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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Read letters and enroll messengers.
3. Election of officers.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
6. Call for correspondence.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Report of Executive Committee.
9. Treasurer's report.
10. Election of officers.
11. Reports of committees.
12. Fix time and place of next meeting.
13. Election of delegates to State and Southern Baptist Convention.
14. Miscellaneous business.
15. Read and correct minutes.
16. Adjournment.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES.

JOHN PROCTOR	Bellevue, Fla.
R. L. CLYBURN	Summerfield, Fla.
L. W. SIMMONS	Inverness, Fla.
GEO. T. LEITNER	Leesburg, Fla.
J. C. ROGERS	Webster, Fla.
G. W. HAYS	Webster, Fla.
W. R. OBERRY	Oxford, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

M. E. WEEKS	Leesburg, Fla.
R. D. MATHEWS	Leesburg, Fla.
O. S. BOGUE	Oxford, Fla.
J. M. HEDICK	Brooksville, Fla.
J. C. DAVANT, SR.	Brooksville, Fla.
H. W. ZELLNER	Floral City, Fla.

MINUTES.

Sardis, near Oxford, Fla., October 25, 1901.

The fifty-fifth session of the Alachua Baptist Association convened at the above place at 10 o'clock a. m. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. J. M. Hedick. Geo. T. Leitner elected Clerk pro tem. After devotional exercises the church letters were read by Bros. N. E. Norwood and O. S. Bogue and delegates enrolled as follows:

Whitney Church—T. Robuck, R. D. Mathews, Mrs. M. E. Ward, Mrs. L. W. Simmons.

Lady Lake—W. P. Ebbs.

Webster—J. C. Rogers, S. J. Beach.

Leesburg—Geo. T. Leitner.

Bushnell—Jesse Passmore, Sisters Mary Beville and Emmie Hornady.

Eden—J. M. Hedick, L. W. Simmons.

Sardis—R. J. Perry, W. S. Grimes, E. F. Caruthers, Proctor Caruthers.

Floral City—H. W. Zellner.

Oxford—W. H. West, S. L. Griggs, W. R. Oberry, John Perry, Miss Annie Bogue.

Sumterville—Miss Mildred Godwin, N. E. Norwood.

Wildwood—R. H. Smith.

Brooksville—By letter.

The rules were waived and the following officers elected by acclamation: J. M. Hedick, Moderator; Geo. T. Leitner, Clerk; O. S. Bogue, Treasurer.

The hour having arrived, the Introductory Sermon was preached by the appointee, N. E. Norwood, from 1 Cor. 21:24.

The Association adjourned until 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Association called to order. Prayer by O. S. Bogue. The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Religious Services—Pastor and deacons of Sardis Church, with O. S. Bogue.

Missions—J. C. Rogers, E. F. Caruthers, Mrs. M. E. Ward.

Periodicals—R. D. Mathews, J. S. Beard, S. L. Griggs.

Sunday Schools—W. H. West, S. L. Griggs, Miss Annie Bogue.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Temperance—B. F. Freer, Mrs. W. H. West, Miss M. Goodwin.

Obituaries—H. W. Zellner, Preston Caruthers, John Perry.

Letters and Queries—W. R. Oberry, Jesse Passmore.

Finances—R. H. Smith, H. W. Zellner, T. Robuck.

Correspondents called for and Bro. B. F. Freer received from the Marion Association.

Committee on Religious Exercises made the following report: Rev. J. C. Rogers to preach tonight at 7 p. m.; Geo. T. Leitner at 11 a. m. tomorrow; L. W. Simmons to preach Sunday at 11 a. m.

The Executive Committee made the following report:

Report of Executive Committee.

Financial report of the Executive Committee of the Alachua Association:

1901.		Dr.
Amt. received from union meeting at Whitney	.....	\$ 6 04
Union meeting at Bushnell	.....	4 96
Contribution from Oxford Church	.....	4 00
From Webster	.....	2 00
From Whitney	.....	2 25
From Bushnell	.....	2 75
From Wildwood	.....	1 70
From Sumterville	.....	1 44
From Leesburg	.....	2 50
State Board—Books sold by Bro. Oberry and amount paid by W. N. Chaudoin	.....	23 70
Collected by Bro. Oberry on field	.....	20 00
Total	.....	\$71 34
		Cr.
By amount paid Home Board	.....	\$ 3 34
Paid Bro. Oberry	.....	68 00
Total	.....	\$71 34

Report adopted.

The following named brethren were elected delegates to the State Convention: J. C. Porter, W. R. Oberry, J. C. Rogers, G. T. Leitner, J. C. Davant, Sr., L. S. Walker. Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—J. C. Porter; alternate, Geo. T. Leitner.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

On motion, Association adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 a. m. Prayer by N. E. Norwood.

Preaching at 7 p. m. by Rev. J. C. Rogers from James 1:27.

SATURDAY—Morning Session.

Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. H. W. Zellner. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Temperance made the following report, which was discussed by B. F. Freer, G. T. Leitner, H. W. Zellner and L. W. Simmons:

Report on Temperance.

It is the opinion of your committee that the drink habit can not be reached by simple resolutions depicting and deploring the evil of intemperance, because those whom we would benefit never read our minutes—but by some organized effort that will bring the enormity of this crime on the body politic face to face with offenders. We must strike the cause if we would remove the trouble. The question then arises: What is the cause? Perhaps some would say, "The license law. Remove this and you have cured the disease." But what would become of the product of the breweries and distilleries? Would they not find a way down the necks of the people? You say, "Prohibit the manufacture and sale." What would prevent the product of other countries coming into our borders? This would not lessen the amount consumed. No, we contend that the making and sale of intoxicants is not the cause of intemperance, but rather the drinking of it. If we can keep our people from using it, the producer and vender will naturally disappear. But how can we do this? We answer, By educating public sentiment; to prepare for a law before it can take effect. We cannot enforce a prohibitory law where a people are not in sympathy with such a law. We therefore recommend that each church hold regular meetings as may be directed for the purpose of teaching the grand principles of temperance and by disseminating temperance literature. And we recommend that our churches use a strict discipline over their members in regard to intoxicating drink and unless they refrain from its use to withdraw fellowship.

B. F. FREER,

MRS. W. H. WEST,

MISS M. GOODWIN,

Committee.

The Committee on Obituaries made the following report:

Report on Obituaries.

Your committee, after a careful examination of the church letters, are thankful to report that none of our preachers and deacons have died during the year. But we are sorry to find that seven of our lay members have died since our last Association—Bro. E. Dias, of Oxford, Sister Cealy D. Snowden, of Sardis, and five others whose names we have not learned. We regret the fact that so little is said of the death of these humble children of God, knowing He is no respecter of persons, having bestowed His love and care on all His children.

H. W. ZELLNER,
PRESTON CARUTHERS,
Committee.

Report on Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association.

The B. M. A. A. has been one branch of the work of our Convention and Association that has carried substantial aid into the homes of quite a number of our brethren who have been called away from toil and labor to rest. To our minds its importance cannot be overestimated. Very few of our preachers have much of this world's goods laid up. The B. M. A. A. not only proposes to pay the burial expenses, but to try and provide a fund to relieve the widow and the orphans in the dark hour of sorrow. But to do this the Association needs the co-operation and assistance of the entire membership of our churches. Yet in many of the associations there are even preachers who fail to see the importance of the B. M. A. A. and thus neglect to become members, failing thereby to provide means for their own burial, or to leave aid for their needy families. The B. M. A. A. has rendered aid to the amount of \$320 during the year to the families of two of our departed beneficiary members.

Respectfully submitted, GEO. T. LEITNER,
R. D. MATHEWS,

Committee.

Discussed by L. W. Simmons and G. T. Leitner. Report adopted.

The Committee on Missions made the following report:

Report on Missions.

We, your Committee on Missions, beg to make the following report: In our opinion there is no subject that should lie so near the hearts of God's people as the subject of missions. It is

the commission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and this commission was given to His church. To be a good missionary we must be familiar with God's Word. We find that the spirit of Christianity is the spirit of missions. And that we may become familiar with the missionary and his work, we should read the Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal, which would inspire in us a sympathy for the work. The great need of our people is to get them in sympathy with the missionary and his work. The pastors should teach and encourage the people on the line of missions and impress them with the fact that there is something for each one to do. We cannot all preach, but all can help by prayer and sympathy and by giving of our means to support the work. We think that our pastors should encourage the people to systematic giving. Spasmodic collections will not suffer. We need a steady pouring into the Lord's treasury. When the people adopt the system as taught by Paul in 1 Cor. 16, it will not be long before the knowledge of God shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. We are glad to note the success of our missionaries during the past year.

J. C. ROGERS,

Respectfully submitted.

Chairman.

Discussed by J. C. Rogers, N. E. Norwood and L. W. Simmons. Report adopted.

Report of Finance Committee.

CHURCHES	Minutes	Associational	Woman's Society for Foreign Missions	Amount Collected At Association
Wildwood	1 50	\$ 1 00	\$	\$
Oxford	1 50	1 00	1 00	
Sumterville	50			
Floral City	1 00	1 00		
Sardis	1 50	1 50		
Eden	1 00	1 50		
Bushnell	1 50	1 70		
Leesburg		4 00		
Webster	1 00	1 00		
Lady Lake	50	50		
Whitney	1 00			
Brooksville	2 50			
Total		\$12 60	\$12 20	\$ 1 90 \$45 24

R. H. SMITH,
H. W. ZELLENER,
T. ROBUCK

Report adopted.

Treasurer's Report.

O. S. Bogue, Treasurer, in account with the Alachua Baptist Association:

1900.		Dr.	
Oct 27.	To cash from Finance Committee	\$30	90
" 28.	Cash collected for missions	13	60
" 28.	Collected for aged ministers	1	50
" 28.	Amount reported by J. C. Porter for aged ministers	7	25
	Reported by J. C. Porter for education	4	66
	Balance on hand from last year	2	02
	Total	\$57	93
1900.		Cr.	
Oct.	By cash paid R. L. Clark, Clerk's fee	10	00
Paid Dr. W. N. Chandon:			
	For home missions	11	23
	Foreign missions	1	23
	State missions	10	30
	Bible work	1	26
	Education	4	66
	Aged ministers	8	75
	Printing minutes	20	48
	Postage and revenue stamps		12
	To balance on hand	1	90
	Total	\$59	93

O. S. BOGUE, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

Report on Periodicals.

We, your Committee on Periodicals, would recommend to the members of the Association the reading of good, sound literature, for our lives are shaped to a great extent by what we read. Hence we should supply our homes with good reading matter, that our children may have access to the best. We endorse our State paper, the Florida Baptist Witness, and wish it was in every home. We also endorse the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Publication Society for our Sunday schools, and especially recommend the Sunday schools to use the Kind Words.

R. D. MATHEWS, Chairman.

Discussed by R. D. Mathews, B. F. Freer and W. P. Ebbs.
Report adopted.

The preaching hour having arrived, Geo. T. Leitner preached from Deut. 32:11-12, after which the Association adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report:

Report on Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations recommend that the next Association be held with the church at Whitney, beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1902, at 10 a. m., and that Bro. J. C. Rogers be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon; Bro. L. W. Simmons, alternate.

Respectfully submitted.

O. S. BOGUE,
T. ROBUCK,
S. J. BEACH.

Report adopted.

Committee.

Report on Woman's Work.

The new century has brought new responsibilities and we realize as never before the importance of woman's work. When we think of the millions of our unfortunate sisters who can only be reached by woman, the Macedonian cry reaches us with increased interest and awakens us to our responsibility. While we would not unduly magnify our own work, we feel that we have "a work that no other can do." We realize that the thing we most need is more love for the Master, and an increase of spirituality. Then we can attempt great things for God, and expect great things from Him. Your committee has pledged itself to give some part each day of the next year in praying for the work, and devising plans for the success of same. We notice with regret that there are very few societies in the Association. We rejoice to know that there are some faithful workers, who never grow discouraged.

Respectfully submitted.

Report adopted.

(MISS) EMMIE HORNADY.

Committee on Education reported.

Report on Education.

The world is advancing in knowledge. Education of the right kind gives us more power and makes us more useful in the world. God has taught us in His Word that He expects us to

work for Him. The preparation for work is just as much a duty as the work itself, therefore to neglect education is to disobey God. We believe it the duty of our churches to encourage and aid worthy poor boys and girls in obtaining an education. We would recommend our Baptists to patronize our John B. Stetson University, it being well equipped in every way and doing thorough work. We have a number of young ministers there preparing themselves for their life-work. We would further recommend to our young ministers the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., as being sound in the faith and the best place to get a theological training. We believe it the duty of every church to take collections at least once each year for ministerial education. Respectfully submitted.

N. E. NORWOOD,

W. P. EBBS,

Committee.

Report adopted.

Report on Letters and Queries.

From reading the church letters we notice that the work of the Lord is progressing in our Association, but cannot say that they report as much work and success as it is our privilege to do. Some church letters only give statistics, which is all right so far as business is concerned, but we would recommend that each church clerk write a letter to the Association. We find no queries in the letters. Respectfully submitted.

W. R. OBERRY, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools.

Every church should have a Sunday school. A church can not be at work without one. To have no Sunday school shows a lack of interest among the members of the church, while a good, flourishing Sunday school shows to us that Christian energy is leading on. Parents should go with their children and take an active part. The pastors should urge the work, showing them the benefits of bringing their children up in the Sunday school. We recommend the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society and the Convention Series published by our own Southern Baptist Convention for our Sunday schools. All should read the Witness and learn what is going on in the work. Respectfully submitted.

W. H. WEST,

S. L. GRIGGS,

Committee.

Report discussed by G. T. Leitner, L. W. Simmons, H. W. Zellner and O. S. Bogue. Adopted.

The following brethren were elected as members of the Executive Committee: M. E. Weeks, O. S. Bogue, R. D. Mathews, J. M. Hedick, H. W. Zellner and J. C. Davant, Sr.

The Clerk was instructed to publish in the minutes the proceedings of the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Alachua Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are most heartily tendered to the Sardis Church and community for their kind and generous hospitality extended to us while in their midst.

It was decided that the Clerk be paid ten dollars for his services and have the usual number of minutes published.

After singing, the parting hand was given, when Bro. B. F. Freer led in a most earnest prayer, and the Association adjourned to meet with the Whitney Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1902, at 10 a. m.

G. T. LEITNER,

Clerk.

J. M. HEDICK,

Moderator.

MINUTES OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The ladies of the Alachua Association held a meeting at Sardis Church at 2:30 p. m. October 26, 1901. Miss Emmie Hornady was elected to the chair and the meeting was called to order. Informal talks as to ways and means for increasing interest and arousing enthusiasm in Women's Missionary Societies were made. Much interest was manifested and a committee consisting of Sisters Simmons, Nichols and Beville was appointed to prepare a program for a meeting of the societies in connection with the union meeting on the fifth Sunday in December.

A permanent organization was effected, with officers as follows: Miss Emmie Hornady, President; Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Abbott, Vice Presidents.

The ladies of Sardis Church decided to organize a society and appointed a meeting for Sunday, November 4.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MISS EMMIE HORNADY,

MRS. NICHOLS, Secretary.

Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches	SUNDAY SCHOOLS		Officers and Teachers.	Number of Pupils	Total Enrollment	Books in Library.	Contributed for Expenses	For Mission and Benevolence
	Superintend'ts	Postoffices						
Brooksville	W S Jordan	Brooksville	6	35	41	13	00	
Bushnell	A M Norwood	Bushnell	5	35	40	5	00	3 40
Eden	T J Dick	Brooksville						
Lady Lake	C P Vaughn	Lady Lake	3	7	10	1	50	
Leesburg	M M Lovell	Leesburg	10	53	62	53	71	6 69
Oxford	W H West	Oxford	6	18	40	11	35	
Floral City	G W Higgins	Floral City	6	20	36	11	10	
Sumterville	Goree Nelson	Sumterville	4	15	12	12	00	
Webster	A Kellum	Webster	4	31	31	12	00	
Whitney	R D Mathews	Whitney	8	46	54	21	87	
				53	300	336	117	90