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THURSDAY EVENING

Leesburg Baptist Church, October 12, 1911.

The Alachua Association assembled as above at 3 e'clock p. m.

The Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Brother J. M. Hedick. Elder J. P. Graham was requested to read a passage of Scripture and offered prayer. After a song the letters were called for and read by Elders A. A. Keith and J. P. Graham.

DELEGATES

Brooksville-Elder Jno. P. Graham, A. N. Chief, Sister A. B. Whelfley.

Bushnell—Brothers A. M. Norwood, S. C. Longston. Sister Mary Bever.

St. Catherine—Elders G. A. Bryant, W. A. Holiway; Brother R. A. Stephens.

Center Hill-M. M. Wade, G. W. Padgett, J. A. Forrester and wife.

Coleman—Sisters A. F. Crenshaw and W. C. Johnson. Eden—J. M. Heedick, Sr.

Floral City-Elder G. A. Martin, Brother Crunk, Alternate, G. W. Higgins,

Hebron—J. M. Ferris, J. C. Harris, C. L. Leggett, Fred Miley, Carrie Skinner, Eula Sharp, Martha Sharp.

Lady Lake—W. P. Ebbs, R. D. Mathews, Sister T. W. Stringfellow. Alternates, A. W. Vinson, C. P. Vaughn.

Leesburg-Elder S. G. Mullins, T. W. Spicer, W. R. Mathews, J. L. Devon, J. H. Williams, W. H. Mahoney, F. P. Webster.

Mill Creek-E. H. Yeamans.

Oxford—Elder C. R. Phillips, W. H. Jones, S. L. Griggs and wife, J. P. Rainey and wife, J. H. Pemberton and wife, Sisters J. C. Stapp, Clara Nichols, N. E. Pemberton, Tom Johnson, Beck Thompson, W. S. Grimes.

Sardis—M. M. Proctor and wife, Walter Nichols, Jeff Nichols and wife, Sister D. E. Franks, Brother Robt. Nichols.

Sumterville—Elders D. T. McLeod, M. L. Traylor, May Coleman.

Wahoo—Isaac M. Woodard, Dave Gant, Bruce Norman.

Webster—Sister Anna Hays, Wm. Branch, Sister I. S. Futch, R. L. Pryor.

Whitney-Elder W. N. Kingsley, S. C. Waiker, N. T. Robertson,

Wildwood—A. J. Fore, J. M. Hudson, Sister Hazel Stewart, Fannie Stewart, Miss Lela Fore, W. M. S.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers.

On motion of Elder D. F. McLeod, the rules were waived and Brother J. M. Hedick was elected Moderator by acclamation.

Elder T. W. Spicer was also elected Clerk.

Petitionary letters were called for. St. Catherine and Mill Creek Churches a ked for admission into this body.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to enquire into the faith etc., of these Churches.

This motion was discussed by Brethren Mullins, Tucker, Caddin, Traylor and Bryant, after which it was adopted. Committee: A. A. Keith, D. T. McLeod, and M. L. Traylor.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock.

7:00 p. m. Session

At 7 o'clock the Association reassembled. A song. Led in prayer by Elder Martin. Another song. Prayer by Elder Caddin.

Elders R. T. Caddin and J. N. Thompson were welcomed to seats with us, by the Moderator.

Elder McLeod, who was to preach the Introductory Sermon, yielded his time to Rev. S. B. Rogers, Secretary of the State Board of Missions who discussed Missions.

Elder Keith read report on investigation of St. Catherine and Mill Creek Churches and recommended that they be admitted as members of this body. Report adopted and the hand of fellowship was extended the messengers by the Moderator.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Friday Morning Session

Friday morning at 9 o'clock the Association was called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Brother Bogue.

Elder Spicer resigned as Clerk. Resignation accepted. Brother M. L. Traylor was unanimously elected Clerk. Brother J. H. Williams was elected Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer by unanimous vote.

The various committees were appointed by the Moderator.

Elder S. B. Rogers made a talk on Associational Missions.

Committee on Divine Service—Pastor and deacons of the Leesburg Baptist Church.

On motion of Elder S. G. Mullins, the Association went

into the election of an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of Brethren J. P. Graham, Water Nichols, A. W. Vinson, J. H. Williams and T. P. Webster.

On motion Brother M. M. Proctor was elected as member of the State Board of Missions.

Report on Temperance was read by Brother G. J. King and pending adoption was discussed by Brethren G. J. King, McLelland, Tucker, Thompson, McLeod and Proctor. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

More than a century ago the most marvelous movement of this age, that for the overthrow of the liquor traffic, which is said to date from an essay on "The Effects of Ardent Spirits on the Human Body and Mind," published at Philadelphia in 1785.

We are grateful, not to say satisfied, that as Baptists standing for a principle, the progress made in Florida, our nation, and the civilized world. Give glory to God.

The saloon must go, the liquor traffic cease, and this calls for united action on the part of all Christians. Beginning in the home, let the interest and enthusiasm spread over our fair State and nation.

Labor on, keeping the bright reward in view.

* Respectfully submitted, GEO. J. KING, Chairman, CHARLIE McCLELLAN, S. C. LANGSTON, Report on Periodicals was read by Elder D. T. Mc-Leod, and pending adoption was discussed by Elders Mc-Leod, Spicer, Caddin, and Brother Grimes. Adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

We take great pleasure in reporting some of the wonderful writings that are in the world, and their great benefit to our people who avail themselves of these great blessings of reading our Baptist books and papers.

We would urge our Baptist brethren and sisters to take and read the Baptist Witness, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field, which will give us special information about our mission work. The Home Field will give the Southern State news. The Foreign Mission Journal gives all the news in the Foreign Fields.

We urge the importance of reading and investigating for themselves.

We also recommend to our Baptist Church and Sunday Schools the importance of using our own Sunday School literature, published at Nashville, Tenn., I. M. Frost, Sec. of our Sunday School Board, and not to patronize anything that is not Baptist.

Report on Nominations was read by Elder W. R. O'Bery. Adopted.

REPORT ON MOMINATIONS

We ask to submit the following report:

Respectfully submitted, W. R. O'BERY,

C. R. PHILIPS, J. C. STAPP.

After singing "Solid Rock" the Association took a recess until 1:30 o'clock.

Afternoon Session

At 1:30 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order.

Prayer by Elder J. P. Graham.

Report on Woman's Work was read by Brother S. L. Griggs, and pending adoption was discussed by Elders Caddin, Mullins and Golden. Adopted.

ON WOMAN'S WORK

Your committee beg leave to report:

The object of our Woman's Work is to desseminate missionary information, the training of our women and children in the most religious of the graces, giving, and to gather up financial fragments for the work of our convention.

These purposes are accomplished through three orga-

nizations,

1st. The Woman's Missionary Union is the organization for our women where great emphasis is put on mission study, and every object of our convention is fostered and helped by many earnest prayers and large sums of money.

2nd. The Young Women's Auxiliary, the society for our young ladies where chief emphasis is upon mission study.

3rd. The Sunbeam Bands are for the children. Under the guidance of faithful women, our children are being taught the great commission and informed of our great missionary enterprises and trained in systematic benevolence. Recognizing the great work that our noble women are striving to accomplish, your committee would urge upon the churches of this Association the importance of this department of church life, and plead for larger sympathy and encouragement for the women.

Every Church in this Association ought to have a W.

M. S.

Paul said, "Help those women."

S. L. GRIGGS, Chairman, J. W. McCLAMMA, Mrs. T. H. STRINGFELLOW.

Report on Orphanage was read by Elder J. W. Tucker. Pending adoption was discussed by Elders Tucker, Golden, Graham and others. Adopted.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE

We, your committee on Orphanage beg leave to re-

The Baptist Orphanage, located at Arcadia, was opencd February 1st, 1904.

The object of this home is to care for the orphan childten of our country—it is not for the Baptist alone, but for the fatherless and motherless children of our State.

The property consists of 80 acres of land donated by the people of Arcadia, upon which a new two-story brick building, for a school room and boys dormitory has been crected and paid for at a cost of \$5,228.77. A sanitarium has just been completed at a cost of \$7,000.00. Including the 80 acres of land the property is valued at \$40,000.00, and has accommodations for 100 children. At present there are 65 children in the home; 37 girls from 3 to 19 years of age, and 28 boys from 5 to 16.

All who visit this home speak in high terms as to the way the children are cared for and trained for usefulness in life.

The Superintendent, Rev. J. E. Trice, seems to be the right man and his heart is in the work. Mr. Trice has added some additions to the school. The Industrial. Here the children are taught Telegraphy, Stenography, etc. The children are also taught farming. The girls are taught sewing.

We notice the Superintendent is planning another ad-

the boys will be taught the carpenter's trade, to paint, etc.

Plans are also under way for a home for the Superintendent to cost \$3,000.00

Realizing, as we do, the great need for such an institution, we would recommend that all of our pastors and b. S. superintendents keep the work prominently before our people.

That we continue to observe Orphan's Day, which is the first Saturday in October.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. TUCKER, Chairman,
W. S. GRIMES,
A. N. NORWOOD.

Invitations were extended visiting Brethren, and invited to seats with us, and to aid us in our deliberations. The invitation was responded to by Elder R. J. Gorbett, Wekiva Association; Elder R. T. Caddin, South Florida Association; Elder E. Z. F. Golden, Florida Baptist Witness; Dr. S. B. Rogers, Secretary State Board of Missions.

Report on Aged Ministers was read by Elder G. A. Bryant. Pending adoption was discussed by Elders Bryant, Mullins and Spicer. Adopted.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS

We find a great interest in the welfare of these old worn-out Brethren.

We would recommend that special prayers and letters of commendation and our contributions be made for the comfort, consolation and support of these Brothers that have been faithful in the Lord's work.

G. A. BRYANT, I. T. GRAHAM, S. G. MULLINS.

On motion of Elder Spicer a committee of three was appointed, Elder S. G. Mullins, Elder T. W. Spicer and Brother W. R. Mathews, to formulate a request to the State Convention to found a home for aged ministers and otherwise to place the matter before our Baptist people of the State.

On motion of Elder Mullins, the committee on Brother Bailey's Monument was requested to make report, which was read by Elder D. T. McLeod, showing balance due on monument of \$1.25, which was raised at once. On motion of Elder Spicer, the report was received and committee discharged.

REPORT ON BRO, N. A. BAILEY MONUMENT

The monument cost \$49.00, which has been put up and paid for by Brothers, Sisters and friends.

D. T. McLEOD, J. M. HEDICK, SISTER GLVINGER.

Elder R. L. Clayborn and Brother R. L. Lewis were recognized as visitors by the Moderator.

On motion, this Association is to cooperate with the

State Board of Missions in her work and plans.

Report on Education was read by Elder T. W. Spicer. Pending adoption was discussed by Elder T. W. Spicer. On motion the report on Education is postponed for further discussion until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

The human mind must be fed as well as the body. We are told in Scripture to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and Savior. Knowledge is power. This is recognized in almost every home. "The children must go to school," is a common expression, but too often parents neglect the better part of education; the training of the affections—the heart.

It was said of Peter and John that they were unlearned and ignorant men, but it was also said of them that they had been with Jesus. By association with the Master Teacher they had obtained the higher education without which life is a vain show at best.

We would welcome the day when the Bible is taught as part of a child's education in/all our schools.

Book knowledge is not all of education. We have seen men highly educated, and women too, who were wanting in correct Bible knowledge.

Mr. Ingersoll and Mrs. Eddy were notable examples of this truth.

Send your children to school and see that they learn, but do not neglect to teach them of God and His truth.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. W. SPICER, Chairman, JNO. P. GRAHAM, G. W. BAKER.

A motion to adjourn till 7:30 o'clock prevailed.

Evening Session

At 7:30 o'clock, reassembled and Elder E. Z. F. Golden filled the pulpit. After preaching the Association resumed work.

Report on Missions was read by Elder S. G. Mullins, and pending adoption was discussed by Elders Mullins, McLellan, Caddin, McLeod and Graham. Adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

As we lift up our eyes we see in Florida a field already white unto harvest. Baptist work in Florida has had its day of small things. But, there were men in those days who planned well, plowed deep and sowed the right kind of seed; thus laying a solid foundation upon which to build great Baptist principles and doctrines.

While Baptist doctrines have long been promulgated in Florida, and Baptist Churches have had a long and checkered career. In 1880, the record shows less than nine thousand white Baptists in the State. At the State convention in 1882, \$1,766.58 was the total amount collected for all purposes.

From the Treasurer's Report at last convention, we were able to make the splendid showing of \$72,276.99, for all purposes. This undoubtedly shows great prosperity.

Brethren of the Alachua Association, let us acknowledge our gratitude to God, who has given us such great

success. With our generous giving has come our numerical growth and increase in spiritual power. The Baptists are decidedly the leading denomination of our State, numbering, in round numbers, fifty thousand. Two great schools of learning, well equiped, with a well equiped Orphanage, our own denominational paper, and Church property second to none in the State.

Our pastors and missionaries are consecrated and self-sacrificing, and God is honoring their labors. We have now laboring on the field, 71 missionaries, either for all or part time; who are doing work in every Association in the State. The outlook is encouraging. Our Secretary, Brother Rogers, has proved himself the "right man in the right place" in his never-tiring and persevering efforts.

We are no longer a feeble people begging recognition from our neighbors. Through the organized forces alteady at work, the Baptists of Florida are able to convey the truth to every man, woman and child in the entire. State. Shall we do it? The task is one that requires effort in bringing into requisition the ordained means of God, and using them for His glory and success in the work.

At the beginning of last year we had 182 Churches that were unable to maintain their pastors without assistance, and 61 Churches without a house of worship. We need at least a hundred men or more on the field, and a large increase in funds. We need to lengthen our cords, and strengthen our stakes and obey.

S. G. MULLINS, Chairman,

HOME MISSIONS

It gives us pleasure to make mention of and call attention to some important things concerning the "Home Board" and its work. This Board is located at Atlanta, and Dr. B. D. Gray is its efficient Secretary.

The blessings of heaven have fallen upon its work, and workers, during the past year. Thousands of the lost have been redeemed through the agency of this Board. Weak churches have been strengthened, new stations have been opened, and in every way there has been a great advance in the work.

The aim of the Home Board last year was four hundred thousand dollars for the year. The receipts were three hundred and thirty-three thousand five hundred thirty-four dollars and forty-three cents. This was an increase over the previous year, and no debt.

The work of this Board west of the Mississippi river, reaches out and covers a vast territory. New Mexico, a part of which is being assisted by this Board. In Oklahoma, among the negroes, the Osage Indians and Pawnee Indians, miners and other foreigners, Texas, etc. "East of the Mississippi river"—work by this Board is being done in all the Southern States east of the Mississippi. Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Tennessee, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, and last but not least,

our own State,

In Florida this Board has aided in the support of two missionary workers among the negroes, one missionary pastor at Key West, five missionary workers among the Cubans, and three among the Italians at Tampa. This Board has also aided the Porida State Board in the support of 61 cooperative missionaries. Aided last year in building 41 houses of worship.

We might continue in this strain, in referring to results of the work of this Board, in all the Southern States, as well as Mexico and Cuba, and along the border, as such places as Tampa, Key West, Jacksonville, New Orelans, and many other places, but space forbids.

We would urge upon every member of this body to take the "Home Field," a journal published at Atlanta by the "Home Board," and keep yourselves in touch with this important work.

S. G. MULLINS, Chairman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board is in the glorious work of World Evangelization. It is appointed by Southern Baptists for this stupendous task. Splendid opportunities are before us.

China, with her 440,000,000 of people, is passing through a marvellous transformation. Now is the time to give these millions the gospel. Japan is leading the Oricut. Shall we lead Japan to Christ? Mohammedanism threatens to submerge Africa. Shall we turn back the tide of the power of the Gospel? South America, Mexico and

Italy are tired of Romanism. They are ready to receive the message which we have to give.

Vast open doors, which we have not yet been able to enter, lie before us. We have sent out 273 missionaries, 30 the past year, and they have gathered around them 531 native helpers, and are training hundreds of others.

The missionaries reported 3,618 baptisms last year, and will soon report tens of thousands of converts each year,

if the present rapid growth continues.

There are seven Women's Training Schools, with 140 students, and nine theological training schools with 212 students. There are 15 medical missionaries treating many thousand patients. The printing plants there are sending out the Bible and millions of pages of religious literature in the language of the people. We also have hospitals in which the missionaries assisted by nurses and native helpers, treated 40,716 patients.

The work has grown so rapidly that it cost last year

for more than our peeople were willing to give.

If we meet the actual necessities of the Missions now. we must greatly enlarge our offering. The total receipts for last year were, \$510,008.97, a small gain over the year. before. An accumulated debt of \$89,600,00 rested uopn the work at the meeting of the last Convention. This should be met soon as possible.

The Board wants to raise this Conventional year. \$600,000,00. Will we do it?

We recommend that all our people help by our prayers.

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S. G. MULLINS, Chairman.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Saturday Morning

The Association met at 9 o'clock. The Moderator called the Association to order. Song, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." Prayer by Elder Philips.

Report on Education re-read by Clerk and discussed by Elders Tucker, Mullins, Philips and Traylor. Adopted.

Report on Letters and Queries was read by Elder C. R. Philips and adopted.

REPORT ON LETTERS AND OUERIES.

We, your committee find that the letters from the different Churches are above the general average. However, we suggest that improvement could be made upon some of the letters. Further we beg leave to recommend that the churches use the form of letters recommended by the State Board of Missions.

We find no queries for us to report on.

Respectfully submitted.

C. R. PHILLIPS,

WALTER NICHOLS.

Report on Obituaries was read by Elder J. P. Graham, and pending adoption was discussed by Brethren J. P. Graham, S. C. Langston, S. C. Mullins, J. W. Tucker, S. L. Griggs, Brother Martin and R. J. Gorbett. Prayer offered by Brother Gorbett. Report adopted. Song, "Sweet Bye and Bye."

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

It is with a feeling of joy and sadness that we, your committee on obituaries, make the following report.

And because of the numbers of deaths that have occurred since we last met and to know that they will not meet with us again here below.

But there is also a sense of joy when we know that they were all God's children and knew what it meant to say with Paul, "For me to live is Christ, but to die is gain," so we take comfort from the Word of God in chronicling the following names:

"And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Gen. J. C. Davant.
Mrs. Earnest Snow.
Mrs. S. E. Langston,
Mrs. S. E. Conn.

Brother J. W. Robbins.
Brother W. A. West.
Brother W. C. Stapp.
Sister Susan Bailey.
Jane Shaw.
Mamie Oliver.
Robert W. Craft.
Mrs. Ada Parall.
W. B. Northup.
George W. Craft.
Mr. Owen Prescott.
Mrs. Beula Meritt.

J. A. WILLIAMS, JNO. P. GRAHAM. W. A. JONES, Committee.

Report on Minister's Assurance Association was read by Elder Charlie McLelland, and being discussed by same was adopted.

BAPTIST MINISTER'S ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION

We, your committee on Baptist Minister's Assurance Association, beg leave to report that the Assurance Association is a great benefit to the ministers, when they have given their time and life service to the ministry. It is nice to have the aid of an assurance association, to care for his body when he falls askeep and bear his burial expenses.

The protection received from the Baptist Minister's Assurance Association does not deprive others of becoming members. Those who desire to become associated, can by paying the regular fee, be of great help to the widow and children of a minister who has given his life to the highest call of man, the Gospel.

We recommend that every minister become a member of this Assurance Association as we feel the benefits received will be appreciated by his family when he is called from active service in the Gospel and family. Bro. Stephen Crocket, Jacksonville, Florida, is secretary of the Assurance Association. He will gladly furnish any advice needed in this work.

Your committee on Assurance Association recommend that each minister carefully consider the benefits received and become a member of the Baptist Minister's Assurance Association.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLIE McCLELLAN,

A. H. YEOMANS, Chairman,

J. M. FERRIS.

On motion of Elder D. T. McLeod, the Clerk is instructed to have 300 minutes printed, and that he be paid \$15.00 for his services.

On motion, the Clerk is instructed to have the Constitution, By-Laws and Order of Business published in the minutes.

Report of Executive Committee and Missionary report of Elder D. T. McLeod was read by Brother Traylor. Adopted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee held session at Leesburg, Oct. 13th, 1911.

Chairman A. W. Vinson, being absent, Brother J. A. Forrester was elected Chairman pro tem.

Brother McLeod made his report on his year's work which is filed.

Executive Committee adjourned sine die.

J. A. FORRESTER, Chairman, M. L. TRAYLOR, Secretary,

Resolution of Thanks was offered by Brother M. M. Proctor.

MISSIONARY REPORT

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I visited all the communities but one. I have received from Brother S. B. Rogers, \$600.00.

We have several Mission Churches and ten Mission Stations that ought to be supplied.

Yours, in the Lord's work,

D. T. McLEOD, Missionary Alachua Association.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved, That we, the Association and delegates of the Alachua Association, tender a vote of our heartfelt thanks to Brothers and Sisters and citizens of Leesburg for their grand and noble hospitality shown to the delegates and friends of the Association.

> Respectfully, M. M. PROCTOR.

Adjourned for preaching.

At eleven o'clock Elder J. P. Graham filled the pulpit. After preaching the Association resumed work.

On motion, the Moderator is requested to appoint the committees for the ensuing year.

On motion, a committee was appointed to solicit funds and place a monument at Brother Hughs' grave. Committee, D. T. McLeod, N. A. Norwood, Sister Mary Bevil.

Adjourned to meet next year with Brooksville Baptist Church, Brooksivlle, Fla., on the -

Elder J. W. Tucker to preach Introductory Sermon. G. A. Martin, alternate.

J. M. HEDICK, Moderator.

M. L. TRAYLOR, Clerk.

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THIS PAGE IS REVERENTLY DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF OUR HONORED DEAD

Mrs. Earnest Snow, Eden Church.
Mrs. S. E. Langston, Bushnell, Church.
Mrs. S. E. Conn, Lady Lake Church.
Brother J. W. Robins, Center Hill Church.
Brother W. H. West, Oxford Church.
Brother W. C. Stapp, Oxford Church.
Sister Susan Bailey, Oxford Church.
Sister Jane Shaw, Sardis Church.
Sister Mamie Oliver, Sardis Church.
Brother Robert W. Croft, Whitney Church.
Sister Ida Poroll, Leesburg Church.
Brother W. B. Northup, Leesburg Church.
Brother Geo, W. Croft, Webster Church.
Sister Owen Prescott, Webster Church.
Sister Bulah Merritt, Webster Church.

Alternates

J. W. McClamma.

J. M. Hudson.

MESSENGER TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Jno. P. Graham. D. T. McLeod, Alternate.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Sunday Schools—M. M. Proctor.
Missions—J. P. Graham
Education—S. G. Mullins.
Finance—A. W. Vinson.
Periodicals—T. W. Spicer.
Temperance—D. T. McLeod.
Letters and Queries—Charlie McLellan.
Minister's Assurance Association—J. W. Holoway.
Obituaries—G. A. Bryant.
Woman's Work—C. R. Philips.
Aged Ministers—J. H. Williams.
Orphanage—M. E. B. Robinson.
Nominations—J. W. McClama.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS WHO HOLD MEMBERSHIP WITH US, AND THEIR POST OFFICES

G. A. Bryant, Bushnell.

J. L. Buchanon, Centralia.

R. L. Clayborn, Pedro.

W. D. Entzminger.

Jno. P. Graham, Brooksville.

W. N. Kingsley, Leesburg.

G. A. Martin, Floral City.

S. G. Mullins, Leesburg. D. T. McLeod, Webster.

J. W. McClamma, Bushnell.

W. R. O'Berry, Oxford.

C. R. Phillips, Bushnell.

J. R. Proctor, Leesburg.

M. L. Traylor, Webster.

Licensed

Wm., Barrow, Bushnell.

W. A. Holiday, St. Catherine.

DELEGATES TO BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

S. G. Mullins.

G. A. Bryant.

G. A. Martin.

S. L. Griggs.

D. T. McLeod.

J. M. Hedick, Sr.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Article 1. 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 transacting 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 vote of the body 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, 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 from the body. The constitution of this body may be altered or amended by the concurrence of two-thirds of its members.

Art. 15. No person 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 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, fifthly, to regulate all matters pertaining to its business, to provide for printing its minutes, and appoint the time and place of its next meeting.

BY-LAWS

1. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

2. The Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the association, and shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the meetings of the association, and the duty of the Clerk to keep record of the proceedings and prepare a minute for the press.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the association, and make a report of the same at each regular meeting of the body. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep all the funds of the association, subject to the order of the Executive Comittee.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee appointed at each meeting of this association, of five brethren, whose duty it shall be to supervise and conduct all matter pertaining to this association during the year.

6. Churches wishing to dissolve connection with this body must submit their reasons during its session

7. It shall be required of the Executive Committee to hold a meeting for business at each session of the association, before its adjournment.

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