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Ordained Ministers and Postoffices

Kelley, M. A Bushnell, Fl	a.
Bryant, G. A Bushnell, Fl	a.
Cleyburn, R. L Levon, Fl	a.
Kingsley, W. N Leesburg, Fl	a.
Rodgers, J. C Bushnell, Fl	a.
Hays, G. W Webster, Fl	a.
O'Berry, W. R Oxford, Fl	a.
Freer, B. F Summerfield, Fl	a.
Spicer, T. W Leesburg, Fl	a.
Davis, J. P Webster, F!	a.
Tucker, J. W Cathleen, Fl.	a.
McLeod, D. T Webster, Fl.	a.

Executive Committee

Grimes, W. S Oxford,	Fla.
Hedic, J. M Brooksville,	Fla
Woodard, B. H	Fla.
Vaughn, C. P Lady Lake,	Ela.
Scruggy, John Levon,	ria.
Sharpe A P	Pla.
Sharpe, A. P Maple,	Fla.
Sanford, W. J Summerfield,	Fla.
Spicer, T. W Leesburg,	Ela.
Arnold, J. W	Ela.
Markert F C	ria.
Markert, F. C	Fla.
Nichols, W. R Pedro,	Fla.
Barnes, J. Y Lecanto,	Fla
Smith, G. W Center Hill,	Ela.
Norwood A M	ria.
Norwood, A. M Bushnell,	Fla.
Aikens, J. J Webster,	Fla.

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SES-SION OF THE ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Alachua Baptist Association met with the Wahoo church at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning, Oct. 25, 1907, to hold their sixty-first session.

The Association was called to order by the Clerk.

After a prayer and praise service Brother Kingsley preached the introductory sermon, from the text, "I will draw all men unto me."

Association adjourned for dinner until 1 o'clock.

The afternoon session was called to order by Moderator. Hymn, "Rescue the Perishing," was sung, and Brother Vannoy led in prayer.

Letters were then called for and read by brethren Bogue and Rodgers:

Wildwood church-By letter. Sumterville-W. J. Sanford.

Leesburg-W. N. Kingsley and wife, T. W. Spicer, J. S. Mahoney and wife.

Lady Lake-By letter.

Lecanto-N. Y. Barnes, Rosa Bevill, Grace Vinson.

Hebron-A. P. Sharpe.

Coleman-J. W. Arnold, M. E. B. Robinson.

Oxford-O. S. Bogue.

Eden-J. M. Hedic, J. A. Morgan, T. E. Townsend and

Sardis-G. W. Baker and wife, W. R. Nichols, Mattie Nichols.

Charter Oak-By letter.

Wahoo-Isaac M. Woodard, John Hays, Horace Norman, Chas. Hays, Joe Hays.

Whitney-By letter.

Webster-D. T. McLeod and wife, J. F. Archibald, J. J.

Bushnell-A. M. Norwood, G. A. Bryant, J. C. Rodgers Center Hill-J. W. rucker.

Moved and carried to go into permanent organization. Brother Hedic was elected by acclamation as Moderator. Brother M. E. B. Robinson was unanimously elected Clerk.

Petitionary letters were called for. A letter from Coleman church asking for admission to the Association was read. Admission was granted and right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to the messengers. Brother Kingsley was correspondent from Wekiva.

The different committees for various purposes were ap-

pointed.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted.

Associational Missions-Financial Report of the Executive Committee

Dr. Received from Union Meetings			
Jan. 1, 1907, at Hebron church			
Jan. 1, 1907, at Hebron church	18	25	
March 30, 1907, at Bushnell church	29	35	
Sept. 30, 1907, at Oxford church Missionary collected on field	60	83	
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	78	00	
Jan. 1, 1907, paid G. A. Bryant, Missionary \$		1 9	
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Paid L. D. Geiger for State Missions	12	50	3
Sept. 30, 1907, paid J. A. Bryant	8	00	
Oct. 8 1007 paid I. D. Caire	12	50	
	35	50	
Paid to Bro. Geiger for Missions Paid to M. A. Kelley for work on fall	4	06	
Paid to M. A. Kelley for work on field	13	00	
Paid G. A. Bryant on salary	20	00	
Paid Union Meeting Associational Missions By cash on hand to below:	4	06	
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Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Treasurer's Report

In account with the Alachua Association. Dr. Received from Finance Committee Oct. 26, 1906, for Minutes and Clerk's Fees\$29 02
Oct. 26, 1906, for State Missions
Collection for Associational Missions 3.10
Total
Dec. 13, 1907, paid T. W. Spicer, Clerk's Fees\$10 00 Dec. 13, 1907, paid for Printing Minutes 20 70 Dec. 13, 1907, paid T. W. Spicer, postage and
Dec. 18, 1907, paid L. D. Geiger for Missions 2 55 Dec. 18, 1907, paid Executive Committee 4 29
Total \$429
O. S. Bogue, Treasurer.

Brother Kingsley was elected as delegate to go to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Bro. J. C. Rodgers, Bro. G. A. Bryant, Bro. T. W. Spicer, Bro. Kingsley, Bro. D. T. McLeod, J. M. Hedic, and Bro. M. A. Kelley were elected as delegates to the State Convention at Plant City.

Moved and carried that each church represented at the Association name one member of each church on the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee-W. S. Grimes, Oxford; Bro. Hedic, Eden; B. H. Woodard, Wahoo; C. P. Laughn, Lady Lake; John Scruggy, Charter Oak; Bro. A. P. Sharpe, Hebron; W. J. Sanford, Sumterville; T. W. Spicer, Leesburg; J. W. Arnold, Coleman; Fred Markert, Wildwood; W. R. Nichols, Sardis: J. Y. Barnes, Lecanto; G. W. Smith, Center Hill; A. M. Norwood, Bushnell; J. J. Aikens, Webster.

Bro. O. S. Bogue was elected by acclamation as Treasurer. Bro. Bogue was also elected as Treasurer of the Executive Committee.

After a short prayer by Bro. Spicer, adjourned for sup-

6:30 p. m.—Preaching services by Bro. Vannoy. Report on Periodicals read and discussed by Brethren Tucker, Van, McLeod, and Rodgers. Adopted.

Periodicals

We, your Committee on Periodicals, beg to report as follows:

We realize that what our people read has much to do with the moulding of the mind and character, and as this is a day of reading and investigation much depends upon the putting of the right kind of literature before our people. We would recommend first of all the Southern Witness, which should be read by every Baptist. We also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field, and good religious books, such as Grace Trueman, Theodisa Earnest, and The Little Baptist. Also our Sunday school literature, publishhed by the Convention at Nashville, Tenn., and the Sunday school literature of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. Tucker, J. C. Rodgers, D. T. McLeod, Com.

The Report on the Orphanage was read and adopted.

Report on Orphanage

The Orphanage was established Feb. 1st, 1904. It is for indigent white orphans of the state, irrespective of religious creeds or nationality. There are now 52 children in the home.

The support of the institution comes entirely from voluntary contributions from those who are willing to give to this noble object. Clothing for boys and girls and towels, sheets, and other bedding will be useful gifts.

A good school is maintained and the children have good church privileges. Twenty-one have joined the church so far. We heartily commend this institution to all who feel like helping a good cause.

Send all contributions to Rev. B. M. Bean, Arcadia, Fla. M. A. Kelley, W. R. Nichols, Committee.

A collection was taken, amount \$5.55, for the Orphanage by Brother McLeod.

The Report or Nominations was read and adopted.

Nomination Report

We, the Committee on Nominations, recommend that the Association meet with the Center Hill Baptist church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, next, at 10

o'clock a. m., and recommend Rev. T. W. Spicer to preach the introductory sermon; D. T. McLeod, alternate.

Report on Church Letters and Queries read, and discussed by Bro. Spicer and Bro. McLeod. Adopted.

Report on Church Letters and Queries

Your Committee on Letters and Queries beg to report as follows:

We find no queries in the letters, but would suggest that all the church letters have all the blanks filled in by the churches and thus make the work easier on the Clerk of Association and also give the Association and church's proper standing in making up the history of our denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. W. Spicer, J. Y. Barnes.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Association reconvened Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Song and prayer by Bro. Kelley.

Report on Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association read. Discussed by Bro. McLeod, Bro. Spicer, Bro. Bryant, Bro. Tucker, Bro. Barnes and Bro. Sharpe. Report adopted.

Report on B. M. A. A.

We, your Committee, realize that our ministers are as a rule very poorly paid, many of them dying and not leaving any means of support for their families. The B. M. A. A. was organized for the purpose of aiding the families of deceased ministers. We would recommend that all of our ministers become members of this Association as beneficiary members, and all Baptists as honorary members.

Respectfully submitted,
D. T. McLeod, J. W. Tucker, J. J. Aikens.

Report on Obituaries read. Discussed by Bro. Tucker, Bro. McLeod. and Bro. Rodgers. Report adopted.

Report on Obituaries

Your Committee find by the letters sent to the Association that the death angel has visited almost every church in the Association and taken some of our best men and women. We feel greatly bereaved. We ask for a page in the minutes to be devoted to their memory and that the Clerk be instructed to record all the names of the deceased D. T. McLeod, I. W. Tucker.

Report on Education was read, and discussed by Bro. Rodgers, Bro. McLeod, Bro. Vannoy, Bro. Tucker, and Bro. Kelley.

Adjourned for recess until 1 o'clock p. m.

After recess, song and prayer service by Bro. Barnes. Extract was read by Bro. Tucker. Address was given by Bro. McLeod.

The Report was adopted.

Report on Education

Your Committee would say that in their opinion that Education is very necessary to complete success in all lines of work. We would therefore recommend that our people strive for a higher educational standard, and no education is near completion that does not train man's hand, head and heart. To train the hand without the heart and head is to make of man a great power without wisdom to govern, or sympathy to direct. To train the head without the hand and heart is as to put a mighty engine on a frail boat, and take it to sea. To educate the heart without hand and head is to give us a man with great zeal for right, with little or no power to do right."

As our Christian schools have been organized for the turpose of aiding in this better education, we would recommend that our people patronize our Baptist schools, and would insist that every Baptist should give Columbia College our sympathy, cooperation, and patronage.

We believe that we have God-given opportunities, and as his people we ought to appreciate the opportunities.

And last but not least we recommend the Seminary at Louisville to our young ministers who wish to complete their education.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Rodgers.

Report on Woman's Work was read, and discussed by Brethren Baker, Bogue, Norwood, and Woodard. The report was 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 consecrated power upon the Christian women of our country, especially that of our own state, and Association. The women feel that when the Savior 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. May the blessings of God rest upon them. We would recommend that all of our churches and pastors aid and assist them in every way they can.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Beville, Grace Vinson, G. W. Baker

The report on the Sunday schools was read, and discussed by Bro. Norwood, and spoken on by Bro. Barnes, Bro. Spicer, Bro. Tucker, and Bro. Kelley.

The report was adopted.

Sunday 'School Report

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg to report that there is a want of interest on the part of the larger number of the members of the church. Many who are parents manifest a careless indifference as to whether their children are trained for the Lord or not. They ought not so to be, but we think every man and woman ought to be found going to Sunday school with their children, learning and teaching them the Lord's will. None too old, or too wise.

We think that every church ought to have a Sunday school, support it, and feel proud that all are privileged to work for the Lord in his vineyard. All alike are commanded to go work.

We would urge that every church maintain a Sunday school, but how can they without the cooperation of the members, parents, and pastor? Included if it is the church at work then there are none to platforms, or lounge at home and receive company. If it is the Lord's work none are exempt, then let us do it earnestly and faithfully.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Norwood, Joe Hays, J. A. Archibald, Com.

The Report on Temperance was then read. Addresses were made on it by Bro. Kelley and Bro Spicer.

The report was adopted.

Temperance

Your Committee on Temperance respectfully report that temperance is gaining ground steadily all over our state and country. The Anti-Saloon League and the W. C. T. Union have wrought well in the temperance cause, so that

we have only 8 or 10 counties in this state where liquor is sold by license. We hope for state prohibition, but should not relax our efforts in this direction. Let us use our influence to elect men to our legislature who are pledged to give us prohibition. Eternal vigilance is the price of lib-Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Rodgers, A. M. Norwood, B. W. Woodard.

The Finance Report was read. Moved to pay the Clerk \$10 for his services as clerk. Carried. Report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Finance

Minutes and Clerk-Oxford, \$2.50; Eden, \$1.50; Wahoo, \$1.62; Lady Lake, 50 cents; Charter Oak, \$2; Heborn, \$1: Sumterville, \$1; Leesburg, \$3; Coleman, \$1.50; Wildwood, \$3; Sardis, \$3.50; Lecanto, \$1.30; Bushnell, \$2.65; Webster, \$2. Total \$27.07.

Associational Missions-Lady Lake, \$1.50; Leesburg.

\$2. Total, \$3.50.

State Missions-Wildwood, \$2; Lecanto, \$4. Total, \$6. Orphanage-Lecanto, \$1.50; Collection, \$5.55. Total. \$7.05.

O. S. Bogue, W. J. Sanford, Committee.

The Report on Missions was postponed until after preaching that night.

Moved and seconded that the Clerk have printed 250 copies of the Minutes and to distribute them, and to draw

on the Treasurer for pay.

Moved and seconded that the collection for Missions betaken up on Sunday and to be sent to Bro. Geiger for the Coleman church.

On motion the Association adjourned until after preach-

Reassembled at 6:30 o'clock. Preaching by Bro. Rodgers.

The report on Missions was read. Bro. Tucker, Bro. Bryant, Bro. Sharpe, Bro. Kelley discussed it.

Report on Missions

We, your Committee, realize the importance of the words of the blessed Savior when he said, "Go ye into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Also the words of the Savior when he said, "As the Father hath sent me. so send I you." The great work of the church should be missionary in deed and in truth. Here is our work; we have the world for our field. The Lord has opened the

cloors of the world to us. We note with gratitude the marked degree of prosperity that has attended our work in the Association during the year. Our missionaries have worked faithfully and the Lord has blessed their labors. Many have been brought to the Lord during the year. We regret to report that our contributions have not been what we would desire. We recommend that our pastors preach and talk more on the subject of missions.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. Tucker, M. A. Kelley, G. A. Bryant.

It is the sense of this body that the Executive Committee meet at the Union at Leesburg on the Fifth Sunday, and employ a missionary and colporteur.

The report was adopted.

-Resolved that we extend our thanks to the Wahoo church and community at large for the cordial manner in which they entertained the Association.

Bro. Tucker was appointed to preach the 11 o'clock sermon, and Bro. Bryant to preach at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

Committees for 1908

Education-J. W. Tucker, M. A. Kelly, W. N. Kingsley. Woman's Work-M. A. Kelly, W. V. Peacock, W. J. Sanford.

Orphanage-O. S. Bogue, Mrs. C. Bevill, Mrs. J. O.

Missions-W. N. Kingsley, B. W. Woodard, G. A.

Letters and Queries-Thos. W. Spicer, S. L. Griggs, W. R. Matthews.

Finance—O. S. Bogue, A. M. Norwood, A. P. Sharpe. Sunday Schools-F. C. Markert, S. L. Griggs, W. P. Ebbs.

Periodicals-M. A. Kelley, J. W. Tucker, J. C. DaVant. Obituaries-L. H. Walker, G. A. Bryant, B. W. Woodard.

Temperance-F. C. Markert, J. C. DaVant, A. P. Sharpe. Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association-J. C. DaVant, 1. W. Tucker, L. H. Walker.

The Minutes were read and approved,

The Association adjourned to meet with the Center Hill church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, J. M. Hedic, Moderator.

M. E. B. Robinson, Clerk.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY

MRS. MINNIE L. TOWNS, Bushnell, Fla.

DAVID L. TOWNSEND, Istachatta, Fla.

MRS. J. C. SHARP, Coleman, Fla.

J. T. TURNER, Coleman, Fla.

MRS. S. F. SMITH, Leesburg, Fla.

SISTER LOTTIE KING, Lecanto, Fla.

BRO. I. W. ARNOLD, Oxford, Fla.

BRO. R. G. WRIGHT, Oxford, Fla.

SISTER MATTIE LANE, Oxford, Fla.

SISTER MARY NICHOLS, Pedro, Fla.

SISTER NICKLES, Webster, Fla.

SISTER JANE CARUTHERS, Wildwood, Fla.

SISTER ELIZABETH C. PARKER, Whitney, Fla.

SISTER EDITH ROBERTSON MOSELY, Whitney, Fla.

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