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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.
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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.....	Webster, "
B. F. Freer.....	Electra, "
J. B. Haralson.....	Lecanto, "
W. B. Hare.....	Sumterville, "
W. J. Hughes.....	Webster, "
J. C. Langley.....	Leesburg, "
J. C. Porter.....	Lake Weir, "
H. H. Sturgis.....	Brooksville, "
G. T. L. Watson.....	Gaitor, "
Wm. Young.....	Bushnell, "

MINUTES.

WHITNEY, FLA., October 20, 1893.

The Alachua Baptist Association convened in its Forty-Seventh Annual Session in the meeting house of the Whitney Church on the above date at 11 o'clock a. m.

The body was called to order by the former Moderator, W. J. Hughes.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder D. B. Farmer, of Ocala, Fla. Text: I Timothy vi:14. "Fight the good fight of faith."

Adjourned one hour for refreshments.

Benediction by Bro. N. A. Bailey.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 2 p. m.

Prayer by Bro. L. D. Geiger.

The letters from the churches were then read by Brothers D. B. Farmer and D. C. Hull and the following enrolled as

MESENTERS.

Antioch—Not represented.

Brooksville—G. W. Higgins, Thomas Jordan.

Bushnell—W. J. Hughes, A. Coleman.

Cool Spring—Not represented.

Cove Bend—H. W. Zellner.

Eden—J. A. Mason, W. P. Letchworth.
 Harmony—Mrs. C. A. Brown.
 Hopewell—M. Rutland, Mrs. S. M. Wall.
 Lady Lake—D. B. Farmer, A. J. Teague, A. G. Thompson.
 Lake Kerr—By letter only.
 Lake Weir—M. H. Ayer.
 Lecanto—By letter only.
 Leesburg—N. A. Bailey, F. M. Chiles, W. R. Mathews, J. E. Borders, Mrs. A. J. Chiles, Mrs. B. C. Lanier, Mrs. J. R. Wills.
 Ocklawaha Bridge—L. B. Griggs, I. Perkins.
 Oxford—M. R. Coggins, Geo. Shaw, E. Dias, Miss Annie Bogue.
 Sardis—Walter Nicholls, T. J. Webb, Henry Shaw.
 Sumterville—W. B. Hare, Mrs. W. B. Hare, D. C. Hull, H. T. Mann, Mrs. H. T. Mann.
 Whitney—E. H. Rennolds, Sr., W. L. Mahon, G. W. Thomas, N. T. Robertson, R. D. Mathews.
 Wildwood—R. H. Smith, J. E. Wetherall, Jr.

The permanent organization was then perfected by the re-election of the former officers, Elder W. J. Hughes, Moderator, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., Clerk, and W. R. Mathews Treasurer.

Upon the call for petitionary letters, four were presented, to-wit:

Lisbon, Lake County—Messengers—L. T. Freeman and J. K. McLelland.
 Hebron, Hernando County—Messengers—A. T. Sharp and Pleasant Evans.
 Istachatta, Hernando County—By letter only.
 Prospect, Marion County—By letter only.

Being found orderly and orthodox they were received into the body, and the right hand of fellowship extended to their messengers present by the Moderator.

Upon an invitation to visitors to accept seats with us, Brothers V. Bock, of Boston, Mass., and S. F. Smith, of Fruitland Park, Fla., accepted.

Invited correspondents from other kindred bodies to accept seats, which was responded to by Elder L. D. Geiger, of the Marion Association, and Elder A. F. Randall, of the South Florida Association.

The following committees were then announced:

Divine Service—E. H. Rennolds, Sr., and the messengers of Whitney Church.
 Finance—H. W. Zellner, A. P. Sharp, A. Coleman.
 Periodicals—L. D. Geiger, A. J. Teague, F. M. Chiles.
 Missions—H. T. Mann, N. L. Mahon, L. T. Freeman.
 Sunday Schools—N. A. Bailey, G. W. Higgins, G. W. Thomas.
 Woman's Work—W. B. Hare, Thomas Jordan, W. K. McClelland.
 Temperance—D. B. Farmer, P. Evans, R. D. Mathews.
 Letters and Queries—D. C. Hull, A. G. Thompson, H. Shaw, I. W. Perkins, L. B. Griggs.
 Deceased Ministers and Deacons—W. R. Coggins, T. J. Webb, J. A. Mason, R. H. Smith, W. P. Letchworth.
 Education—A. F. Randall, D. C. Hull.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, READ BY BRO. N. A. BAILEY.

We come at the close of the Associational year to render an account of our stewardship, given to us at the last meeting of this body. At our first meeting, held in Brooksville, after the adjournment of the Association, we employed our worthy brother, Elder W. J. Hughes, as missionary in co-operation with the State Board of Missions, at a salary of \$450.00 for three-fourths of his time. Bro. Hughes has done efficient work in our territory during the entire year, as his report below will show. The committee has not had a full meeting at any time during the year.

While it was expected that the members of the Committee would attend each one of the union meetings that would be held, we regret to say that, for various causes, some of us were absent on each occasion. We have not, therefore, a report to make at these meetings. Programs were arranged for the union meetings, but owing to the absence of brethren appointed to take part in the discussions, there was but little interest enkindled in them. Indeed, we may call these meetings failures, in part, if not in whole. So little interest is taken in the union meetings by the churches and so few send delegates to them, that we can not recommend their continuance. If interest in missions and Sunday Schools are fostered within our bounds, we must depend on the individual efforts of our pastors to foster them in their respective churches. We do not recommend the discontinuance of these meetings, but we do insist that if they are continued our lay brethren must take more interest in them. We have but three or four ministers in our territory. To expect them to do the entire work of these meetings is too much. To ask them to make all the sacrifice while the private members are unwilling to make any, is wrong.

Your Committee is not prepared to report the amounts raised at the three meetings held on the fifth Sundays.

The following summary of the report of our mission-ary is submitted for the information of the brethren :

Weeks of labor, 52; miles traveled, 2,425; sermons preached, 100; family visits, 150; churches supplied, 5; other stations, 4; baptized, 19; received by letter, 13; churches organized, 2; Sunday Schools organized, 2. Amounts received on Missionary Pastor's salary: From Bushnell, \$28.75; Lecanto, \$18.12; Lisbon and Orange Bend, \$33.55; Pine Level, \$2.00. Total, \$82.42. Collections for missions: From Eden, \$36.75; Lecanto, \$5.34; Bushnell, \$4.80; Lisbon and Orange Bend, \$7.45; Istachatta, \$2.75; A. M. Norwood, \$2.50; D. C. Hull, \$1.00; W. J. Hughes and family, \$27. For ministerial education, \$1.00. Total, \$88.59. Received from State Board,

\$205.59; W. R. Mathews, Treasurer, \$6.69. Total, \$212.28. Our missionary adds: "There have been more calls for work than I could supply. New fields of importance are still opening up to be occupied."

Respectfully submitted,

N. A. BAILEY,
W. L. MAHON,
J. M. HEDICK,
O. S. BOGUE,
ALFRED AYER,

Executive Committee.

Some remarks were made by the Chairman and the report adopted.

Under a suspension of the rules Bro. E. H. Rennolds, Sr., made some remarks upon the advisability of having a history of the Association published. He was followed by further remarks from Brothers L. D. Geiger and N. A. Bailey, and on motion of the latter it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to present the subject of a State denominational history to the State Convention.

The Moderator appointed as the committee Brothers N. A. Bailey, D. B. Farmer and E. H. Rennolds, Sr.

TREASURER'S REPORT

READ BY BRO. W. R. MATHEWS.

W. R. Mathews in account with the Alachua Baptist Association:

DR.

To balance rendered.....	\$ 1 70
To amount received of Finance Committee.....	36 53
To " Sunday's collection.....	13 46
Total.....	\$51 69

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By amount paid E. H. Rennolds, Sr., as Clerk.....	\$15 00
By " " J. C. Porter for printing.....	30 00
By " " W. J. Hughes (for State Board)....	6 69
Total.....	\$51 69

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. MATHEWS,
Treasurer.

Report adopted.

Bro. A. F. Randall presented the claims of the South Florida Chautauqua.

The Committee on Divine Service reported Elder W. R. Coggins to preach to-night, Elder L. D. Geiger to-morrow at 11 a. m., Elder D. B. Farmer to-morrow night, Dr. W. N. Chaudoin at 11 a. m. Sunday, Elder L. D. Geiger at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, and Elder W. J. Hughes Sunday night, Elder L. D. Geiger at Leesburg at 10:30 a. m. Sunday, and Dr. W. N. Chaudoin at night, and Elder D. B. Farmer at Fruitland Park Sunday night. They also recommended that Elder N. A. Bailey preach the next Introductory Sermon, with Elder B. M. Bean as alternate.

The report was adopted.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. to-morrow.

Prayer by Elder L. D. Geiger.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

Assembled at 9:30 o'clock.

Prayer by Dr. W. N. Chaudoin.

Read and approved the minutes of yesterday.

Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren to accept seats with us. Elder W. N. Chaudoin, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the State Board of Missions, accepted.

Appointed the following Executive Committee:

Elder N. A. Bailey, Chairman, J. M. Hedick, O. S. Bogue, W. L. Mahon and H. T. Mann.

Bro. L. D. Geiger read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee would urge the pastors in our Association to the greatest possible diligence in circulating the FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS among their people. "The FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS in every Baptist family" should be their motto. While one may be an intelligent Christian, possibly, without reading the denominational State paper, he certainly cannot be a well-informed Baptist; and

unless one be informed with regard to denominational matters, he cannot be interested in them. Observation has taught us that our best members are those who regularly read the WITNESS. Observation has also taught us that, as a rule, a pastor can interest his people in their denominational paper if he has a mind to do so, and will set himself to the task. Hence the recommendation above. We would urge, too, a like diligence in circulating missionary literature. We should be in fact, as in name, Missionary Baptists. In order to be thoroughly missionary in spirit, we must keep in touch with the mission work which is being done, and the great needs of the field, which the Savior declares to be the world. The Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field and the Baptist Basket are the organs of our Boards and of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, and should be regularly read in every Baptist family.

We recommend that all our churches use in their Sunday Schools the Sunday School publications of the Southern Baptist Convention. First, because they are ours. Second, because as Southern Baptists, it is difficult for us to see how we can otherwise be perfectly loyal to the Convention, and third, they are adapted to our needs as no other publications are.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. GEIGER,
A. J. TEAGUE,
F. M. CHILES,
Committee.

The report was spoken to by Brothers L. D. Geiger, W. N. Chaudoin and D. B. Farmer and adopted.

Bro. N. A. Bailey read the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is now too late in the nineteenth century to write an essay upon the importance of Sunday Schools. This has been so thoroughly discussed in the past, that every

schoolboy in the land is acquainted with it, or ought to be. The great concern now is to get the membership of our churches to realize their personal responsibility to the rising generation in this particular. There is a fearful account to be rendered by parents in this age of grace for their neglect of the spiritual instruction of their children. If the children grow up in ignorance of the doctrines of the Gospel, and their personal obligations to repent of sin, and accept Christ as the Savior of men, and are lost, their parents will have their blood upon their own skirts. God meant what he said, when he commanded parents to bring up their children in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord." He put upon them an obligation to furnish their children with the very best of opportunities for their instruction in righteousness. The greatest help available to parents, in meeting this responsibility, is the Sunday School. We do not mean that the Sunday School can or should take the place of personal, parental instruction, but that it may successfully aid them in their duty. To this end parents should bring their children to this training school of Christ. We have, therefore, the following recommendations to make:

First. That parents with their children, and other adult members, attend as pupils or teachers, the Sunday Schools in their respective churches.

Second. That every church maintain a Sunday School where as many as six pupils can be gathered together.

Third. That every pastor insist upon the organization of Sunday Schools in the churches where none exist.

Fourth. That good Baptist literature be provided for the school. No Baptist school should tolerate union literature where denominational literature is so easily secured. Baptists cannot ignore their tenets without sin. If we are

right we are under the most solemn obligations to teach our children these truths.

Respectfully submitted,

N. A. BAILEY, Chairman,
G. W. HIGGINS,
G. W. THOMAS,
Committee.

Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Brothers W. L. Mahon and N. A. Bailey. The motion prevailed.

Further business was then suspended, and Elder L. D. Geiger preached a sermon, text, Acts xviii : 9-10 verses. Adjourned one hour for refreshments.

Prayer by Bro. L. D. Geiger.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 1:30 p. m.

Prayer by Bro. W. L. Mahon.

Bro. W. B. Hare read the

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

"This is woman's age," says an eminent writer. He makes this observation after a careful survey of the world. Everywhere, both in the affairs of state and church, is seen the widening and deepening influence of woman. Her activity is manifest in all the benevolent reforms of the day. The great temperance movement now pressing upon the attention of all State and National legislatures is led by Frances Willard, Lady Somerset, and followed by the growing column of mothers and sisters, whose motto is "For God and home and every land."

Woman's sphere of work is rapidly widening. As Baptists, we point with pride to the wives of Judson, David and others who fell as martyrs on the foreign field. Your committee note the prominent mention of woman's work now given in the reports of our State, Home and Foreign Boards. We ask all to read the glowing words of Brothers

Tupper and Tichenor, found in the last minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Coming to Florida, Bro. Chaudoin records with gratitude the increase of contributions through our State Board since the beginning of the societies in our churches.

Your committee has been unable to ascertain the number of Ladies' Missionary Societies in this Association. As a body we are weak in organizations, numbers and financial ability, as the church letters indicate. But for the contributions and labors of the faithful sisters, some of our churches would cease to exist. Let the male members acknowledge the good work being done by these women. Unless some of us mend our ways we may soon expect a committee to be appointed on men's work. Let our pastors encourage the women who labor in the Lord.

May all our sisters emulate the consecrated zeal of Sister Telford who has recently been called home. Of her it may be said, "she has done what she could."

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. HARE,
THOS. JORDAN,
JAS. K. McCLELLAND,
Committee.

The report was adopted without discussion.

Bro. H. T. Mann read the

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The great Apostle to the Gentiles has truly said: "How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?"

This text is in keeping with the great commission: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," etc.

The duty of the Christians to the unsaved is plain. The poor, benighted heathen, who, in his ignorance, bows down and worships strange gods, is undone, an alien from

God, for we are taught that "there is none other name under Heaven given among men, except the name of Christ, whereby we must be saved." In order that they may be saved, the blessed Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ must be sent to them. Our blessed Savior has made it obligatory upon us to carry His Gospel to every nation. The heathen nations of earth are dying without the knowledge which saves. And oh, what a harvest of immortal souls to be garnered for the Master! "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few." The whole number of foreign missionaries is said to be one for every 170,000 of population. At this rate the State of Florida would have only two preachers. "Faith cometh by hearing, and how can they hear without a preacher." It is our plain duty to send messengers bearing the glad news of salvation to these dying hosts. We dare not be lax in discharging this great obligation thus committed to us by our Master. "Cursed is he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently."

While we owe these duties to our brethren in other lands, we would respectfully urge that there is much missionary work to be done in our own land. We note from the report of the Executive Committee that the labors of our devoted Missionary, Elder W. J. Hughes, are extended over a very wide field, the consequence of which is that he is unable to render efficient service to all the destitute places as he could wish. We would therefore recommend that the Association employ his entire time if possible, so that he can do more effectual work in the territory covered by the Association.

In view of the premises, your committee begs to urge, in conclusion, that every member of the Association lay this all-important question of missions on their hearts, and that they make, during the ensuing year, regular contributions to the cause, according as God shall prosper them.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. MANN,
W. L. MAHON,
L. T. FREEMAN,

Committee.

The report was discussed by Bro. W. J. Hughes, (N. A. Bailey in the chair), N. A. Bailey, W. L. Mahon and W. N. Chaudoin, and then adopted.

A subscription for ministerial education was then taken up as follows:

Leesburg	\$ 5 00
W. J. Hughes	5 00
Lady Lake L. M. S.	5 00
Oxford	5 00
Lisbon	5 00
Whitney	15 00
Sardis	5 00
Mrs. W. B. Hare	5 00
D. C. Hull	5 00
W. B. Hare	10 00
Wildwood	5 00
Lake Weir	5 00
Hopewell	5 00
G. W. Thomas	5 00
Hebron	5 00
Sumterville	5 00
Total	\$95 00

Bro. D. C. Hull read the report on

LETTERS AND QUERIES.

We find letters this year from eighteen of the churches represented at the last Association, and are pleased to note that they are all upon the forms sent out by Bro. Chaudoin, and the statistical tables used with only a few exceptions.

We find from a hurried examination that most of the churches report some progress during the year, and peace and harmony seem to prevail. We notice only a few churches report prayer meetings. Please report them in future, as this is an important part of the work.

We are thankful to note petitionary letters from four new churches, viz: Lisbon, Hebron, Prospect and Istachatta, and while they are now young and small, it is the prayer of your committee that they may each become strong and accomplish much good. We find only one church requests the meeting of the next session of this body, and we therefore recommend that the Association meet next year at Bushnell.

We are sorry to note that two churches report no pastors, viz: Brooksville and Antioch, and we note with regret that there is a scarcity of ministers in the bounds of our Association. It appears from the records that we have ten ordained ministers whose membership are with us, but only about four are actively engaged in the work. May God send us more undershepherds.

In reply to the query from Harmony Church, "What is our duty towards that part of the membership who seldom honor the Lord with their presence, and never with their contributions?" We can only say, pray for them, bear with them, ask God to open their eyes and hearts.

We note the request from Cove Bend Church "That the Associational Missionary live in the midst of his work" and beg to refer the same to the Executive Committee for their consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. HULL,
L. B. GRIGGS,
I. W. PERKINS,
Committee.

The report was adopted without discussion.

Bro. H. W. Zellner read the

REPORT ON FINANCE.

After a careful examination of the church letters, and conference with the brethren, we beg leave to report as follows:

Received for State missions	\$ 10 75
" " Home " 	16 75
" " Foreign " 	13 94
" " Education.....	45
" " Minutes.....	39 70
 Total.....	 \$81 59

Adopted.

Bro. D. B. Farmer read the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

While the temperance cause within the bounds of this Association has not progressed as its friends had hoped, yet we are glad to report that the sentiment against the liquor traffic has not apparently abated. There is only one town (Brooksville) that licenses the business. There are of course some secret dens of iniquity where the vile poison is dispensed to those who seek it, and very few of these could exist if the officers of the law were faithful and the Christian people diligent in helping them to enforce the law. Some good citizens favor the license system on the ground that the sale of intoxicating drinks can not be absolutely prohibited, and so long as they are sold it is better to secure a revenue therefrom to aid in executing the laws against crime. This principle is unquestionably wrong, for if generally applied it would result in licensing all evil works that law fails to wholly prohibit. On this point we will only say that the principles of the religion of Christ forbid that any church member should, either by voting or signing a petition for a license, give his support to this destructive evil.

We reaffirm the position heretofore taken by this body that all possible legal means should be employed to suppress the liquor traffic, but our greatest hope for success in saving souls from strong drink is the power of the Gospel of Christ. The habit of using intoxicating beverages, even in moderation, is dangerous to moral character, and will injure, if it does not destroy the Christian influence of any church member. Therefore, we urge the necessity of abstinence, which is the only safe course, and is in harmony with the command to "abstain from all appearance of evil."

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. FARMER,
R. D. MATHEWS,
P. EVANS,
Committee.

Adopted without discussion.

Bro. N. A. Bailey moved that Tuesday after the second Sabbath in October, 1894, be selected as the time for the meeting of our next session. After some remarks by Brothers N. A. Bailey, D. B. Farmer, W. B. Hare and W. R. Coggins, the motion prevailed.

In the absence of a report on education Dr. W. N. Chaudoin was requested to address the body on the subject of Education, which he proceeded to do.

Bro. W. R. Coggins read the

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We find that the already scanty ranks of our ministry have been thinned by the death of Elder Joshua Perry, of Sardis Church, who was a zealous worker in the Master's vineyard, a pioneer preacher in many of the destitute localities of our territory, having organized and built up several churches in the years when the field was large and the laborers few, having ridden many a weary mile to carry the Gospel to those who were perishing for the Bread of Life. He was long a regular attendant upon, and a familiar face at, our annual sessions. Who will take up the work he has laid down? We have also lost two of our useful deacons, Bro. Roan Smith, of Whitney Church, and Bro. T. E. Morris, of Coye Bend Church. We recommend that a memorial page be inscribed to the memory of these brethren and also of the other brethren and sisters who have passed away during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. COGGINS,
R. H. SMITH,
T. J. WEBB,

Committee.

It was decided to continue the union meetings, the arrangements for which are to be made at the meeting at Bushnell next Friday.

The following brethren were elected as delegates to the next State Convention, to meet at Plant City January 10th, 1894:

W. B. Hare, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., H. W. Zellner, W. R. Coggins, W. J. Hughes, D. B. Farmer, D. C. Hull, W. L. Mahon, H. T. Mann and John Graham.

N. A. Bailey was elected delegate to Southern Baptist Convention to meet in Dallas, Texas, May 11th, 1894. E. H. Rennolds, Sr., alternate.

A vote of thanks was tendered Whitney Church and vicinity for their hospitable entertainment of this body, and to the F. C. & P., Florida Southern and St. J. & L. E. Railroads for reduced fare.

On motion of Bro. W. B. Hare, it was ordered that the collections to-morrow, after deducting a sufficient amount to pay the expenses of this session, be paid to Bro. W. N. Chaudoin to assist in paying the arrearage of Bro. W. J. Hughes' salary as missionary.

For want of time the minutes were adopted without reading.

The Clerk was allowed \$15 for his services and instructed to have the manuscript prepared and the minutes printed and distributed, and draw on the Treasurer for the necessary funds.

The Association then adjourned, to meet at Bushnell Church, Sumter county, Fla., on Tuesday after the second Sabbath in October, 1894.

Benediction by Dr. W. N. Chaudoin.

E. H. RENNOLDS, SR.,
Clerk.

W. J. HUGHES,
Moderator.

SABBATH.

A Sabbath School mass-meeting was held at 9:30 a. m. and addressed by Brothers W. B. Hare and D. B. Farmer.

At 11 a. m. Dr. W. N. Chaudoin preached to a crowded house. Text, John xii:21. "Sir, we would see Jesus." The public collection amounted to \$18.58.

Elder W. J. Hughes preached at night from the first Psalm.

THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED

TO THE MEMORY OF

Elder Joshua Perry,

Born in Lancaster County, S. C., January 7th, 1829. Baptized in the same county in 1844. Ordained in 1855. Served as pastor of Mt. Zion, Oak Grove, Pine Level, Pleasant Plains, Sardis, and Hopewell Churches in the Alachua Association.

Deacon Roan Smith,

OF WHITNEY CHURCH.

Born April 12th, 1847, in Emanuel County, Ga. Ordained at Leesburg, Fla., 1883. Died Whitney, Fla., January 21st, 1893.

Deacon T. E. Morris,

OF COVE BEND CHURCH.

ALSO OF

Brothers I. T. STIMSON and S. W. CORLEY, of Leesburg Church, D. F. PERRY and JAMES SHAW, of Sardis Church, and Sisters CUINGTON, of Wildwood Church, MARTHA COGGINS, of Sardis Church, and J. J. HALE, of Brooksville Church.

Numbers	CHURCHES.	Home Church Expenses	Home Sunday School Expenses	Unusual Repairs	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Church Building	Minutes	Miscellaneous	Total.
1	Antioch	\$ 45.55	\$ 4.47	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.04	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.13	\$ 1.13	\$ 20.00	\$ 1.85	\$ 6.00	\$ 28.70
2	Brooksville	55.75	26.00	100.00	1.00	5.10	18.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	6.00	555.15
3	Bushnell	28.75	6.00	100.00	20.43	3.90	3.85	3.85	1.00	2.00	2.00	209.86
4	Cove Bend	65.00	5.00	100.00	5.34	10.94	14.27	30.75	5.00	2.30	24.00	189.05
5	Cove Bend	111.00	4.00	100.00	14.71	7.00	14.27	5.00	46.00	1.00	28.00	189.05
6	Eden	111.00	4.00	100.00	12.57	5.00	14.27	5.00	46.00	1.00	28.00	189.05
7	Gum Slough	111.00	4.00	100.00	12.57	5.00	14.27	5.00	46.00	1.00	28.00	189.05
8	Hebron	111.00	4.00	100.00	12.57	5.00	14.27	5.00	46.00	1.00	28.00	189.05
9	Harmony	51.00	7.88	100.00	7.45	2.43	4.65	4.65	17.50	3.00	8.17	127.75
10	Hopewell	35.50	14.90	100.00	16.62	11.90	4.65	4.65	17.50	1.75	3.00	296.71
11	Leesburg	100.00	14.90	100.00	8.32	11.90	4.65	4.65	17.50	2.80	3.00	595.39
12	Leesburg	100.00	14.90	100.00	8.32	11.90	4.65	4.65	17.50	2.80	3.00	595.39
13	Lake Well	133.00	12.58	100.00	14.71	7.00	14.27	5.00	46.00	1.00	28.00	604.55
14	Lake Well	133.00	12.58	100.00	14.71	7.00	14.27	5.00	46.00	1.00	28.00	604.55
15	Leesburg	133.00	12.58	100.00	14.71	7.00	14.27	5.00	46.00	1.00	28.00	604.55
16	Leesburg	133.00	12.58	100.00	14.71	7.00	14.27	5.00	46.00	1.00	28.00	604.55
17	Level Union	765.00	37.46	100.00	125.71	5.00	33.38	5.00	46.00	1.00	28.00	1054.00
18	Lispbon	33.55	14.90	100.00	7.45	2.43	4.65	4.65	17.50	1.75	3.00	46.72
19	Ocklawaha Bridge	100.00	14.90	100.00	16.62	11.90	4.65	4.65	17.50	1.75	3.00	129.84
20	Oxford	100.00	14.90	100.00	16.62	11.90	4.65	4.65	17.50	1.75	3.00	129.84
21	Pleasant Plains	105.00	14.90	100.00	8.32	11.90	4.65	4.65	17.50	1.75	3.00	195.77
22	Prospect	125.00	21.40	100.00	1.00	8.54	12.50	38.80	17.50	3.00	3.00	260.71
23	Sardis	156.37	10.00	215.00	17.78	16.94	12.50	38.80	17.50	2.80	3.00	595.39
24	Sunterville	106.37	10.00	215.00	17.78	16.94	12.50	38.80	17.50	2.80	3.00	595.39
25	Whitney	40.00	20.10	20.10	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	62.10
26	Wildwood	40.00	20.10	20.10	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	62.10
TOTAL		\$ 2550.94	\$ 149.69	\$ 1145.10	\$ 236.72	\$ 183.65	\$ 249.71	\$ 74.55	\$ 88.50	\$ 39.80	\$ 104.65	\$ 4832.31

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, OCTOBER, 1892, TO OCTOBER, 1893.

STATISTICS OF ALACHUA ASSOCIATION, 1893.

Districts	CHURCHES.	COUN- TY.	Organized	No. Reported Last Year	INCREASE.	DECREASE.	Present Membership	PASTOR.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST- OFFICES.	No. of Church Houses	Value of Church Houses	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Total Value of Church Property
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death				
First	Harmony	Marion	1882	19	6	1	1	1	1	1	300	1	\$ 300	300
	Lady Lake	Lake	1882	29	4	1	1	1	1	1	2,200	1	2,200	2,200
	Lake Kerr	Marion	1883	29	2	1	1	1	1	1	2,800	1	2,800	2,800
	Lake Weir	Marion	1835	74	5	2	2	3	1	1	500	1	500	500
	Ocklawaha Edge	Marion	1835	74	5	2	2	3	1	1	500	1	500	500
	Pleasant Plains	Marion	1887	19	5	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	100	100
	Hopewell	Union	1887	11	2	1	1	1	1	1	200	1	200	200
	Level Union	Marion	1888	19	3	1	1	1	1	1	2,000	1	2,000	2,000
	Oxford	Marion	1888	74	3	1	1	1	1	1	300	1	300	300
	Prospect	Marion	1882	66	17	3	1	1	1	1	300	1	300	300
Sardis	Sumter	1885	66	17	3	1	1	1	1	500	1	500	500	
Wildwood	Sumter	1884	33	1	1	1	1	1	1	500	1	500	500	

Third	Brooksville	Hernando	1846	91	3	5	1	1	1	1	3,500	1	1,000	4,500
	Love Bend	Citrus	1888	12	8	2	1	1	1	1	400	1	1,000	1,400
	Eden	Hernando	1893	40	13	1	1	1	1	1	1,000	1	1,000	1,000
	Heron	Hernando	1893	40	13	1	1	1	1	1	1,000	1	1,000	1,000
	Isachatta	Citrus	1883	27	1	1	1	1	1	1	350	1	350	350
	Leato	Citrus	1885	21	2	1	1	1	1	1	700	1	700	700
	Antioch	Sumter	1886	25	2	2	1	1	1	1	350	1	350	350
	Bushnell	Sumter	1886	25	2	2	1	1	1	1	700	1	700	700
	Cool Spring	Lake	1884	21	2	2	1	1	1	1	350	1	350	350
	Gum Slough	Sumter	1884	21	2	2	1	1	1	1	350	1	350	350
Fourth	Leesburg	Lake	1893	102	7	2	2	2	2	2	1,200	1	1,200	1,200
	Libon	Lake	1893	34	2	1	1	1	1	1	800	1	800	800
	Sumterville	Sumter	1883	52	3	1	1	1	1	1	800	1	800	800
	Whitney	Lake	1883	52	3	1	1	1	1	1	800	1	800	800
	TOTAL			882	64	36	8	12	954	17	20,350	2	\$2,200	22,550

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	Pupils Enrolled	Total No. Enrolled	Volumes in Library	Contributions for Expenses	Contributions for Missions, etc.	REMARKS.
Antioch	R. H. Cook, Center Hill	1	5	27	32	32	\$ 4.47	\$ 21.10	
Brooksville	W. S. Jordan, Brooksville	1	11	45	56	50	26.00	6.06	
Rushell	S. M. Norwood, Bushnell	1	3	53	56		6.00		
Cool Spring	H. W. Zellner, Floral City	1	7	11	18		5.00		
Cove Bend	J. M. Hedick, Add	1	5	25	30		4.00		
Eden Slough	W. E. Martin, Moss Bluff	2	7	25	32		7.88	3.23	
Hebron									
Hopewell									
Istachatta	W. W. Abbot, Istachatta	1	8	15	22			3.40	Recently organized.
Lady Lake	C. P. Vaughn, Lady Lake	1	8	43	53				
Lake Kerr									
Lake Weir	C. F. Benson, Lake Weir	1	5	20	25		12.58	9.95	Union School - Statistics not reported
Lecanto									
Leesburg	R. P. Burton, Leesburg	1	8	45	53	84	37.46		
Lewell Union									
Linton									
Oakdale Bridge									
Oxford	B. B. Seale, Oxford	1	5	25	30		14.90		
Pleasant Plains									
Prospect									
Sardis									
Sumterville	A. H. Heyveston, Sumterville	1	6	26	32		21.40	20.00	
Whitney	E. H. Kennolds, Orange H'me	2	7	57	64	50	10.00	5.00	One mission School.
Wildwood	W. L. Mahon, Whitney	2	5	25	30		5.00		Suspended at present.
TOTAL		16	95	469	564	184	\$ 154.09	\$ 68.74	