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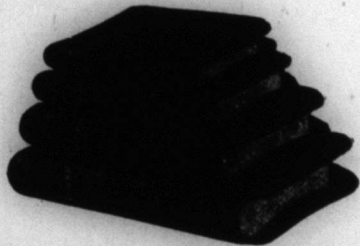
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October 20 and 21, 1904.

OFFICERS:

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Reading Letters and Enrolling Messengers.
3. Elect Officers.
4. Calling for Petitionary Letters.
5. Inviting Visiting Brethren to Seats.
6. Call for Correspondence.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Report of Executive Committee.
9. Treasurer's Report.
10. Report of Committees.
11. Fix time and place of next Meeting.
12. Election of Messengers to State and Southern Baptist Conventions.
13. Miscellaneous Business.
14. Read and correct Minutes.
15. Adjournment.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES.

JOHN PROCTOR	Levon, Fla.
R. L. CLEYBURN	Levon, Fla.
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J. C. ROGERS	Webster, Fla.
G. W. HAYS	Webster, Fla.
W. R. O'BERRY	Oxford, Fla.
E. M. C. DUNKLIN	Oxford, Fla.
B. F. FREER	Levon, Fla.
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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.

BROOKSVILLE, FLA., Oct. 20-21, 1904.

The Fifty-eighth Session of the Alachua Association was called to order by the Moderator, J. M. Hedic, G. F. Leitner, Clerk.

Brother J. C. Rodgers preached the introductory sermon. Text, Rom. 13:11.

After preaching the letters were called for and read by T. W. Spicer and O. S. Bogue.

Floral City—G. W. Higgins, H. W. Zellner.

Bushnell—Mrs. Mary Bevill.

Brooksville—A. N. Chelf, J. C. Davant, Mrs. W. E.

Law.

Leesburg—G. T. Leitner, T. W. Spicer, W. P. Ebbs,

Mrs. J. O. Abbott, Mrs. J. A. Smith.

Lady Lake—Not represented.

Oxford—O. S. Bogue, Miss Annie Bogue, S. L. Griggs,

Mrs. S. L. Griggs.

Sardis—Geo. Nichols, Miss Lydia Swearengen, Miss

Eva Swearengen, J. F. Pittman.

Sumterville—Not represented.

Webster—J. C. Rodgers.

Wildwood—By letter.

LeCants—Miss J. Vinson, Mrs. J. L. Vinson.

Wahoo—R. L. Hays.

Hebron—Miss Mary Sharp, A. P. Sharp.

Charter Oak—Not represented.

Eden—J. A. Morgan, E. M. Bishop, J. L. Dick, W.

E. Dick, J. M. Hedic, Sr., D. C. Allen.

Whitney—By letter.

On motion of Bro. Davant, Bro. W. S. Jordan cast the vote of Association for J. M. Hedic, Sr., for Moderator, and G. T. Leitner cast the vote for T. W. Spicer for Clerk.

Bro. J. C. Davant delivered the Address of Welcome, which was responded to by Bro. G. T. Leitner.

The Deacons of Brooksville Church were appointed a Committee on Divine Service.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Afternoon Session.

After prayer by Bro. Ebbs, the various committees were appointed.

On motion of Bro. Leitner, the Clerk was allowed \$10 for services with instructions to have 300 Minutes printed. Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

Preaching at 7 o'clock p. m. by Rev. G. T. Leitner. "They have taken away my Lord."

Friday Morning.

Opened at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. Bogue.

Visiting Brethren enrolled:

Rev. G. A. Bryant, Pasco Association.

Rev. F. C. Edwards, Southern Baptist Witness.

H. G. Snowden, Marion Association.

Rev. J. W. Tucker, South Florida Association.

Rev. H. H. Sturgiss, Indian River Association.

The Center Hill Church was received into this association.

Right hand of fellowship could not be extended, no one of the Church being present.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your Committee feeling the responsibility which rests upon the women in our highly favored home land, desire to urge our sisters that they should be more zealous in the cause of Christianizing women. It is woman's work, and in some countries can be done only by women, for there women are denied the privilege of hearing the Gospel from man.

We believe if the women of our churches would subscribe for more missionary literature and thus acquaint themselves more fully with missionary work, both at home and abroad, they would feel more constrained to work with renewed zeal and energy for our dear Master's cause. We have still to deplore a dearth of woman's societies in the churches of our Association, but hope by another year to be able to make a better report.

We earnestly request the prayers and co-operation of all our brethren in our work.

MRS. J. O. ABBOTT,
MISS ANNIE BOGUE,
MRS. S. L. GRIGGS,
MRS. W. E. LAW,
Committee.

Spoken to by Bro. Leitner and Bro. Chelf and adopted.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

This work is comparatively a new department in our denominational work. But it has already reached a responsive chord in the hearts of our people. We have at Arcadia a home well equipped, under the management of Brother B. M. Bean and his noble wife, in which there are over twenty orphans who are well cared for. But we must not forget that they are dependent upon us for support.

We would recommend our churches and Sunday schools to make regular and liberal contributions to this work. "I was an hungered and ye fed me; I was naked and ye clothed me; in as much as ye did it to one of the least of these, ye did it unto me." Thus the Master commends the work to us.

GEO. T. LEITNER,
MRS. J. O. ABBOTT,
MRS. J. A. SMITH,
Committee.

Discussed by Bro. Leitner and adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your committee, beg to report as follows:

The letters from the different churches show that eleven deaths have occurred during the year. "Not dead, but sleepeth." Some of which were among our best workers.

A. N. CHELF, Chairman.

Adopted.

OUR DEAD.

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, yea, saith the spirit, and their works do follow them."

Sister MARY GRUBBS,.....Lake Linsley.
 Sister MAMIE SMITH,Whitney.
 Sister NANNIE WILLIAMSON,.....Whitney.
 Sister SALLIE SMITH,.....Webster.
 Sister GERTIE SNOWDON,.....Sardis.
 Sister LOTTIE BRINSON,.....Oxford.
 Sister UNA PERRY BARNETT,.....Oxford.
 Sister REBECCA CARUTHERS,Wildwood.
 Brother G. F. BRITTLE,.....Hebron.
 Brother G. W. SPIVEY,Whitney.
 Brother WILLIS NEWMAN,Leesburg.
 Sister G. W. HIGGINS,Floral City.
 Brother T. J. GRIFFIN,Brooksville.

THE BAPTIST MINISTERS ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

The work of the Baptist Ministers Assurance Association, is that of rendering aid and assurance to the families of deceased Baptist preachers. And for this reason should have the hearty co-operation and sympathy of our people. During this year the Association has been called upon to make three assessments. Since its organization, to 35 families of preachers who have died, most of them poor, it has been enabled to render some substantial aid. The Association and its work is gradually winning its way into the sympathy and co-operation of our people. As a committee, we most heartily recommend to our people the B. M. A. A.

GEO. T. LEITNER,
 L. L. DICK.
 Committee.

Discussed by Bro. Leitner and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report :

This is an age of research and investigation, men are allowing their minds free course. The cry of the age is investigation.

New problems and questions confront us. To meet the demand we must educate. The pew must be educated. To be educated means more than mere cultivation of the mind: it means the education of the entire man. Such education can only be imparted by those who live for Jesus.

Our ministry must be trained to meet the demands of the times. We point with pride to our school at DeLand—Stetson University—where our boys and girls can be trained and our young ministers can be fitted for their life's work. Attention is called also to our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted.

O. S. BOGUE,
 S. L. GRIGGS,
 W. E. DICK,
 Committee.

Discussed by Bros. Bogue, Edwards, Chelf, Spicer and Leitner, and adopted.

Bro. F. C. Edwards preached from Acts 1:8.

A collection for Missions amounting to \$10.94 was taken up.

2 O'clock Session.

After singing Bro. Bryant lead in prayer.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, the Committee on Periodicals, recommend first of all the encouragement of Bible reading in our homes, for we consider it the

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best of all books and the best way of gaining religious knowledge. We also recommend for our Sunday schools the Convention series, while we do not object to the American Baptist Society's literature when preferred. We also urge our people to stand by our State paper, the Southern Baptist Witness, and encourage it by subscribing for same and reading it.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. RODGERS,
E. M. BISHOP,
R. L. HAYS.

Discussed by Bro. Edwards and Bro. Rodgers and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance respectfully report :

We recognize the subject committed to us to involve and depend upon more a moral and Christian principle than simply a habit of life, and would commend its consideration with the significance in which the apostle commended it to the Corinthian Church. Would we "strive for the mastery" in the Christian race, something more essentially characteristic than mere outward conformity should distinguish us. That spirit temper of unequivocal, unmistakable ring should attend every vibration of the individual life that should be felt in all surrounding atmosphere as done in remembrance of our Master. He trains for the crown which the world cannot give or take away. With hearts immersed in the continence "for thy sake" all the day long, our confession and communion would be constant. We should not ask human legislation for the promotion or protection of public morals. We should lead the van of the world's victors and illustrate the Captain of our salvation, the King of Kings. He would use us to destroy the cause, not to palliate the effect. While co-operating with every moral influence, let our co-operation be felt as incidental only to what is higher, holy, "not of this world."

J. C. DAVANT, Chairman.

Discussed by chairman and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We have held four Union meetings during the year as follows : At Wildwood, Center Hill, Oxford and Wahoo. Some of the churches have contributed very liberally to our appeals for the missionary work in this Association. We have assisted with these helps from our churches in a small way, Bro. J. C. Rodgers for Center Hill Church, Bro. G. A. Bryant for Wahoo and Hebron Churches, as our financial report will show. How the work has prospered in their hands we are unable to say, as they have not reported to our committee. No doubt they will report to your body. We have also given some assistance to the Wahoo Church for their proposed building.

We regret that our committee has been so negligent in the work entrusted to their care. Perhaps some changes should be made for more efficient work. We are open for instructions from your body.

Respectfully submitted.

O. S. BOGUE,
for Committee.

Adopted.

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Bro. G. A. Bryant made report on his work and a collection was raised amounting to \$3.58.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, the Committee on Nominations, recommend that the Association accept the invitation to meet with the Leesburg Church on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1905, and that Bro. E. M. C. Dunklin preach the introductory sermon.

N. P. SHARP,
J. H. MORGAN,
E. M. BISHOP.

Adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions would report what shall practically serve the several churches :

For this purpose we ask consideration of the comprehensiveness of our subject, that the world is embraced. By China and Japan, Africa and Brazil, Italy and Mexico, Cuba and unprovided sections of the United States, as well as Florida and the limits of the Alachua Association ; that each is near the eye of God and none is removed from our responsibility to share the gospel light in just acknowledgement of the extent of our trust. It would be well that readings at every fireside within our bounds should inform us of the 2100 baptisms reported by our foreign mission board during the past year ; of the individual experiences of men and women who, without identity of skin or speech, have wrought through resentment to convey blessing ; of the score and more of recruits during the last year to this service who attest the steadfast loyalty and assured extension of the coming kingdom, despite the nations' warrings. Diffused information of the lives and labors of Dr. Tichenor and his co-operators in home missions might be helpful and developing education to us. We would have our rank and file realize that literature that is truthful, such as is framing history, and should stimulate them to intelligent action, is to be had by them as Baptists for little more than the asking, if only we will consent to be informed. Last annual report of State board of missions: Forty-one employees, 417 baptisms, 317 letters, sixty-two restored, thirty-five Sabbath schools organized, fourteen houses begun, nine houses finished, seven Churches organized. We accept the statement of indebtedness for building as earnest of substantial and hopeful progress, but with due sense of our responsibility for a full share of it to be discharged by us. We submit information that within the immediate bounds of this Association there are adults who have never heard a gospel sermon ; more who have not attended public worship for years ; yet more who habitually disregard the Christian Sabbath. And we earnestly call upon our Churches for enlarged provision for our own immediate and pressing and heavier-growing responsibility ; that we each and every one move directly to the work lying in front of us, to the upbuilding of the fallen walls ; that we take to ourselves our own Association missions with renewed and redoubled zeal and devotion and unreserved consecration.

J. C. DAVANT, Chairman.

Discussed by Bro. Leitner and Bro. J. W. Tucker and adopted.

REPORT ON LETTERS AND QUERRIES.

We, your Committee on Letters and Querries, report as follows :

We have examined the letters and find that there has been a gradual increase in the membership in our Association, as a whole, although, there has been but few revivals during the year. We find no querries.

Respectfully submitted

J. C. RODGERS,
E. M. BISHOP,
R. L. HAYS,
Committee.

Report adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

We, the Finance Committee, beg to make the following report :

Received for Minutes.....	\$ 32 75
" Associational Missions.....	21 00
" Home Missions.....	1 50
" Foreign Missions.....	1 00
" State Missions.....	50
Total.....	\$ 56 75

W. P. EBBS,
J. A. PITMAN,
G. NICHOLS,
Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The day to discuss the importance of the Sunday school is past. It is now recognized as an essential part of our church work. It is the Church at work training the young mind in God's truth, that when the Holy Spirit converts their souls, we may have a man or woman, boy or girl fitted for God's service. We are thankful to know that most of our churches have Sunday schools and that such a large proportion of our children are studying every Sunday a portion of God's work. There is no excuse for any to be left out or remain ignorant of God's word with such excellent helps as are now furnished by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Publishing Society.

Respectfully submitted.

O. S. BOGUE,
G. W. NICHOLS,
W. E. DICK,
Committee.

Discussed by Bro. O. S. Bogue and Bro. Griggs, and adopted.

The same Executive Committee was elected, namely : M. E. Weeks, R. D. Mathews, O. S. Bogue, J. M. Hedic, Sr., J. C. Davant, H. W. Zellner ; O. S. Bogue, Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Financial statement Associational Missions of the Alachua Association :

DEBITS.	
To cash from Association, 1903.....	\$20 42
" " Union meeting at Wildwood.....	14 16
" " " " Center Hill.....	7 02
" " " " Oxford.....	16 48
" " " " Wahoo.....	13 20
Sunday's collection, Wahoo.....	11 00
Total amount received.....	\$82 28

CREDITS.	
By amt. pd. J. C. Rodgers for Center Hill Ch.....	\$24 02
" " E. M. C. Dunklin.....	3 00
" " G. A. Bryant for Wahoo Ch.....	10 50
" " " " Hebron Ch.....	14 00
" " for postage.....	40
Paid Wahoo Ch. for Ch. building.....	11 00
Balance on hand.....	19 36
Total.....	\$82 28

For committee. O. S. BOGUE, Treasurer.

Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

1903	Dr
Oct. 23. To cash from Finance Committee.....	\$58 40
1903	Cr
Oct. 23. By cash paid G. T. Leitner, cl'ks fees.....	\$10 00
L. D. Geiger for missions.....	6 98
Nov. 16. For printing minutes.....	21 00
Paid Executive Committee.....	20 42

Total.....\$58 40

Respectfully submitted.

O. S. BOGUE, Treasurer.

Adopted.

On motion of Bro. Leitner, the following were enrolled as messengers to State Convention :

T. W. Spicer, J. C. Rodgers, B. F. Freer, W. E. Law.
 Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention :

E. M. C. Dunklin ; O. S. Bogue, alternate.

On motion of Bro. J. W. Tucker, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved. That we, as an Association, express our thanks to the Brooksville Church and friends who have so cordially entertained us during our stay among them.

After reading the Minutes the Association adjourned to meet with the Leesburg Church Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October.

The hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," was sung and the parting hand extended.

THOS. W. SPICER,
 Clerk.

J. M. HEDIC,
 Moderator.

MINUTES OF W. M. U.

During the session of the Alachua Association at Brooksville, the W. M. U. of said Association held its annual meeting on October 21st, 1904.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. J. O. Abbott, one of the Vice-Presidents, delegates and reports from the different societies were received :

Oxford, represented by Miss Bogue, reported \$11.85 for all purposes.

The Leesburg letter, read by Mrs. Smith, reported \$51.15.

Report of Brooksville church, read by Mrs. J. C. Law, amounted to 121.63.

Webster society reported \$4.00.

Letters were read from the secretaries of our home and foreign mission Boards and also from several of our missionaries.

A collection amounting to \$3.50 was taken for the church at Para, Brazil.

Bro. C. F. Edwards gave us a talk on State mission work.

Mission literature was distributed.

In a few remarks Mrs. Abbott explained the work of the home department. She also requested the delegates to urge their respective societies to work more zealously for the Master's cause throughout the coming year.

MISS MABEL RODGERS,
 Secretary.

MRS. J. O. ABBOTT,
 Vice-President.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Organized.	Value of Property.	Church Expenses and Pastors' Salaries.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Aged Ministers.	Minutes.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Charity.
Brooksville.....	1862	\$ 2,500	\$ 423 00	\$ 27 00	\$ 65	\$ 4 00	\$ 3 64	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 1 25	\$ 7 00	\$ 4 80	
Bushnell.....	1866	700	65 70					1 50	1 50				
Eden.....	1846	800	191 00	50									
Floral City.....	1868	800	300 00										
Lady Lake.....	1,000	548 41	43 25			5 00	10 00	10 00	6 00	24 00	11 15		
Leesburg.....	3,500	175 00	22 50	15 00	8 50	4 10		6 00	2 00	3 25	65 05	10 00	
Oxford.....	881	800	175 00	3 00				2 25	3 00		1 75	3 75	
Sardis.....	1884	180	75 00										
Sumterville.....	None	50	5 50	4 00							2 31		
Webster.....	1891	1,400	136 92	32 07	2 25	10 00	4 05	2 00	80 56	180 00			
Whitney.....	1863	1,400	127 77					50	50		50 15 76		
Wildwood.....	1864	1,400	127 77										
Wahoo.....	1903		25 00		1 00				1 00				
Hebron.....	1903		28 00			2 25							
Charter Oak.....	1903												
Center Hill.....	1904												
Totals.....		13,250	1824 30	126 45	26 40	25 75	21 79	1 00	18 25	22 75	127 62	191 75	10 00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	GAIN.			LOSS.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						
			No. Reported Last Year.	By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Exclusion.	By Letter.		By Death.					
Brooksville.....	N. Keithley, Brooksville.		67	2 3	5 8		2	6	1	66	W. S. Jordan	5	15	3	\$ 16 00
Bushnell.....	W. H. Snow, Bushnell.		16	1	1			3	1	21	A. M. Norwood	4	36	2	13 22
Eden.....	J. N. Morgan, Brooksville.		61	1	1			1	1	58	No Report.				
Floral City.....	O. J. Tooke, Floral City.		40							30	C. W. Higgins	5	25		40 00
Lady Lake.....	T. W. Stringfellow, Lady Lake		20		1			2	1	61	No Report.				
Leesburg.....	J. O. Abbott, Leesburg.		81	7	5	1		4	2	154	M. E. Weeks.	6	45	1	48 97
Oxford.....	O. S. Bogue, Oxford.		155	1	4			4	2	154	S. Bogue.	6	70	1	23 23
Sardis.....	E. F. Caruthers.		97	12				1	1	107	No Report.				
Sumterville.....	J. B. Rodgers, Webster		109		4	1		1	1	112	No Report.				
Webster.....	W. V. Peacock, Whitney.		41	4						3	D. Mitch.	3	36		
Whitney.....	J. C. Rodgers, Wildwood.		55	4	1			2	3	40	R. D. Michews	4	36	4	21 90
Wildwood.....	T. N. Curington, Wildwood.		7	13						32	E. B. Webb.	4	40		11 20
Wahoo.....	J. L. Woodard, Wahoo.		25	1	1			1		25	A. P. Sharp.	3	42		
Hebron.....	Mary Sharp, Maple.		19	3				2		20	No Report.	2	20		
Charter Oak.....	B. F. Freer.														
Center Hill.....	J. Scroggins, Levon.														
Totals.....			862	42	40	2	2	22	12	850		42	401	11	\$144 61

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