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OF THE

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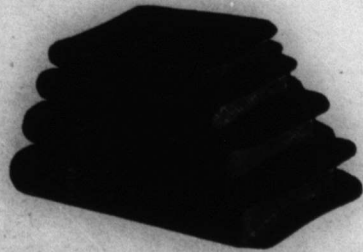
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ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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.

G. A. BRYANT.....	Wahoo, Fla.
R. L. CLEYBURN.....	Levon, Fla.
GEO. T. LEITNER.....	Leesburg, Fla.
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.
T. W. SPICER.....	Leesburg, Fla.
J. P. DAVIS.....	Webster, Fla.
J. W. BEEK.....	Leesburg, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

W. H. MAHONEY.....	Leesburg, Fla.
R. D. MATHEWS.....	Leesburg, Fla.
O. S. BOGUE.....	Oxford, Fla.
J. M. HEDICK.....	Brooksville, Fla.
J. C. DAVANT, SR.,.....	Brooksville, Fla.
B. W. WOODARD.....	Wahoo, Fla.

MINUTES.

Leesburg, Fla., October 19, 1905.

The Fifty-ninth session of the Alachua Association convened with the Leesburg Baptist church on Thursday, October 19th, 1905.

Brother E. M. C. Dunklin preached the introductory sermon from 1 Cor. 4:17. "My Ways."

After preaching the association was called to order by Brother J. M. Hedick, Moderator.

Dr. T. W. Moore, of the M. E. church, was recognized, after which the Association adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

1:30 P. M.

Brother Hedick called the meeting to order, and appointed Brethren G. T. Leitner and J. W. Tucker to read the letters.

The following churches were represented:

Eden—J. W. Tucker, J. M. Hedick.

Webster—J. C. Rodgers, L. B. Hutchinson.

Wildwood—S. W. Marquert.

Whitney—W. V. Peacock, R. D. Mathews, L. H. Walker, Thos. Roebuck.

Center Hill—W. H. Jones.

Wahoo—G. A. Bryant, B. W. Woodard, Miss Minnie Swain.

Bushnell—Mrs. C. Bevill.

Brooksville—A. N. Chelf.

Leesburg—T. W. Spicer, G. T. Leitner, W. H. Mahoney, Mrs. A. Stivender, W. R. Mathews, Mrs. D. M. Hopson.

Oxford—E. M. C. Dunklin, O. S. Bogue, Miss Annie Bogue, John Perry, E. F. Hurst.

Floral City—Through letter from Brother Clark to Brother Leitner.

One dollar and fifty cents was sent for Associational Missions and \$8.50 for missions.

Lady Lake—Contribution only.

Hebron—A. P. Sharp.

Sardis—W. S. Grimes, Wm. Grimes, Walter Nichols.

Charter Oak—By letter.

Sumterville—Verbal report from Brother J. C. Rodgers.

On motion of Brother J. C. Rodgers, Brother J. M. Hedrick was re-elected Moderator, and on motion of Brother Leitner, Thos. W. Spicer was re-elected Clerk and S. O. Bogue, Treasurer.

Brother Leitner delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the Leesburg church.

Visitors being called for, the following were enrolled: Rev. J. W. Beck, of Georgia; Rev. J. W. Tucker and Rev. L. W. Simmons, from South Florida Association; Brother M. N. Kelly from West Virginia; Rev. E. H. Rennolds, Jacksonville Association; Rev. F. C. Edwards and Miss Spalding, from Wekiva Association.

Committee on divine service announced preaching at 7:30 to-night by Brother J. W. Beck.

Association adjourned till 9:30 Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING 9:30.

Brother Hedrick called the Association to order. Brother E. H. Rennolds led in prayer.

The report of Executive Committee was read by chairman O. S. Bogue and adopted. W. H. Mahoney and B. Woodard were added to Executive Committee and H. W. Zellner and M. E. Weeks left off.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

ALACHUA ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

O. S. Bogue, Treasurer, Dr.

1904

Oct. 21—To balance from last year.....\$ 19.36

From Association meeting 9.52
Oct. 29—From Union meeting at Bushnell,
Sent up by churches.....5.00
Collection5.56 10.56

1905

Jan. 30—From Union meeting at Hebron,
Sent up by churches.....3.60
Collection6.37 9.97
April 28—From Union meeting at Floral City.... 16.57
July 30—From Union meeting at Wahoo,
Sent up by churches..... 10.25
Amount reported by Brother Dunklin
for Charter Oak church-building..... 15.00

Total \$91.23

CR.

Paid Wahoo church building.....\$11.93
Paid Charter Oak church building..... 25.00
Paid G. A. Bryant, Missionary..... 36.00
Money-order fees and postage..... .21
Paid G. A. Bryant..... 10.00

October 20. Bal. on hand..... \$8.09

Respectfully submitted,

O. S. BOGUE,
Treasurer.

Treasurer's report was read by Brother O. S. Bogue, and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

1904.

DR.

Oct. 21—Received from Finance Committee amount
sent up by churches.....\$39 65

Missionary collection 10.84
 Total \$50.49

1904:

CR.

Oct. 21—Paid T. W. Spicer, clerk's fees.....\$10.00
 Dec. 21—Paid S. R. Hudson, printing minutes.... 15.50
 Paid T. W. Spicer, postage and expense.. 1.51

1905:

Feb. 1—Paid L. D. Geiger—
 For Home Missions.....\$1.50
 For Foreign Missions..... 1.00
 For State Missions..... .50 3.00
 Paid State Board, optional..... 10.80
 Paid postage and money-order fees..... .16
 Paid to Executive Committee..... 9.52
 Total \$50.49

Respectfully submitted,

O. S. BOGUE,
Treasurer.

Temperance report was read, by request, by Brother Leitner. Spoken to by Brothers Chelf, E. H. Rennolds, E. M. C. Dunklin, Grimes, Leitner and Spicer, and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee is profoundly impressed with both the boundless opportunity offered us to advance the cause of temperance by securing prohibitive legislation, and to assist in enforcing what we have.

We can never hope to have general temperance till the saloons are banished from our country, and the temptation to drink is removed from the towns and cities, toward which our population is tending.

While we are working toward this haven of safety, it is

our bounden duty to give all our influence to the enforcement of the laws which have given so many of our counties freedom from saloons, the blighting curse of the fairest country on the globe.

We should cast our votes only for men who believe in, teach and practice the temperance principles taught in the Book of Books.

We should, as citizens, realize our individual responsibility to lend our aid to all our officers in enforcing social option. At the polls, in the grand and petit jury rooms, on the witness-stand, in private conversation, on the rostrum, in the Sunday School class, in the pulpit and everywhere and at all times we should remember that we owe to ourselves, our families, our neighbors, our fellow citizens, our country, our church, the world and our God to stand for and work for universal temperance. Especially should we help to unearth and destroy the so-called "blind tigers," that in some places partially neutralize our anti-saloon laws. Whoever shrinks from this duty forgets that the Savior says, "Whosoever denyeth me before men, him will I deny before my Father."

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. CHELF.
 L. B. HUTCHISON.

Report on Woman's Work was read by Brother J. W. Tucker, Chairman. Spoken to by Brothers Dunklin, Leitner, Marquert and Spicer, and adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We feel deeply impressed that in the furtherance of the Gospel in this great missionary era upon which we are just now entering, the spirit of the Lord has come with conse-

crated power upon the Christian womanhood of our country, especially that of our own State and Association.

The question is no longer, "What can woman do?" but "What is she cannot do?" Her intelligence is as great as that of man's; her wisdom derived from the same source; her prayers just as acceptable as his and her work as commendable. The Saviour received aid and assistance from the women while here on the earth. They followed Him from place to place, and practiced self-denial. See Luke 8:1-3. And when Mary anointed Him with the precious ointment He said, "Let her alone."

They followed Him to the cross, and when all had fled they lingered from the cross to the grave, and here they brought sweet spices for embalming his body. Mark 16:1.

They were the first to the sepulcher, and after His resurrection they were the first to tell the glorious news. And after our Lord's ascension on the day of Pentecost, women as well as men were present, and the Holy Ghost came down on each of them, and tongues of fire were given them to speak.

The Apostle Paul received aid from the women; he saw the need of their help. In writing to the church at Philippi he said, "I intreat thee also, true yoke fellow, help those women who labored with me in the Gospel." Phil. 4:2-3. Who were those women Endoias and Syntyche, women at Philippi? Also in his letter to the Romans, 16:1-6, he says, "I commend unto you Phebe, our sister, which is a servant of the church at Cenchrea." Here she is represented as a servant—one who serves. He said, "Great Priscilla and Aquilla my helpers in Christ." Acts 18:2.

The women feel that when the Saviour said, "Go ye into all the world and teach all nations," it included them, and that they have some part in the evangelization of the world. We need their help. They have done and are doing a noble work. For what they have done we are grateful to Almighty God, and we invoke the blessings of God upon them.

We would recommend that all pastors aid and assist them as best they can in their noble work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. TUCKER.

MRS. C. BERILL.

MRS. J. O. ABBOTT.

MISS ANNIE BOGUE.

Committee.

Report on Periodicals was read by Brother Grimes. Spoken to by Brothers Grimes and Edwards, and adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, the Committee on Periodicals, beg to make the following report:

We consider the Bible the foundation of all pure literature, and recommend that it be read thoughtfully and prayerfully in every family, as we consider it the best way of gaining religious knowledge, and the only way of learning just how God would have us follow Him.

For our Sunday Schools, in addition to the Bible, we recommend the Conception Series, American Baptist Society literature, Kind Words, or any other good Baptist Sunday School literature.

We would urge that every Baptist family in the State take the Southern Witness, which is our paper. We also recommend the reading of the Home Field, published by the Home Mission Board, and the Foreign Mission Journal.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. GRIMES.

W. H. MAHONEY.

WILLIE GRIMES.

Committee.

At 11 o'clock Brother J. W. Tucker preached from Isaiah 49:20.

Adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

1:30 P. M.

Association met at 1:30 P. M., and Brother L. W. Simmons led in prayer.

Report on Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association was read by Brother Leitner.

Spoken to by Brothers Leitner, Dunklin, Rennolds and Grimes, and adopted.

THE BAPTIST MINISTERS' ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

This Association was organized for the purpose of rendering aid to the families of the beneficiary members, who are Baptist preachers in good standing, as well as to pay funeral and burial expenses of same.

There have been thirty-nine deaths since the organization was brought into existence, and more than \$5,800 paid to the families of the beneficiary members.

This is a most important part of our work, and we urge all our preachers to become members; and would ask that our lay members become honorary members, thus enlarging benefits and usefulness of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. LEITNER.

J. W. TUCKER.

W. V. PEACOCK.

Committee.

Report on Missions was read by Brother J. W. Beck, Chairman. Spoken to by Brothers Beck and Leitner, and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions would report progress in the work of the Lord.

The great work committed to the disciples and those

who should believe on Him through their words, was to preach the Gospel to every creature. The great work of the church is missionary work.

Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you. He came to seek and to save the lost. Here is our work. We have the world for our field; we have the bread of life; let us go forth to the perishing millions.

The Lord our God has opened the doors of the world. The nations of the earth have been brought close together. We have just been permitted to meet our brethren from the nations of the world; the great world conference has proven that Baptists are a great world family. We should now take a long step forward and upward. We should now unite in prayer to our Lord to strengthen us for the world work now open before us.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BECK, *Chairman.*

M. C. DUNKLIN.

J. C. RODGERS,

O. S. BOGUE.

Committee.

Finance report was read by Brother Rodgers, and adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that after examining the letters sent up from the different churches, we find money sent up for different purposes, as follows:

Webster, for minutes and clerk.....	\$2.00
Eden, Association Missions.....	2.50
Leesburg, Association Missions.....	7.00
Bushnell, for minutes and clerk fees.....	2.25
Bushnell, for Foreign Missions by G. S.....	5.00
Bushnell, for Orphanage S. D.....	5.00
Center Hill, minutes and clerk.....	1.00

Wahoo, clerk and Associational Missions	2.00
Sardis, minutes and clerk fees	3.50
Charter Oak, minutes and Associational Missions...	2.00
Floral City, State Missions and clerk.....	10.00
Wildwood, for minutes	2.00
Wildwood, for State Missions	13.95
Wildwood, for Orphanage	5.00
Oxford, for minutes	3.00
Whitney, minutes and clerk	4.00
Hebron, minutes and Associational Missions	2.10
LeConte, for minutes50
LeConte, for Missions	1.00
Lady Lake, Missions	1.75
Brooksville, minutes and clerk fees.....	2.00
Brooksville, for Missions	20.00
Lady's Society, for Orphanage	3.50

Total\$101.05

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. RODGERS,
L. B. HUTCHISON,
W. R. MATHEWS.

Received from Finance Committee, above amount (\$95.55).

O. S. BOGUE,
Treasurer.

Missionary collection \$8.88.

Report on Letters and Queries was read by the Chairman, B. W. Woodard, spoken to by Brother Woodard and adopted.

REPORT ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

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

We have examined the letters and find that there is only

an increase of eighteen this year from that of last year, and but few revivals during the year, and find no queries.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. WOODARD,
W. V. PEACOCK,
W. H. MAHONEY,
Committee.

Report on Nomination was read by Brother O. S. Bogue. Brother J. C. Rodgers moved to amend by inserting "Wildwood," instead of "Oxford," and "Friday" instead of "Thursday."

Amendment was spoken to by Brethren Leitner, Dunklin, Grimes, Rodgers, Nichols, Ebbs and Spicer.

Brother B. W. Woodard moved to amend the amendment by inserting "Wahoo" instead of "Wildwood" or "Oxford."

Brother Woodard's amendment was lost and the amendment to meet at Wildwood on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1906 was adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, the committee on Nominations, after carefully considering the invitations for the next meeting of the Association, recommend that we accept the invitation from the Oxford church, to meet at Oxford on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October 1906 at 10 o'clock a. m., and that Brother G. A. Bryant preach the introductory sermon.

Respectfully submitted,

O. S. BOGUE,
W. R. MATHEWS,
WALTER NICHOLS,
W. V. PEACOCK,
Committee.

Brother L. H. Walker read the Report on Orphanage, which was discussed by Brethren Leitner, Tucker, Simmons and Spicer and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We, the undersigned committee, do most heartily endorse the support of the work being carried on by the Baptist Orphanage at Arcadia under the management of Brother and Sister Bean.

They now have about thirty-four children under their care and some of these may in the future be the leaders in our church, but these little ones must be fed and clothed, taught to work and trained in knowledge. We have taken upon ourselves this grand work for the Lord our Master, let us not neglect to support it.

Reports show that they are very much in need of money to properly carry on the work, and as we consider this one of the *most important* obligations of the church, we would suggest that each minister act as a special agent in their community to solicit funds for this work. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me." "Freely ye have received, freely give."

L. H. WALKER,
GEO. T. LEITNER,
Committee.

Report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

OBITUARIES.

We, your committee, beg to report: In examining the different church letters, we find that eleven have died during the past year, some quite prominent in church work. Asleep in Jesus. We request that a page, in our minutes be dedicated to their memory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. PERRY,
R. MATHEWS,
L. H. WALKER,

On motion of Brother Leitner, T. W. Spicer, E. M. C. Dunklin, J. C. Rodgers, W. S. Grimes and L. H. Walker

were appointed to represent this Association at the State Convention.

Moved by Brother Leitner that E. M. C. Dunklin be appointed to represent the Association at the Southern Baptist Convention, with L. H. Walker alternate, and that Brother Dunklin be authorized to draw on the treasurer for twenty-five dollars to pay expenses.

The motion prevailed.

Brother E. M. C. Dunklin read report on Sunday Schools, which was adopted without discussion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

We the Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report. Definitions are hard to satisfy. A Sunday School by comparison has been called the "Nursery of the Church," for training our young in God's Word and Service by Sunday instructions. "Train up a child in the way he should go" is the scriptural hope for it. "As the twig is bent, so the tree inclines," is still a true saying. All ignorant ones need training whether young or old. We wish all our church members would take more interest in the Sunday School work. We note with pleasure that most of our churches have Sunday Schools. We recommend the Southern Baptist Convention Series. Also the American Baptist Publishing Societies' literature to our Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. C. DUNKLIN,
WALTER NICHOLS,
A. P. SHARPE,
Committee.

Brother J. C. Rodgers read report on Education which was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

This is an age of advancement and culture and no one can afford to neglect the opportunities now offered in the line of educational advantages. Any one who does so is "sleeping

on his own rights," and must become simply "hewers of wood and drawers of water," in the race of life.

There is no calling that needs education more than the minister.

We recommend Stetson University to our people as a fit place to educate their children.

To our young ministers who wish to better prepare themselves for their life's work we know of no better place than our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville Kentucky.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. RODGERS,
E. M. C. DUNKLIN,
J. W. TUCKER,
Committee.

On motion of Brother E. M. C. Dunklin a note of thanks was extended to the Leesburg church, pastor and community, for their royal entertainment of the Association.

The Association then adjourned to meet with the Wildwood church Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1906.

"God be with you till we meet again" was sung while the parting hand was extended.

THOS. W. SPICER,
Clerk.

J. M. HEDIC,
Moderator.

Our Honored Dead

BROTHER D. CURINGTON, Wildwood.
SISTER D. CURINGTON, Wildwood.
DEACON R. H. SMITH, Wildwood.
SISTER MARY E. DYCHES, Leesburg.
BROTHER J. S. NICHOLS, Oxford.
SISTER MARY HYATT, Oxford.
SISTER VERNON SPARKMAN, Oxford.
BROTHER A. P. PROCTOR, Sardis.
SISTER EVELINE SMITH, Eden.
DEACON J. R. SNOW, Eden.
REV. D. B. FARMER, Lady Lake.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Alachua Association held its annual meeting Friday, October 21st., at 2:30 p. m., in the Presbyterian church, Leesburg, this church being courteously tendered us, while our Association was being held in our own church.

The meeting was opened by impressive Bible readings conducted by Miss Jennie L. Spalding. The following societies were represented:

Brooksville reported by letter a total of.....	\$34.78
Bushnell, one year old, organized with nine members, total	26.60
Oxford represented by Miss Bogue reported a total of	9.95
Whitney represented by Mrs. Nelson reported.....	37.82
Wildwood reported	16.80
Leesburg reported	80.32

Miss Spalding discussed subjects contained in the calendars which she had distributed dwelling specially upon the study of the mission courses, aided by Mission Reference Library. Her closing remarks appealed most tenderly to everyone present for more zeal, more faithfulness.

Mrs. Nelson read a letter from Brother P. D. Gray.

Miss Bogue read letter from Brother Willingham. Both deeply interesting.

Mrs. Abbot was elected delegate to State Convention with Mrs. Stivender as alternate.

Mrs. J. O. Abbot and Miss Vining elected Associational Vice-Presidents for ensuing year.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Organized.		Value of Property.	Church Expenses and Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Associational Mis- sions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers.	Minutes.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Charity.	Sunday School Expenses.	Total.
	1882	2400														
Brooksville.....	1882	\$ 2400	\$80 00	\$21 70			\$10 00	\$10 00			\$ 2 00				\$ 20 00	\$406 78
Bushnell.....	1886	650	77 42		1 41	2 36					2 15	1 00			12 75	34 19
Charter Oak.....	1893	25	12 50		2 00	3 70					2 00					20 95
Center Hill.....	1893	25	66 05	3 70	2 27	1 00					1 00	3 05				77 02
Eden.....	1894	800	170 87	1 00	2 55						1 50					171 92
Floral City.....	1888	800	350 00	8 50	1 10						1 00					10 00
Hebron.....	1888	350	350 00		1 10						1 00					354 80
Lady Lake.....	1890	1000	200 00		1 75						1 00					10 00
Leesburg.....	1890	3500	430 00	32 27							5 00	25 00	46 06		5 00	29 75
LeCanto.....	1881	800	100 00		1 00						5 00				34 43	586 41
Oxford.....	1881	800	208 00	3 35	6 19	2 75	2 00	5 50	3 00	3 00	3 00	13 75			32 26	102 60
Sardis.....	1884	1000	137 07	5 62	9 81		2 00	2 75			20 00					282 42
Sumterville.....	No Report		101 58	5 00	1 50	5 00	5 00				50	8 10	24 65		25 00	196 28
Whitwood.....	1884	1000	100 00	8 47		2 00					2 00	32 88	85 37		22 86	259 56
Whitney.....	1893	1700	100 00								2 00				12 00	22 00
Webster.....	1891	800	10 00								2 00				4 00	22 00
Wahoo.....	1903	350	300 00		1 00						1 00				4 00	308 75
			\$1857 62	\$2413 44	\$89 61	\$29 58	\$27 81	\$42 00	\$8 25	\$25 10 96	\$21 78	\$103 78	\$156 08	\$7 75	\$108 32	\$3103 85