				3 50			1 75		199 39
17	Oxford.....	160 00	12 87	9 61	3 88	3 38					1 40		
18	Pleasant Plains.....												1 00
19	Sardis.....												
20	Shady Grove.....												263 13
21	Sumterville.....	165 00	20 00	26 83	3 80	38 00		7 50			2 00		
22	Union Level.....												52 38
23	Wildwood.....	46 00	2 00	2 78							1 60		
24	Whitney.....	75 50	8 10	18 86	14 34	27 19		6 30			2 50	2 05	151 84
	Totals.....	\$4366 90	\$155 19	\$292 62	\$138 60	\$147 57	\$55 46	\$48 93	\$42 02	\$74 75	\$28 03	\$8 30	\$5358 37

STATISTICS OF ALACHUA ASSOCIATION, 1892.

District Number.	CHURCHES.	County	Number Reported Last Year.	Increase.			Decrease.			Present Membership.	Pastors.	Clerks and Postoffices.	No. Church Houses.	Value of Meeting Houses.	Sittings.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Total Value of Church Property.
				By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Death.									
	Harmony.....	Marion.....	19						19	H. C. Martin	W. E. Martin, Moss Bluff.....	1	\$ 350	300		\$ 1500		
	Lady Lake.....	Lake.....	29	3	4		1		32	D. B. Farmer	F. S. Whiting, Lady Lake.....	1	1600	300				
	Lake Kerr.....	Marion.....	25	13					38	B. J. Hull	W. R. Williamson, Lake Kerr.....							
	Lake Weir.....	Marion.....	33				12		30	P. W. Carr	G. C. Ingram, Lake Weir.....		2873	200			2873	
	Ocklawaha Bridge.....	Marion.....	72	7	1		3		74	H. C. Martin	Jos. Starnland, Electra.....	1	500	750			500	
	Pleasant Plains.....	Marion.....	16						16		H. W. Perkins, Grahamville.....	1	100	200			150	
	Hopewell.....	Sumter.....	11						11	J. C. Langley	F. L. McLean, Rutland.....	1	100	100			100	
	Oxford.....	Sumter.....	80	6	2		1		94	B. M. Bean	O. S. Bogue, Oxford.....	1	2000	300			2000	
	Sardis.....	Sumter.....	68	1	2		4		66	H. C. Martin	Preston Carruthers, Oxford.....	1	300	100			300	
	Union Level.....	Marion.....	10						10		G. T. L. Watson, Gaitor.....	1	300	200			300	
	Wildwood.....	Sumter.....	31	2	5		3		33	B. M. Bean	P. R. McKeynolds, Wildwood.....	1	400	250			400	
	Brooksville.....	Hernando.....	94	2	2		6		91	C. V. Waugh	Jno. C. Law, Brooksville.....	1	3500	300	1	11000	4500	
	Cove Bend.....	Citrus.....	40	3	3		1		12	W. J. Hughes	H. W. Zellner, Floral City.....	1	400	200			400	
	Eden.....	Hernando.....	33	3	3		1		40	W. J. Hughes	M. H. Snow, Brooksville.....	1	1200	300			1200	
	Enon.....	Hernando.....	17				1		14		R. E. Quinn, Brooksville.....	1						
	Lecanto.....	Citrus.....	28	2			4		27	W. J. Hughes	J. P. Lewis, Mannfield.....							
	Shady Grove.....	Citrus.....	19				1		19		J. C. Priest, Stage Pond.....	1	900	300			900	
	Antioch*.....	Sumter.....	14	6	3		2		21	J. C. Langley	J. S. Beville, Center Hill.....	1	900	300			900	
	Bushnell.....	Sumter.....	27	2	3		7		25	W. J. Hughes	W. H. Snow, Bushnell.....	1	540				540	
	Cool Spring.....	Lake.....	21						21		A. M. Cason, Cason.....	1						
	Gum Slough.....	Lake.....	10						10		I. M. Woodward, Bay Hill.....	1	600	200			600	
	Leesburg.....	Lake.....	98	2	16		13		102	N. A. Bailey	B. Smith, Leesburg.....	1	3500	250	1	2000	5500	
	Sumterville.....	Sumter.....	32	6	1		5		34	B. M. Bean	T. W. Graham, Sumterville.....	1	1200	300			1200	
	Whitney.....	Lake.....	46	3	3				52	B. M. Bean	E. H. Rennolds, Sr. Orange Hill.....	1	500	200			500	
	Totals.....		841	51	54	6	57	9	5	882			19	\$ 20,863	4250	2	30000	\$ 23,836

\*Formerly Center Hill.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Number.	CHURCHES.	Superintendents and Postoffices.	No. Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Pupils Enrolled.	Total Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Number Baptized.	Volumes in Library.	Contributions For Missions.	Total Amount of Money Raised.	REMARKS.
2	Brooksville.....	W. S. Jordan, Brooksville, Fla.	4	11	45	56	30		50		24 00	
3	Bushnell.....	A. M. Norwood, Bushnell, Fla.	1	5	25	30	22				7 24	
4	Cool Spring.....											
5	Cove Bend.....											
6	Eden.....	J. M. Hedick, Add.....	1	4	15	19	10					
7	Enon.....	R. E. Quinn, Brooksville, Fla.	1	4	25	29	20					
8	Gum Slough.....	George Davis, Bay Hill, Fla.	1	5	20	35	20	1		4 25	49 00	
9	Harmony.....	W. E. Martin, Moss Bluff, Fla.	1	7	23	40	20	5			4 25	
10	Hopewell.....											
11	Lady Lake.....											Union School Suspended.
12	Lake Kerr.....											
13	Lake Weir.....	C. F. Benson, Lake Weir, Fla.	1	7	33	40	32	6		26 70	56 22	
14	Lecanto.....	B. Smith, Leesburg, Fla.	1	6	50	56	35	1	60		41 00	
15	Leesburg.....	B. B. Seale, Oxford, Fla.	1	7	33	40	32	6				
16	Ocklawaha Bridge.....											
17	Oxford.....											
18	Pleasant Plains.....											
19	Sardis.....	A. H. Helvenston, Sumterville.....	1	6	28	34	27	5	12 24		32 24	
20	Sumterville.....											
21	Shady Grove.....											Combined with Hickry Head Church.
22	Union Level.....											
23	Wildwood.....	P. R. McKeynolds, Wildwood.....	1	5	20	25	14	1		2 78	4 78	
24	Whitney.....	E. H. Rennolds, Sr., Orange Home	1	6	48	54	35	1	50	6 50	8 10	Suspended since Aug.
	Totals.....		13	76	419	485	310	20	160	\$53 47	\$ 242 98	