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J. M. Hedrick, Moderator, Brooksville, Fla.
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J. H. Williams, Corresponding Secretary and
Treasurer, Leesburg, Fla.

Thursday Morning Proceedings.

Thursday morning. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. M. L. Traylor, who read the 13th Chap. of Hebrews. Bro. Hedrick lead in prayer, after which the Moderator called the Association to order.

Bros. F. W. Markert and G. J. King were appointed Reading Clerks.

On motion the reading of the letters were dispensed with, except calling the messengers and reading the remarks.

Messengers.

Brooksville. M. H. Snow, John Law, Algernon Keathley.
Bushnell. A. M. Norwood, Mrs. C. Bevil.
St. Catherine. G. A. Bryant.
Center Hill. J. A. Forrester, J. H. Hughes and wife.
Charter Oak.
Coleman. Sisters A. F. Crenshaw and W. C. Johnson.
Eden. J. M. Hedrick, D. C. Allen.
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Sardis. Walter Nichols.
Sumterville. D. T. McLeod.
Oxford. S. L. Griggs.
Wahoo.
Whitney. Sister J. A. Robertson.
Webster. C. Roberts, S. E. Branch, L. M. Traylor.
Wildwood. F. W. Markert, J. M. Hudson.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers.

On motion of Bro. G. J. King, the rules were waived and Bro. J. M. Hedrick was reelected Moderator by acclamation, Bro. M. L. Traylor elected Clerk and Bro. J. H. Williams elected Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

The usual committees were appointed.

On Sunday Schools. Bro. F. W. Markert, J. M. Hudson, E. B. Thornton.

Missions. J. P. Graham, J. W. Tucker, Sister J. H. Hughes.

Education. E. Z. F. Golden, J. A. Forrester, Sister Johnson.

Finance. J. A. Forrester, Walter Nichols, D. F. McLeod.

Woman's Work. G. J. King, Sister Abott.

Temperance. D. T. McLeod, G. W. Higgins, Sister Abott.

Letters and Queries. J. H. Hughes, Sister Crenshaw.

Ministers' Assurance Association. J. W. Tucker, J. P. Webster, David Gant.

Obituaries. G. A. Bryant, D. C. Allen, D. T. McLeod.

Aged Ministers. J. H. Williams, E. B. Thornton.

Orphanage. S. L. Griggs, T. J. Dick, A. M. Norwood.

Nominations. W. R. O'Berry, Sister Webster.

At 11 o'clock the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Tucker, from John, 3rd Chap. and 3rd verse; "Ye Must be Born Again."

Adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

At 2 o'clock the Association was called to order by Moderator.

Song, "What a Friend we Have in Jesus."

Prayer by Elder McLeod.

On motion by Bro. McLeod, the 5th Article of the Constitution was stricken out.

On motion of D. T. McLeod, a committee of three was appointed to draft resolutions in regard to irregularities of churches granting letters and of laying hands on men suddenly for the ministry.

Committee. Rev. J. P. Graham, J. W. Williams, G. J. King.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. F. W. Markert. Pending adoption.

Adjourned for preaching.

At 7:30 o'clock Dr. A. P. Montague preached from the text, Acts, 4th Chap., 2nd verse, "Your Old Men Shall See Visions and Your Young Men Shall Dream Dreams." After preaching Association resumed work.

Visiting Brethren reported. A. N. Reeves, Calhoun County Association; W. A. Burns, Posco Association; Geo. Hyman, S. S. Secretary; Dr. W. D. Nowlin, South Florida Association and representative of Baptist Witness.

Report on Bro. Hughes' monument read by Rev. D. T. McLeod, which was received and committee discharged. Was discussed by F. W. Markert, G. J. King, A. M. Norwood, G. W. Higgins and Dr. A. P. Montague. Adopted.

Adjourned to meet after preaching.

Prayer by Dr. S. B. Rogers.

At 7:30 o'clock met for preaching. Dr. A. P. Montague, President of Columbia College, was introduced by Elder Graham, after which Dr. Montague preached from Acts, 2nd Chap., 4th verse, "Your Old Men Shall See Visions and Your Young Men Shall Dream Dreams."

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Dr. Rogers.

Friday Morning Session.

Association met at 9 o'clock.

Called to order by Moderator.

Devotional exercises conducted by D. T. McLeod, who read the 3rd Psalm.

Prayer by W. R. O'Bery.

Report on temperance read by D. T. McLeod; pending adoption was discussed by Elder McLeod, G. J. King, Sister Abott, E. B. Thornton, C. Roberts. Adopted.

Bro. S. L. Griggs read report on orphanage; pending adoption was discussed by Bro. Griggs, Elder Tucker, Dr. S. B. Rogers, J. P. Graham, G. W. Higgins, C. Roberts, A. M. Norwood. Adopted.

Report on Aged Ministers read by C. B. Thornton, discussed by Dr. Rogers, J. H. Williams. Adopted.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation" was sung.

Report on Education was read by J. H. Williams, and was amended by striking out DeLand University and reading Columbia College. Discussed by D. T. McLeod, Dr. Montague, President of Columbia College, Dr. W. D. Nowlin, Dr. S. B. Rogers, J. P. Graham, A. N. Reeves. Adopted.

Report on Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association read by Bro. J. P. Webster, discussed by J. W. Tucker. Adopted.

Report on Nominations read by Elder O'Bery. Adopted.

Committee on Resolutions to investigate rumors in regard to Charlie McClelland, read by J. P. Graham. Adopted.

Report on Periodicals was read by Rev. W. A. Burns; pending adoption discussed by W. A. Burns. Laid over until after report on missions.

On motion the same Executive Committee for another year is continued.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention. G. A. Bryant, G. W. Higgins, D. T. McLeod, J. M. Hedrick, E. B. Thornton.

To Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. G. P. Graham.

Member of State Board. J. H. Williams.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 o'clock.

Prayer by Dr. Nowlin.

Night Session.

At 7:30 Association called to order by Moderator.

Devotional Exercises conducted by Dr. Nowlin, who read Romans, 5th Chap.

Report on Missions was read by J. P. Graham, discussed by Dr. S. B. Rogers. Adopted.

Periodicals were again taken up and discussed by Dr. W. D. Nowlin, Dr. Montague. Adopted.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Saturday Morning Session.

Saturday morning, 9 o'clock. Association called to order by the Moderator.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder Reeves.

Prayer by G. A. Bryant and D. T. McLeod.

Report on Woman's Work read by Bro. G. J. King. Discussed by G. J. King, Sister Abbott, Dr. W. D. Nowlin, A. N. Reeves. Adopted.

Report on Finance read by Elder D. T. McLeod. Adopted.

Report of Executive Committee was read by Elder J. P. Graham; pending adoption was discussed by J. P. Graham, E. B. Thornton, W. D. Nowlin, D. T. McLeod. Adopted.

At 10 o'clock, memorial service.

Report on Obituaries read by Elder McLeod who read the 14th Chap. of John. Song, "Blest be the Tie that Binds." Prayer by Bro. G. W. Higgins. Song, "Sweet By and By." Discussed by Bro. McLeod. Song, "O Think of the Home Over There."

On motion, a page of our minutes is reverently dedicated to our honored dead, Died this year:

Sister J. H. Fore, Wildwood.
Sister Fannie Norwood, Bushnell.
Bro. Dennis Coggin, Sardis.
Sister Ethel Josey, Sardis.

Treasurer's report was read by Bro. J. P. Webster. Adopted.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

At 2 o'clock Association called to order by Moderator.

On motion of D. T. McLeod, the time of meeting of the Association was changed from Thursday to Wednesday night before the second Sunday in October, 1913, at 7:30 o'clock.

Moved and carried that the Clerk be allowed \$15 for his services and that he be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for same, and to pay for publishing the minutes.

On motion ordered that 300 copies of the minutes be published.

Association adjourned to meet with the Sardis Baptist Church, Wednesday night before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1913.

J. M. HEDRICK, Moderator.
M. L. TRAYLOR, Clerk.

Standing Committees.

Sunday Schools. G. A. Martin.
Missions. E. Z. F. Golden.

Education. J. P. Graham.
 Finance. J. A. Forrester.
 Periodicals. D. T. McLeod.
 Temperance. G. J. King.
 Letters and Queries. G. A. Bryant.
 Ministers' Assurance Association. W. R. O'Bery.
 Obituaries. S. L. Griggs.
 Woman's Work. J. H. Williams.
 Aged Ministers. T. W. Spicer.
 Orphanage. A. M. Norwood.
 Nominations. J. H. Hughes.

Report on Letters and Queries.

We, your committee, find the letters from the different churches about the general average.

We further find that only about half of our churches use the regular letters recommended by the State Board of Missions, and we beg leave to recommend that all of our churches use these letters.

We find no queries for us to report on.

Respectfully submitted,
 J. H. HUGHES.
 MRS. A. F. CRENSHAW.
 Committee.

Report on Temperance.

The cause of Temperance is the Lord's cause. We are told in God's Word:

1. To be temperate in all things.
2. Temperance means self control and we ought to control the evils of our country.
3. The use of strong drink is the greatest evil of the world.
4. The whisky traffic is the controlling power in our land and with our government.
5. Brethren the time is here that we should take a firm stand against the whisky traffic, and not support any man or party in office; that is in favor of its use, or sale of whisky in any form.
6. The whisky business is the best organized business in the United States for sin and evil.
7. We would urge the importance of the churches to take a firm stand against the power of sin and deal with their members that drink and encourage the use and sale of whisky.
8. The whisky party is the Local Option party in disguise under the Democratic and Republican parties to deceive the voters of our nation, as the time is here to select our officers.

Let us vote for men and measures and vote as we pray.

Respectfully submitted,
 D. T. MCLEOD.
 G. W. HIGGIN.
 MRS. M. R. ABBOTT.
 Committee.

Report on Orphanage.

We your committee beg leave to report as follows: Recognizing the fact that we, the Baptists of Florida, have located at Arcadia, Fla., a beautiful and spacious Home, where our unfortunate little brothers and sisters are being cared for, and where they are being trained in all lines that will enable them to become noble citizens of our state and county; and better still they are being fitted mentally and spiritually for consecrated and intelligent service in our Master's cause. Let us as Baptists rally to the aid of this grand and noble work

We would recommend that each church make at least one good offering a year; that each Sunday school give one Sunday's collection each year; and individual Baptists feel that it is his or her duty to contribute regularly to this great work; for the Master has said "In as much as ye did... one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,
S. L. GRIGGS, Ch'm'n.
A. M. NORWOOD.
T. J. DICK.

Report on Aged Ministers.

We your committee regard the work of undertaking to care for our Aged and Infirm Ministers a noble work.

We therefore recommend, that our active ministers take a special collection in their churches, at least once a year, either through committee or otherwise for this object. Let us extend them our sympathy in a substantial way and by our prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. WILLIAMS.
E. B. THORNTON.

Report on Education.

We live in an age of schooling, alias training, alias education. The schools are for training and training for education; but, alas, we often have distinctive designations rather than resultant effects.

And yet, to our schools of all grades we must look largely for the education of our children. It should not be forgotten, however, that illiteracy percentages are often professional "Hob-Goblins" conjured up to work the secret combinations of public treasuries. Illiterate and uneducated are not necessarily synonymous. Education is the mind drawn out to the full capacity of efficiency, whether that be done in the schools with books, or in the school of thoughtful experience. Hence it is that some of the most notable instances of human power have been men almost or entirely ignorant of letters: Of them, as of our Savior, it may be said, "How knoweth this man learning, having never learned?" There is education in spite of illiteracy.

Nevertheless, since many of our ablest and truest men have given the best that is within them to the effort to adapt our schools to educational purposes, it must be that here we should find our most efficient servants in so great an undertaking as the education of our youth. Admittedly much improvement is needed.

In the effort to educate, not to specialize, whether in or out of the school room, Baptist principles form "First Aids" to success. Having nothing to dodge, being ready to face facts always, seeking to know and obey "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," the mind is best freed from "hoops and bands" as it is drawn out to full capacity. Baptist obligation is, therefore, first in importance. Because we can do it best, we should be at it most earnestly.

Nor have Baptists been negligent of their opportunity and obligation. We have been conservatively progressive. On the one hand we have never set an educational standard for the ministry; on the other hand every legitimate effort to furnish opportunity for the highest literary attainment for both pulpit and pew has been encouraged. As a result we have always had men of distinguished literary attainments laboring side by side with equally noble, and sometimes equally efficient men, whom the world in its shortsightedness calls "ignorant and unlearned." Men brought up at the feet of the Gamaliels have worked shoulder to shoulder with the "men of Galilee." We believe this to be the Gospel plan. Without violating any bible principle, we are able to employ the best brains, the highest culture, and whatever wealth we may be able to control for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ. All over this land, and in many other countries, we have well equipped and fairly well endowed colleges and universities for literary work. We have also what we believe to be the best theological seminary in the world at Louisville, Ky.

Here in our own state we have institutions which, while young and inadequately endowed, are well worthy our patronage and support. Columbia College at Lake City is rapidly proving her claim to an enviable position as a school of higher education, and is reported as starting the year's work most auspiciously.

Dr. L. W. Warren is now in the field in an attempt to raise much needed endowment for Columbia College. His success so far has been remarkable. Let us be swift to encourage and help him in every way possible.

As we look to the future, let us give all the support we can to Christian Education, especially as attempted by our own denomination.

E. Z. F. Golden, by request of the Moderator.

J. H. WILLIAMS.
C. ROBERTS.

Report on the Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association.

The Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association is an organization to aid and assist the families of deceased ministers. It is a sad fact that many of our faithful ministers after wearing out their lives in the service of the Master, leave their families without means of support. To aid such families is the design of the Association. Surely this is a good work and should appeal to all. We would recommend all who can to become members of this Association.

J. W. TUCKER.
F. P. WEBSTER.
DAVE GANT.

Report on Nominations.

Hearing no invitation from any of the churches at this session of the Association, we consider the invitation accorded us from last year to meet with the Sardis Baptist Church.

Time of meeting of Association will be Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1913, at 7:30 p. m.

Introductory sermon, Dr. Golden, of Leesburg,
G. A. Bryant, alternate.

W. R. O'BERRY.
Sister J. P. WEBSTER.
Sister A. F. CRENSHAW.

Report on Recommendations.

We, your committee, would recommend that the Alachua Association would advise that the Hebron Church bring charges against the said Chas. McClelland, for lying and other immoral conduct, and exclude him from the fellowship of Hebron Church, and call for his credentials if he refuses to give up his papers; to advertise him in the Baptist Witness as an imposter.

Sub. by Committee.

Report on Periodicals.

It is very important that we read good wholesome literature. What we read largely forms our character, and indicate the same.

We recommend that our people take the Baptist Witness, Home Field, and Foreign Mission Journal. Do not neglect to read your bibles.

Information is what is needed. Knowledge is power, it may be of the right kind or it may be of the wrong kind. See to it that the best of literature is in your home and especially Baptist literature.

W. A. BURNS.

S. E. BRANCH.

Mrs. A. F. CRENSHAW.

Report on Woman's Work.

Recognizing the power of Woman's Work in the cause of our Master, the women of Alachua Association have striven in the past to do what they could for the furtherance of His cause, especially among their own sex, having raised \$156.25 the past year. As we fear

that they have not exerted themselves to the limit of their possibilities, we exhort all to greater vigilance and more arduous labor in the days to come, hoping thus to bring to pass a glorious future for the Mission cause.

G. J. KING.

Mrs. M. K. ABBOT.

Mrs. JOHN LAW.

Report on Finance.

Floral City, minutes	\$2 00	
Webster Church, minutes	3 00	
" " State Missions	1 00	
" " Foreign Missions	1 00	
Brooksville, minutes	1 20	
Coleman, minutes	2 15	
Center Hill, minutes	2 50	
Oxford, minutes	3 00	
Eden, minutes	1 20	
Whitney, minutes	3 00	
Sardis, minutes	2 25	
" State Missions	3 00	
Hebron, minutes	2 00	
Wahoo, minutes	2 00	
Lady Lake, minutes	50	
Wildwood, minutes	2 00	
" State Missions	4 80	
Bushnell, minutes	2 25	
Leesburg, minutes	4 00	
Total		\$42.85
Missions	9 80	
Balance		33 05

Alachua Association, Oct. 11, 1912, received of Finance Committee \$42. 90.

J. W. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. McMEOD.

WALTER VICKLES.

J. A. FORRESTER.

Mission Report.

(For three month's work.)

Sermons, 29.
Addresses, 15.
Visits, 54.
Miles travelled, 738.
Collections, \$35.92.
Stations preached for, 6.
Received of Dr. S. B. Rogers. \$200.00.

Respectfully,

A. B. THORNTON

Report on Obituaries.

We, your committee on obituaries, report the following brethren and sisters of our Association. With sad hearts we ask that a blank page be given in our minutes to record the names of our deceased brethren and sisters, and we recommend a memorial service at 10 a. m. Saturday, Oct. 12, 1912.

Submitted by Committee,

G. A. BRYANT.
D. T. ALLEN.
D. T. McLEOD.

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

Sister I. H. Fort, Wildwood.
Sister A. M. Norwood, Bushnell.
Brother G. R. Smith, Oxford.
Brother George Shaw, Oxford.
Sister T. K. Winn, Oxford.
Sister Fannie Trescott, Webster.
Brother Dennis Coggin, Sardis.
Sister Ethel Josey, Sardis,
Leesburg, three deaths.

Report of Treasurer.

October, 1912, received from Rev. M. L. Traylor, Clerk:		
For minutes and clerk	\$34 12	
For state missions	15 27	
For aged ministers	1 00	
From Treasurer Rogers	13 07	
From J. M. Hedrick, State Missions	2 25	
From J. L. Burnett, minute fund	5 00	
From J. M. Ferris, for Hebron Church:		
Home missions	2 00	
Associated missions	3 60	
Total		\$76 31
Paid for printing minutes	29 25	
Paid for clerk fees	16 20	
Paid to Dr. Rogers, state missions	15 27	
Paid to Dr. Rogers, home missions	2 00	
Paid to Dr. Rogers, aged ministers	1 00	
Total		63 72
Balance		12 59
October, 1912.		
Received for minutes and clerk	33 05	
Received for foreign missions	1 00	
Received for association missions	8 85	
Total balance		55 49
Of this balance, \$33.05 is for minutes and clerk.		
1.00 is for foreign missions.		
12.45 is for associational missions.		
8.99 miscellaneous.		
Total, \$59.49.		

Report on Sunday Schools.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, respectfully submit the following report:

We find by the report of 1911, that there was an attendance of 645 pupils and teachers, in fifteen of our Sunday Schools, against the membership of 1,355 members in nineteen churches of Alachua Baptist Association.

This shows that out of twenty-six hundred children of Baptist families, only about one-fourth of the children attend Sunday Schools.

The number of scholars baptized from our Sunday Schools show only one conversion to each Sunday School.

As the salvation of our children depends upon them being brought in touch with our Sunday Schools, We, the committee, urge the parents of the different churches to attend with their children our Sunday Schools, so that more effective work may be done, and the attendance in our Sunday Schools increased.

F. W. MARKERT.
E. B. THORNTON.
J. M. HUDSON.
Committee.

Report on Missions.

The subject of Missions should be the deep concern of every Baptist. Jesus said before he left the world: "As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." John 20:21, also in Matt. 28:19 he said: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy

Ghost." These are our marching orders. When we study the history of our work and see the progress we have made and how God has so wonderfully blessed our mission work, it ought to stimulate us into activity. Still if there were no visible results the command to go and preach the Gospel is the same. The opportunity is laid upon us as never before. Has there been such an opportunity as now? The wealth of the South is increasing at a rapid rate. The nations of the world are pouring into our country as never before. They are ready to hear the Gospel. Will we give it to them? Our Foreign and Home Boards, fostered by the convention, are a great work and should have the sympathy and support of all Baptists. We are asked to raise \$10,000 for each of these two boards this year.

Your committee would specially emphasize the importance of our State Mission work. The great number of foreigners pouring into our state daily should awaken us into a state of activity as never before, and if we can get them under Baptist influence and give them the pure Gospel they will prove a blessing to our country; if not, just the reverse.

The Baptists are decidedly the leading denomination of our state, numbering over 50,000. We have on the field 71 missionaries who are doing work in every Association in the state. Our efficient Secretary, S. B. Rogers has put forth and is putting forth strenuous efforts to evangelize the state. In order to do this he has been forced to borrow money to keep the workers on the field. Unless the churches rally to the support of the State Board we will go to the convention with a big debt. We would recommend that our pastors preach on missions more, and urge their people to give as the Lord has prospered them.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN GRAHAM.
J. W. TUCKER.
MRS. J. H. HUGHES.

Resolution of Thanks.

We the messengers of Alachua Association by a rising vote desire to tender our hearty appreciation of the general hospitality so cordially extended by the Brooksville church, through its pastor and citizens in general. May our Heavenly Father continue to smile on Brooksville.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. J. KING.

Woman's Missionary Union.

During the session of the Alachua Association, the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to that body, held a very interesting and instructive meeting in the Methodist church on Friday the 11th inst.

In behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Brooksville church, Mrs. John Law kindly and cordially welcomed the Union to their town.

A very comprehensive program had been prepared.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. J. O. Abbot, one of the vice presidents.

Several interesting articles, referring respectively, to foreign, home and state missions, were read and commented upon.

Mrs. Abb Crenshaw, of Coleman and Mrs. J. O. Abbot, of Leesburg, were unanimously re-elected vice presidents for the ensuing year. Mrs. Hughes of Center Hill, was appointed as a delegate to the W. M. U. of

the State convention, which meets in Lakeland in December.

A collection of \$2.90 was taken for State Missions.

Very few of the societies sent reports to the Union but the amount of \$156 15 was reported from the following: Brooksville, \$49.30; Lady Lake, \$16.00; Leesburg, \$71.85 and Oxford, \$19.00.

After prayer and singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," the meeting adjourned.

Constitution of the Alachua Baptist Association.

Article 1. This body shall be dominated 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 of eternal life, regeneration and perseverance of the saints, baptism by immersion of the person in water, administered to none except professed believers, and the Lord's Supper intended for those only who have been regularly admitted in 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 Testaments to be the only rule of faith and practice, both in the concerns of religion and the general of life, and particularly for transacting the affairs of our churches.

Art. 5. 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. 6. 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 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. 7. This Association shall have power to withdraw its connection from any church which shall act contrary to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

Art. 8. 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. 9. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional for each twenty-five members, one fractional part thereof, in excess of fifty.

Art. 10. Every query sent to the association by any church in its union shall be read and put to a 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 effect the union of the churches.

Art. 11. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the association, unless withdrawn by the mover.

Art. 12. 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. 13. 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. 14. No person shall absent himself from the association without leave of the Moderator.

Art. 15. 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 the minutes 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 Committee.

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 matters 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.

Ordained Ministers and P. O. Address.

G. A. Bryant, Bushnell.
 R. L. Clayburn, Summerfield.
 W. D. Entzminger, unknown.
 J. P. Graham, Brooksville.
 Geo. Hays, Webster.
 W. N. Kingsley, Leesburg.
 G. A. Martin, Floral City.
 D. T. McLeod, Webster.
 J. W. McClamma, Bushnell.
 W. R. O'Bery, Oxford.
 T. W. Spicer, Leesburg.
 J. R. Proctor, Pedro.
 E. B. Thornton, Brooksville.
 M. L. Traylor, Center Hill.

Licensed.

Wm. Barrow, Bushnell.
 W. A. Holiday, St. Catherine.

Woman's Missionary Society.

Mrs. Laura Hays, President, Brooksville.
 Sister A. W. Stringfellow, President, Lady Lake.
 Mrs. M. K. Abbott, President, Leesburg, contributed for missions and benevolence \$75.
 Mrs. Clara Nichols, President, Oxford.
 Chipley Memorial contributed for missions and benevolence \$1.20.

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FINANCIAL.

Name of Church.	Pastor's Salary.	For Building.	Incidental and Improving.	Visiting Ministers.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Current Expenses and Endowment Columbia College.	Endowment S. B. T. Seminary.	Ministerial Education.	Aged Ministers.	Orphanage.	For the Poor.	Minutes and Clerk.	Total	Value of Pastoriums.	Value of Church Property.	Total Value of Property.	Total for All Purposes.
Brooksville	\$1000 00	\$389 23			\$37 81		\$30 33						\$3 46			\$1460 78	\$2500 00	\$4500 00	\$7000 00	\$8460 00
Bushnell	180 00			\$2 50	11 00	\$13 %	5 00	\$10 00								28 96		1500 00		1528 96
Center Hill															\$2 00	195 50				195 50
Charter Oak	150 00		\$33 25	54 10	1 50	25 00														
Coleman	100 00				20	27 07						\$2 00	6 00		65	271 50		3000 00	3000 00	3318 14
Floral City						10 00									1 00	128 27		1000 00	1000 00	1128 27
Hebron	100 97		30 00	6 50	19 23		2 00								2 00	12 00	1000 00	1000 00	2000 00	
Lady Lake	120 00					16 00	12 43	7 00	\$7 00	\$3 00					2 00	171 70		500 00	500 00	
Leesburg	1040 00		850 00		25 00	125 00	44 00		66 00				1 70		50	172 83		2200 00	2200 00	2372 83
Mill Creek															4 00	2054 00	2500 00	2500 00	5000 00	7178 35
St. Catherine																				
Sardis	100 00	11 28		36 50		17 25														
Sumterville									3 25						2 25	180 09		500 00	500 00	689 65
Oxford	300 00	17 25		20 62	3 36	19 62	550	3 00			\$25 00	6 00			3 00	403 37		1000 00	1000 00	1483 37
Wahoo																				
Whitney	200 00	24 00	10 29	11 20	3 00	37 91	1000						9 36	\$26 50	2 00	334 36		2000 00	2000 00	2360 54
Webster	180 00	50 00		2 81	7 00	1 00		6 00							3 00	249 80		2000 00	2000 00	2249 80
Wildwood	170 00	11 10	28 05	53 40	4 80								6 80		2 00	276 15		1500 00	1500 00	1939 76
	3640 97	502 86	951 59	187 63	111 90	292 81	109 26	26 00	76 25	3 00	25 00	8 00	27 32	26 50	24 40					27,700 00

NUMERICAL.

Name of Church.	Pastor.	Pastor's P. O. Address.	Clerk.	Clerk's P. O. Address.	Church Organized, Year.	Increase this Year.				Decrease this Year.				Membership This Year.
						By Baptism.	By Letter or Statement.	By Restoration.	Total Increase.	By Letter.	By Expulsion or Erasure.	By Death.	Total Decrease.	
Brooksville	J P Graham	Brooksville	M H Snow	Brooksville	1862	1	12		13	5			5	190
Bushnell			W H Snow	Bushnell	1886		1		1	3		1	4	46
Center Hill	S C Sloan	Lakeland	J H Hughes	Center Hill	1904		4		4	4	1		5	56
Charter Oak	G A Bryant	Bushnell		No letter										36
Coleman	G A Martin	Floral City	E H Mason	Coleman	1906				4					40
Eden	G A Martin	Floral City	J M Hedick, Jr	Brooksville	1877	1	1		2	1			1	41
Floral City	Rev Eldredge	Chrystal River	J L Landrum	Floral City										28
Hebron	G A Bryant	Bushnell	J M Ferris	Ringold	1891	4	8		12	2	6		8	92
Lady Lake	A A Keith	Trilby	A W Vinson	Lady Lake	1882					2			2	22
Leesburg	E Z F Golden	Leesburg	G W Webster	Leesburg	1876	1	9	2	12	6	1	3	10	135
Mill Creek	J W McClamma	Bushnell		No letter	1911									818
St. Catherine				No letter										1
Sardis	D T McLeod	Webster	M M Proctor	Pedro	1884	8			8	2		2	4	147
Sumterville	No letter													29
Oxford	Rev Gorbeet	Unknown	J L Pemberton	Oxford	1881	1	3		4	4		3	7	206
Wahoo	No letter													53
Whitney	W R O'Bery	Oxford	W V Peacock	Whitney	1883	4	1		5		2		2	44
Webster	S C Sloan	Lakeland	S E Branch	Webster	1891	1	8		9			1	1	88
Wildwood	J W Tucker	Kathleen	J M Hudson	Wildwood	1884	4	5	3	12	3	1	1	5	84
Total						25	52	5	82	32	11	11	54	1219

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Name of Sunday School Superintendent.	Superintendent's Post Office Address.	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.	Number of Teachers.	Sunday School Expenses.	Missions and Benevolence.
Norton Keathley.....	Brooksville	1	75	11		
A M Norwood	Bushnell.....	1	25	4		
M E B Robinson	Coleman.....	1	30	5	\$46 64	
E W Snow.....	Brooksville	1	20	6		
G W Higgins	Floral City.....	1	40	5		
R D Matthews	Lady Lake.....	1	30	8		
F P Webster.....	Leesburg	1	55	9	43 31	\$81 04
J R Proctor.....	Pedro.....	1	45	5		9 56
Preston Caruthers	Oxford.....	1	75	9	30 00	
L H Walker.....	Whitney.....	1			26 18	
G W Hays.....	Webster.....	1	175	8		
Mrs T N Curington.....	Wildwood	1	72	9	37 18	26 43
	Total	12	642	79	179 31	117 03

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