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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Read Letters from the Churches.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Invite Visiting Brethren to Seats.
6. Letters of Correspondents.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Report of Executive Committee.
9. Treasurer's Report.
10. Election of Executive Committee.
11. Reports of Committees.
12. Fix Time and Place for Next Meeting.
13. Election of Delegates to State and Southern Baptist Conventions.
14. Miscellaneous Business.
15. Read and Correct Minutes.
16. Adjournment.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

N. A. Bailey	Leesburg, Fla.
B. M. Bean	Whitney, "
D. B. Farmer	Ocala, "
J. B. Haralson	Lecanto, "
W. B. Hare	Sumterville, "
W. H. House	Lady Lake, "
W. J. Hughes	Webster, "
J. C. Langley	Leesburg, "
W. L. Mahone	Arcadia, "
W. R. O'Berry	Oxford, "
J. C. Porter	Lake Weir, "
Jno. R. Proctor	Summerfield, "
E. H. Rennolds, Sr.	Orange Home, "

MINUTES.

WEBSTER, FLA., October 16, 1895

The Alachua Baptist Association held its forty-ninth annual session at the above named time and place, assembling at 7 o'clock p. m.

Elder D. B. Farmer preached the Introductory Sermon, text John third chapter and second verse. "We know that thou art a teacher come from God," Matthew XXVIII chapter and twentieth verse. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

The body then adjourned 'till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Prayer by Elder N. A. Bailey.

THURSDAY MORNING'S SESSION.

The Association assembled at 9 o'clock a. m. Prayer by Brother J. C. Langley.

The Church Letters were read Bros. J. C. Langley and A. Kellam and the messengers names enrolled as follows:

- Antioch—R. H. Cook, Jno. F. Smith.
Brooksville—G. W. Higgins, W. E. Law, J. C. Davant, A. F. Burns
Bushnell—W. J. Hughes, A. M. Norwood, A. T. Coleman.
Eden—J. M. Hedick, M. H. Snow, Mrs. M. H. Snow, Jno. Bishop, J. C. Grubbs, Mrs. J. C. Grubbs, Miss Maud Snow.
Grand Island—T. J. Woodward.
Hebron—C. J. Wilson.
Lake Weir—A. G. Thompson, Mrs. J. W. Dyches, Mrs. S. S. Jolly.
Lake Weir—Mrs. J. C. Porter.

Leesburg—N. A. Bailey, J. C. Langley, Mrs. J. C. Langley, W. R. Mathews, Mrs. W. R. Mathews, Mrs. C. J. Mitchell.

Lisborn—T. F. Saeger.

Oxford—O. S. Bogue, A. R. Bogue, C. A. Hooks, W. R. O'Berry.

Sardis—H. R. Shaw, A. J. Perry, T. J. Webb, Mrs. L. D. Webb.

Sumterville—D. C. Hull, W. B. Hare, Mrs. W. B. Hare.

Webster—M. C. Akins, I. C. Hall, E. Black. A. Kellam.

Whitney—B. M. Bean, W. L. Mahon, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., M. Cureton, V. T. Robertson.

Wildwood—D. B. Farmer.

The Association proceeded to organize permanently by re-electing Bro. D. C. Hull, Moderator, Elder E. H. Rennolds, Sr., Clerk, and Bro. W. R. Mathews, Treasurer.

The Moderator made a short address on assuming the chair.

The Clerk presented the body with a gavel made from wood grown in the grounds at Mt. Vernon. Bro. N. A. Bailey responded in behalf of the Association.

No correspondents from other bodies responded to the invitation extended.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. R. Mathews, Treasurer, in account with Alachua Association.

DR.

To balance on hand.....	\$ 1.52
To Amount received from Finance Committee....	37.05
To amount received of Mission Collection.....	14.50
To amount received Sumterville Church.....	2.08
To amount received Oxford Union.....	6.06
To amount received unknown.....	2.00
Total.....	\$63.21

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By amount paid Clerk.....	\$ 15.00
By amount paid Elder W. J. Hughes.....	14.50
By amount paid J. C. Porter printing minutes.....	29.50

Total.....\$59.00

To balance.....\$4.21

Respectfully Submitted,

W. R. MATHEWS, Treasurer.

Bro. W. J. Hughes referred to the fact that Bro. H. H. Sturgis claimed that the Association owed him a balance for services as missionary several years ago. The Clerk was instructed to pro rata the amount, (\$12.50) among the Churches, and request them to pay the same.

Bro. N. A. Bailey presented the claims of the Mission Journal.

Adjourned 'till 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Bro. D. B. Farmer.

At 11 o'clock a. m. Elder B. M. Bean preached, text Matt. XXIII chapter and 37 verst. I Cor. third chapter and ninth verse, and II Cor. sixth chapter and first verse.

The Moderator announced the following committees:
 Missions—D. B. Farmer, M. H. Snow, C. J. Wilson.
 Periodicals—N. A. Bailey, Mrs. C. J. Mitchell, Mrs.

Jolly.

Sunday Schools—J. C. Langley, A. R. Bogue, Mrs. W. R. Mathews.

Letters and Queries—A. J. Perry, A. G. Thompson, Jno. Bishop.

Finance—W. E. Law, J. M. Hedick, J. F. Smith, A. T. Coleman.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—W. R. O'Berry, M. C. Akins, M. Cureton.

Divine Service—W. L. Mahon and deacons of Webster Church.

Woman's Work—L. D. Geiger, Mrs. J. C. Langley, Mrs. W. B. Hare.

Temperance—W. R. Mathews, Mrs. Lizzie Dyches.
Mrs. J. C. Porter.

Education—W. B. Hare, T. J. Woodward, J. C. Davant.

Nominations—O. S. Bogue, T. F. Saeger, A. M. Norwood.

Prayer by Bro. W. J. Hughes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Bro. W. R. O'Berry.

The committee on divine service announced Elder J. C. Langley to preach tonight, Elder L. D. Geiger tomorrow at 11 a. m. and Elder N. A. Bailey tomorrow night.

Elder L. D. Geiger was received as corresponding messenger from the Wekiva Association, as Vice-President of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and as Secretary of the Minister's Relief Association.

On motion of Bro. N. A. Bailey the Clerk was instructed to insert the Constitution in the minutes.

The next session of the Association was appointed to be held with Eden Church, Hernando County, Fla., commencing on Wednesday after the Second Sabbath in October, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m. and the brother who shall be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon was instructed to give it a historical cast.

On motion of E. H. Rennolds, Sr., Elder J. M. Hayman of Bartow, who is the only person known to be living, who was present at the organization of the Association, to be present at our semi-centennial meeting next year.

Bro N. A. Bailey was elected as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention to meet next May at Chattanooga, Tenn., with Bros. D. B. Farmer, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., and J. C. Langley as alternates.

Bros. D. B. Farmer, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., D. C. Hull, J. C. Langley, T. J. Woodward, A. G. Thompson, W. B. Hare, O. S. Bogue, J. C. Davant, and J. M. Hedick were elected as delegates to the State Convention.

Adjourned. Prayer by Bro. B. M. Bean.

NIGHT SESSION.

At 7 o'clock p. m. Elder J. C. Langley preached, text Matt. XVI chapter and eighteenth verse.

Prayer by Bro. N. A. Bailey.

Bro. N. A. Bailey read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We regard our periodicals as a most efficient arm of our service in carrying out the latter part of our Lord's great commission, "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you!" It is a matter of concern that many of those who would otherwise be efficient members of our churches, are led astray in matters of doctrine as well as practice. These wavering ones might be confirmed in the faith were they properly instructed in doctrine and duty. That this may be done we need the various denominational periodicals which claim our patronage and support. Among these we mention the Florida Baptist Witness. We would be glad to see this paper a welcome visitor in every Baptist home in Florida. We would be glad also for it to be more outspoken on the great doctrines of the gospel. Our Sunday Schools should be urged to secure the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention series of the publication. The American Baptist Publication Society issues a large number of books and tracts which we most heartily commend to our brethren.

The Mission Journal we recommend to all our churches as furnishing much information on the work of our Boards. We also highly recommend the tracts published by the Ladies Auxiliary of Baltimore, Md.

Respectfully Submitted,

N. A. BAILY,
MRS. C. J. MITCHELL,
MRS. S. S. JOLLY,
Committee.

The report was adopted after remarks by Bros. N. A. Bailey, L. D. Geiger, D. B. Farmer and E. H. Rennolds, Sr. Bro. L. D. Geiger read the

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

Your committee would emphasize the importance of the work which our sisters are seeking to do, primarily that of disseminating missionary information in the churches. An efficient Woman's Missionary Society means the keeping alive of the missionary spirit in the church. Help those women, is an apostolic injunction which we believe the Scriptures lay upon every pastor. No pastor can afford to be indifferent to this department of work; while we believe that almost any pastor who is thoroughly interested in this work himself can interest the lady members of his church.

We cannot glean from the letters to the Association much information as to what our sisters are doing. We would respectfully suggest that next year the letters make mention of the societies and bands, and what degree of prosperity they are enjoying.

L. D. GEIGER,
MRS. J. C. LANGLEY,
MRS. S. S. JOLLY.

After a few remarks by Bro. L. D. Geiger the report was adopted.

Adjourned 'till 9 a. m. tomorrow. Prayer by Bro. D. B. Farmer.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled at 9 a. m. Prayer by Bro. L. D. Geiger.

Letters of dismission were granted Lake Kerr and Harmony Churches.

The committee on nominations reported Elder B. M. Bean to preach the next Introductory Sermon, with Elder N. A. Bailey as alternate.

Bro. W. R. O'Berry read the report on

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Elder W. R. Coggins, who was present at the last session of our body vigorous and hale and hearty was called away to his reward within the short space of one month afterward. He had proved himself very useful, especially in preaching the waste places of our association.

So far as we can learn all of our deacons have been spared to us this year, for which we are very thankful to our Heavenly Father.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. R. O'BERRY,
M. CARETON,
M. C. AKINS,
Committee.

The report was adopted. Bro. A. Bogue read the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are glad to note from the reading of the associational letters from the various churches that most all of them report Sunday Schools.

The importance of well directed efforts in the matter of Sunday School work in our churches, can hardly be over estimated. We would lay stress upon the "well directed" in this direction. Just in proportion to the importance of knowledge of God's Word, should be our efforts in Sunday School work. True the Sunday School is not the only place where the young should be instructed in the Word of God. In the home the opportunity for such instruction is peculiarly favorable, but only by united effort, such as is afforded by the Sunday School, can we hope to reach very many of the young whose surroundings are not favorable for home instruction. Again we think it of the very first importance that the officers and teachers in Sunday Schools shall be Christian men and women, who are known to be sound in the faith. Otherwise the instruction given may prove to be a perversion of the word, instead of instilling into the minds and hearts of the children and not

infrequently of older persons the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

J. C. LANGLEY,
A. R. ROGUE,
MAMIE MATHÉWS,
Committee.

The report was discussed by Bros. A. R. Bogue, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., O. S. Bogue, A. Kellam, J. C. Davant, and then adopted.

Bro. W. R. Mathews read the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The subject of Temperance is one of vital concern to us all as citizens and Christians. We recommend according to Holy Writ "temperance in all things." But especially do we emphasize temperance or better, total abstinence, in regard to the monster evil whiskey drinking. Seeing as we do its demoralizing influence in the politics of our land, its fearful work in the downfall of the youth of our country, and its blighting effect on otherwise happy and prosperous homes, we feel that we can scarcely find language sufficiently strong to express our denunciation of this terrible curse.

It is a foe to our holy religion, to good government, and to the peace and prosperity of the homes of our people, and these facts should make every good citizen and especially every Christian fight it without ceasing, making no compromise.

We urge the duty of all church members to abstain from the use of alcoholic stimulants of every kind and at all times and places, to express boldly and fearlessly their opposition to the liquor traffic. While we realize that our help must come from God, we feel that this gigantic evil must be met and combatted by us as Christians, if we would hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

We furthermore suggest that no Christian voter support any man for public office who is known to be a habitual whisky drinker; for no man can be a clear headed

statesman whose brain is diseased by the constant use of liquors.

Respectfully Submitted,

W R. MATHÉWS,
MRS. LIZZIE DYCHE,
MRS. J. C. PORTER,

Committee.

Pending a motion to adopt remarks were made by Bros. W R. Mathews, N A Bailey, D. B. Farmer and W. J. Hughes, and the motion prevailed.

Bro. D. B. Farmer read the

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

It is not necessary to quote any of the numerous passages of scripture which prove conclusively that missionary work was ordained of God in his plan of saving sinners. We all recognize the fact that the cause of missions is the cause of our blessed Lord; and if we refuse or neglect to support this work according to our ability, we are not true to our high calling and profession as Christians. Christ called us into his kingdom, for the two-fold purpose of saving us and working through us in saving others; therefore gave the command "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The Gospel is "the power of God unto salvation" to those only who hear or read it, and we are under the most sacred obligation to Christ to send the good news of salvation to the heathen as well as to preach and support it at home. The anti-missionary spirit is an anti-Christian spirit, and yet we occasionally hear a church member speak against foreign missions.

There are a few members of churches who claim to believe in both home and foreign missions and are always glad to see their brethren and sisters contribute liberally to the work, but the giving of five or ten cents satisfies their consciences, even when they are able to give one dollar or more. The progress of missions depends largely, if not wholly upon the development of the missionary

spirit in our churches, and the pastors and all others who have this spirit should give special attention to this department of Christian education.

Our own State needs more missionary work. Since the freeze of last winter the destitution has become greater, while the ability to raise funds for missions is much less than before. There are fields that must be abandoned for next year, and some of them for a longer time, unless great efforts are made to raise means for the support of missionaries, while the home and foreign boards have claims upon us that we must not ignore, yet our present financial embarrassment renders it impossible for us to raise as much money for these boards as heretofore, and also do our duty in meeting the demands in Florida.

The hope of your committee is that the Baptists of this Association will not be behind those of any similar body in their efforts to accomplish great things in the name of Him who said "I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

Respectfully Submitted,

D. B. FARMER,
M. H. SNOW,
Z. J. WILSON,
Committee.

Pending a motion to adopt the Association adjourned till 2:30 p. m.

At 11 o'clock a. m. Elder L. D. Geiger preached the missionary sermon on the theme—The Philosophy of Missions. Text Matt. XXVIII chapter and eighteenth to twentieth verses, John third chapter and sixteenth verse, and Acts XVIII chapter and first to eleventh verses. After which a collection for missions was taken up amounting to \$12.00.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

The report on Missions was adopted.

Bro. A. G. Thompson read the report on

LETTERS AND QUERIES.

We are glad to notice that there have been several revivals in the different churches, and that our Master's cause has been built up.

We are sorry to learn of several churches being without pastors, and that the prayer meetings had been so sadly neglected, and of several churches without Sunday Schools.

We see that two churches that ask for the next Association, viz: Sardis and Eden. We are glad indeed to note the organization of Baptist Young People's Unions in several churches. This is a grand society for the young people to work in, and we do hope that more churches will organize.

We are very sorry that more of the churches in their letters to the Association do not give more fully the work they accomplish during the year, and hope by the next time that we meet that they will give us other information than the statistics.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALONZO G. THOMPSON,
A. J. PERRY,
JNO. BISHOP,
Committee.

The report was adopted after it had been discussed by Bros. N. A. Bailey, D. B. Farmer, L. D. Geiger, W. B. Hare, E. H. Rennolds, Sr, and A. G. Thompson.

Bro. W. L. Mahon read the

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This the report of your committee does not give evidence of the which the first part of the year gave promise of. Circumstances have been such that our union meetings which we expected to be a great source of instruction and profit fell far short of our expectations, yet we cannot but feel that good was done by the meetings held, although they were not even representative of what they should have been. Only two meetings have been

held The first at Webster in December, the churches were fairly represented, but owing to the extreme cold wave which swept over our State at that time, we only met twice for services, and then for as short a time as possible. Eleven dollars and twelve cents were collected for missions at that meeting. Hebron was chosen as the place for next meeting, but many of the brethren feeling that it would be impracticable for them to attend, notified us to that effect, and advised that the meeting be not held. Acting on this advice the meeting was not published, but as the brethren at Hebron were looking for a meeting, the pastor Bro Hughes, held a two days meeting and took up a collection for missions, and reported the amount, seven dollars, to your Executive Committee.

We did not attempt any more meeting until September when one was appointed to be held at Oxford. At this meeting much interest was manifested, and we trust new impetus has been given this branch of our work, and your committee has been strengthened in the opinion that our union meetings be continued.

Applications for help were made to the State Board through the Executive Committee by the churches at Wildwood, Hebron, Grand Island, Lisbon and Gum Slough. Wildwood and Hebron were recommended by the Executive Committee.

With the experience of the past year and with an earnest desire to secure a greater interest in our associational work, we offer for your consideration the following recommendations.

1. That the Executive Committee be increased to nine.
2. That the churches of our Association be asked to take up a quarterly collection for mission work in the Association, said collection to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association, to be used by the Executive Committee in the Association.
3. That the places of four union meetings be fixed by the Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. L. MAHON,
D. C. HULL,
J. M. HEDICK.

Remarks were made upon the report by Bros. W. L. Mahon, D. B. Farmer and W. J. Hughes, when it was adopted.

Bro. W. B. Hare read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The work of educating the children of our country is recognized as all important to the improvement of human society, by both State and Church. The future usefulness and happiness of our children will depend largely upon the educational training they receive.

Your committee would urge upon all parents the great responsibility that God has imposed upon them. The tree becomes strong to resist storm and wind as well as yield fruit, when placed in a fertile soil, under the care of a skillful owner who gives it tender, watchful attention. On the other hand the same tree neglected grows a dwarfed, weak and barren tree. Effects follow causes. In the moral and intellectual world the same law obtains.

The children in order to become men and women strong and useful, need all the advantages the home, the church and the school can give. No parent has a right to let his children grow up without doing all in his power to fit them for the duties of manhood and womanhood. While the family is first, given by God before the church, neither the family nor the church can do without the school.

Let our people realize the claims upon them of sustaining the public schools. The parent who is indifferent to his local school, and who allows his children to grow up apart from and outside of the school will regret it. Nor can the damage be repaired by sending the boy off to college for which he is wholly unprepared.

However your committee commends to all Baptists whose children are sufficiently prepared for college, our Stetson University. Its noble faculty splendid equipments and Christian surroundings should make it the pride of all Baptists and friends of higher education.

Its history and present flourishing condition afford a striking indication that God's favor rests upon it.

We have one young brother minister, H. T. Mann, attending the Stetson. Your committee is pleased to record the testimony of Dr. Forbes who says that Bro. Mann is a good student, and will become a useful minister. Your committee also calls attention to our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. This school for the special training of young men whom God calls into the ministry affords inducements to all who desire help in understanding and explaining the Gospel.

Since our last Association the peerless Broadus has been called to Heaven after thirty-six years of arduous toil for the Seminary. Williams, Manly and Boyce have all been gathered to their fathers. But Dr. Whitsett still remains aided by a noble band of teachers, and our Seminary will continue to bless our Baptist Zion, and help all preachers who shall enter its walls.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. B. HARE,
J. C. DAVANT,
Committee.

After a few remarks by Bro N. A. Bailey the report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. E. H. Rennold, Sr., a vote of thanks was tendered Webster Church and community for their generous hospitality, and to the F. C. & P. R. R. and Plant System for reduced rates.

The following named brethren were elected as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: J. C. Davant, J. C. Langley, D. C. Hull, J. M. Hedick, A. G. Thompson, A. Kellam, O. S. Bogue.

The selection of places to hold the union meetings was referred to Executive Committee. The first meeting was appointed to be held at Wildwood including the fifth Sunday in December, 1895.

On motion of Bro, N. A. Bailey it was ordered that

the clerk be paid \$10 for his services and that he have the usual number of minutes printed and distributed.

Bro. W. E. Law read the

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received from the churches for printing minutes. \$ 28.28
Home Missions..... 1.72

Total.....\$30.00

W. E. LAW,
J. M. HEDICK,
H. T. COLEMAN,
J. Q. SMITH,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. D. B. Farmer the following chairmen of committees were appointed to report next year:

Mission—A. G. Thompson.

Education—J. C. Davant.

Temperance—D. B. Farmer.

Woman's Work—N. A. Bailey.

Adjourned to meet with the Eden Church, Hernando County, Florida, at 10 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday after the Second Sunday in October, 1896.

E. H. RENNOLDS, SR.,
Clerk.

D. C. HULL,
Moderator.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The sisters from the various churches of the Alachua Association held a meeting on the afternoon of October 18, 1895. Mrs. W. B. Hare, Vice-President, conducted the meeting. Mrs. C. J. Mitchell acting as secretary pro tem.

Mrs. S. S. Jolly led in prayer, after which we listened to the reports from the different societies.

Mrs. Dyches of Lady Lake, and Mrs. Davant of Brooksville were elected Vice-Presidents of the Eastern and Western portions of the Association respectively.

There were select readings by Mrs. Dyches of Lady Lake and Mrs. Jolly, followed by a talk from Mrs. J. C. Porter, both interesting and instructive, which we would like to give in full did time and space permit. Suffice it to say it was replete with Christian thought, characteristic of the woman. Let us heed her timely advice to meet regularly and give special attention to devotional exercises, without which no real good can be accomplished.

We next enjoyed a song (duet) by Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Dyches. A woman's Missionary Society was organized for the Webster Church, with Mrs. Kellam as President and Miss Gregg as Secretary. The meeting was then closed with prayer by Mrs. Porter.

MRS. C. J. MITCHELL,
Secretary pro tem.

STATISTICS OF ALACHUA ASSOCIATION 1895.

Number	CHURCHES. COUNTIES.	When Constituted	Membership Last Year	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Pastor.	Clerks and Their Post Offices.	No. of Church Buildings	Value Church Buildings	Number of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Total Value of Church Property
				Baptism	By Letter	Restorat'n	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death							
1	Antioch	1885	28	8	1	1	37	W. L. Mahon	S. Beville, Center Hill	1	300	400	1	300	400	
2	Brooksville	1846	89	5	6	1	26	D. Geiger	Jno. C. Law, Brooksville	1	3,000	4,500	1	1,500	4,500	
3	Bushnell	1886	26	1	4	1	10	W. J. Hughes	A. M. Norwood, Bushnell	1	750	750	1	1,500	750	
4	Cool Spring	1884	21	1	4	1	16	W. L. Mahon	H. W. Zellner, Floral City	1	400	400	1	400	400	
5	Edge Bend	1888	19	1	1	1	14	W. L. Mahon	J. W. Morgan, Brooksville	1	1,200	1,200	1	1,200	1,200	
6	Edo	1888	17	1	4	1	8	D. B. Farmer	R. L. Nutt, Grand Bay Hill	1	500	500	1	500	500	
7	Grand Slough	1846	7	1	1	1	17	W. J. Hughes	J. M. Woodward, Stages Pond	1	500	500	1	500	500	
8	Hepwell	1879	24	1	1	1	23	W. J. Hughes	A. A. Sharp, Stages Pond	1	2,000	2,000	1	2,000	2,000	
9	Hopewell	1887	11	1	1	1	11	W. R. O'Berry	I. H. McLean, Katland	1	2,500	2,500	1	2,500	2,500	
10	Istachatta	1883	39	3	2	1	44	J. C. Porter	W. W. Brown, Lady Lake	1	3,000	3,000	1	3,000	3,000	
11	Lady Lake	1883	32	7	4	1	30	F. W. Colston	Alfred Ayer, Lake Weir	1	3,000	3,000	1	3,000	3,000	
12	Lake Weir	1883	22	3	2	1	22	V. B. Bailey	J. Y. Barnes, Lecanto	1	1,500	1,500	1	1,500	1,500	
13	Lecanto	1883	22	5	10	2	103	W. J. Mahon	J. C. Langley, Leesburg	1	1,500	1,500	1	1,500	1,500	
14	Leesburg	1883	99	11	3	1	13	W. B. Farmer	T. F. Seager, Lisbon	1	1,500	1,500	1	1,500	1,500	
15	Lisbon	1893	15	1	1	1	13	W. B. Farmer	O. S. Bogue, Oxford	1	200	200	1	200	200	
16	Marion	1888	80	3	2	1	76	W. R. O'Berry	H. W. Perkins, Grahamville	1	1,000	1,000	1	1,000	1,000	
17	Oxford Plains	1892	7	1	1	1	7	W. R. O'Berry	T. J. Webb, Oxford	1	1,800	1,800	1	1,800	1,800	
18	Prospect	1885	63	4	9	2	71	W. R. O'Berry	D. C. Hull, Webster	1	1,800	1,800	1	1,800	1,800	
19	Sards	1885	37	5	3	1	34	W. L. Mahon	A. Kellam, Webster	1	600	600	1	600	600	
20	Sumterville	1891	112	1	1	1	112	W. L. Mahon	E. H. Reynolds Sr, Or. Home	1	600	600	1	600	600	
21	Webster	1891	69	6	1	2	67	W. L. Mahon	J. E. Wetherall Jr, Wildwood	1	15	15	15	\$4,500	\$4,500	
22	Whitney	1883	30	4	2	1	26	D. B. Farmer		1	350	350	1	350	350	
23	Wildwood	1884	30	4	2	1	26	D. B. Farmer		1	350	350	1	350	350	
24	Wildwood	1884	30	4	2	1	26	D. B. Farmer		1	350	350	1	350	350	
	Total		950	73	68	3	977			15	\$19,350	\$23,850	15	\$4,500	\$23,850	

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	No. of Schools.....	Number Officers and Teachers.....	Pupils Enrolled.....	Total Enrolled.....	Volumes in Library..	Contributions for Expenses.....	Contributions for Missions.....	REMARKS.
Antioch	R. H. Cook, Center Hill	1	4	57	61		\$ 7.03	\$ 1.30	
Brooksville	W. S. Jordan, Brooksville	1	10	42	52	30	35.92		
Bushnell	A. M. Norwood, Bushnell	1	5	22	27		14.32	13.96	
Cool Spring	J. R. Snow, Rose Hill	1	5	35	40		4.30		Union School
Cove Bend	A. P. Sharp, Stage Pond	1	3	15	18				
Eden	C. P. Vaughn, Lady Lake	1	6	40	46	55	15.00		
Grand Island	C. F. Benson, Lake Weir	1	4	17	21		12.30	15.62	
Gum Slough	T. W. Spicer, Leesburg	1	7	33	40	70	26.89	12.75	
Hebron	O. S. Bogue, Oxford	1	10	50	60		14.00		
Hopewell	A. H. Helveston, Sumterville	1	6	24	30		27.75	5.05	
Istachatta	A. Kellam, Webster	1	3	12	15		5.00		
Lady Lake	E. H. Rennolds Sr., Orange Home	1	10	65	75	150	18.95	5.17	
Lake Weir									
Lecanto									
Leesburg									
Lisbon									
Oxford									
Pleasant Plains									
Prospect									
Sardis									
Sumterville									
Webster									
Whitney									
Wildwood									
Total		12	73	412	485	305	\$182.12	\$54.45	

Contributions for the Current Year October 1894 to October 1895.

CHURCHES.	Home Church Expensens..	Home S.S. Expenses	State Missions.....	Home Missions.....	Foreign Missions ...	Education.....	Aged Ministers.....	Bible Society.....	Printing Minutes....	Miscellaneous.....	Total.....
Antioch	\$ 50.00	\$ 7.63	\$ 3.16	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.45	\$ 27.32	\$.62	\$ 1.75	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 66.99
Brooksville	485.00	35.92	40.55	40.50	27.32	10.00		3.00	40.00		689.11
Bushnell	39.00	14.32	9.56	1.00	16.00			1.45			81.33
Cool Spring											
Cove Bend											
Eden	66.95	4.30	3.72	3.00	3.00				2.28	13.15	96.52
Grand Island											
Gum Slough											
Hebron		5.00	7.80						1.00		13.80
Hopewell											
Istachatta	135.00	15.00	20.95	4.10					50		175.55
Lady Lake	104.00	12.36	6.00	6.85	7.00				4.15	4.62	145.48
Lake Weir											
Lecanto											
Leesburg	1014.40	26.89	60.17	36.47	22.50	2.00			3.30		1,166.79
Lisbon	16.25		14.13								31.13
Oxford	86.15	14.00	11.50	16.32	7.60				1.50		137.07
Pleasant Plains											
Prospect	100.10										103.10
Sardis	79.10	27.75	15.95	10.88	12.31	10.00			3.00	5.08	153.32
Sumterville	22.25	18.00	18.87	20.50	16.37				2.50		85.51
Webster	145.25	18.45	11.37	20.50	16.45				3.00	8.18	234.78
Whitney	60.00										60.00
Wildwood											
Total	\$2,024.92	\$186.62	\$237.12	\$150.12	\$133.70	\$222.00	\$10.70	\$4.62	\$28.28	\$68.41	\$3,466.49

CONSTITUTION OF THE ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ART. 10. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional one for each twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof, in excess of fifty.

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

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

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

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

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

ART. 16. It shall be the first business of this association to provide for the general union of churches; second, to provide for the destitution of the churches and districts by missionary aid; third, to keep up a correspondence with other associations of like faith and order, that a chain of communication may be preserved among the churches; fourthly, to give the churches the best advice

they can in matters of difficulty, and if communication should be broken between any of the sister churches, to inquire into the cause, and use the best means to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from such church or churches as walk disorderly, until they may be reclaimed; and, filthy, to regulate all matters pertaining to its business, to provide for printing its minutes, and appoint the time and place of its next meeting.