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MINUTES OF THE
SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

**ALACHUA BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH SARDIS BAPTIST CHURCH, SUMTER
COUNTY, FLA., OCT. 9, 10 AND 11th.

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MODERATOR, J. P. GRAHAM, BROOKSVILLE, FLA.
CLERK, J. W. LINDERMAN, PEDRO, FLA.
COR. SEC. & TREAS., J. H. WILLIAMS, LEESBURG, FLA.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional and Introductory Sermon.
2. Reading Letters and Enrolling Messengers.
3. Election of 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.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Jno. P. Graham	-	-	-	-	Brooksville.
Walter Nichols	-	-	-	-	Pedro.
A. W. Vinson	-	-	-	-	Lady Lake.
J. H. Williams	-	-	-	-	Leesburg.
T. P. Webster	-	-	-	-	Leesburg.

THURSDAY MORNING PROCEEDINGS.

The Alachua Association met Thursday, October 9th, 1913, at 10 A. M., and entered into an organization. Rev. J. P. Graham was elected moderator and Brother M. M. Proctor was elected clerk.

Dr. A. P. Montague, president of Columbia College, made a very interesting talk about the progress of the College.

Moved to adjourn until 7 o'clock.

NIGHT SESSION.

Promptly at 7 o'clock, the Association was called to order by Moderator.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation."

Prayer, by Rev. Golden.

Brother Proctor asked to be excused as clerk and by motion of Rev. D. T. McLeod, Rev. Proctor was excused and Bro. J W. Linerman was elected.

Moved by Rev. McLeod that a committee be appointed to read the letters of the delegates and report on same tomorrow. Moved that Rev. T. W. Spicer be appointed a committee of one to draft a resolution, expressing our gratitude to Bro. Hedick for his faithful work as moderator.

At 7:30 o'clock the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. E. Z. Golden.

Adjourned to meet Friday morning at 8 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

At 8:10 o'clock Friday morning, the Association was called to order by Moderator.

By motion of Rev. McLeod, a committee of two was appointed to read the letters. Committee: Bro. Sam Long, Rev. Golden.

Rev. Spicer's report in regard to Bro. Hedick was read and adopted.

MESSENGERS.

Brooksville, Rev. J. P. Graham.

Bushnell.

St. Catherine.

Center Hill.

Charter Oak.

Coleman, Sister A. T. Crenshaw, Sister Mae Perry.
Columbia College, Dr. Montague.

Eden, Sister Burt Grubbs.

Floral City, Bro. S. W. Higgins.

Hebron.

Lady Lake, Bro. W. P. Ebbs, Bro. A. W. Vinson.

Leesburg, Bro. Williams, Rev. Spicer, Dr. Golden.

Mill Creek.

Sardis, Bro. M. M. Proctor, Bro. Walter Nichols.

Sumterville, Rev. D. T. McLeod, Rev. Spicer.

Oxford, Bro. S. L. Griggs, Sister Nichols, Sister Smith.

Wahoo, Bro. R. H. Bennett, Bro. H. S. Lovett.

Whitney, Rev. Kingsley.

Webster, Rev. C. E. Roberts.

Wildwood, Bro. L. M. Gunn.

Moved and carried that Bro. J. H. Williams be elected treasurer of the Association.

Moved and carried that Sister A. T. Crenshaw be appointed to take subscriptions for the Witness, Home, Field and Foreign Mission Journal.

The report on Woman's Work was read and adopted. Committee: J. H. Williams, Mrs. M. K. Abbott.

The report on Aged Ministers was adopted. Committee: T. W. Spicer, Mrs. A. T. Crenshaw.

The report on Missions was adopted. Committee: E. Z. Golden, E. P. Ebbs.

Moved and carried that the time for remarks on reports be limited to 5 minutes.

Moved that the report on Nominations be recommitted.

Moved that the report on Orphan's Home be adopted. A committee of two was appointed. Committee: W. N. Kingsley, Mrs. E. J. Smith.

Moved to suspend the 5 minute rule to discuss the subject of the Baptist Minister's Assurance Association. Eleven honorary and one beneficiary members were added to the membership. Committee: W. R. O'Berry, G. W. Person.

Adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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

By a motion, the report of Nominating Committee was adopted.

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The report on Letters and Queries was adopted.
Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock.
Prayer by Rev. D. T. McLeod.

NIGHT SESSION.

At 7 o'clock, the Association convened with Rev. Graham in the chair.

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

Prayer, Rev. Spicer.

The report on Temperance was read, discussed and adopted.
Moved and carried that the Clerk send a copy of the resolutions to Dr. Rogers.

By motion, the report of the Nominating Committee was amended and Dr. Golden was elected a delegate to the State Convention.

By motion, it was decided that the Clerk turn the minutes over to the Executive Board for printing and that they have full charge of the same when said minutes should be ready for publication.

Adjourned for preaching.

At 7 o'clock, preaching by Rev. J. P. Graham.

Adjourned to meet Saturday morning 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

At 8 o'clock, the Association was called to order by Moderator.

Song, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Prayer by Rev. T. W. Spicer.

Moved by Rev. D. T. McLeod, that the Clerk be allowed \$15 for his services and that the Finance Committee pay him out of the money now on hand.

The Association adjourned for one hour from 10 to 11 o'clock to give place to the Woman's Missionary Union meeting.

After the W. M. U. the Association was called to order.

The report of the committee on Finance was adopted. Committee: A. W. Vinson, Walter Nichols.

Moved that the Executive Board instead of the Finance Committee fix compensation for clerk and printing.

By motion the report on Education was adopted. Committee: Rev. Graham, Rev. Golden, Rev. McLeod, Bro. Sam Long.

The report on Obituaries was adopted with Memorial Service of song and prayer. Committee: Bro. S. L. Griggs.

By motion, the report on Sunday Schools was adopted. Com-

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mittee: Rev. G. A. Martin.

By motion, the Treasurer's report was amended and adopted.
Moved and carried, that the churches be requested to defray the expenses of the delegates to the Convention.

Moved to adjourn to meet with the Coleman Baptist church on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1914, at 7:30 P. M.

J. W. Linderman,
Clerk.

J. P. GRAHAM,
Moderator.



STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sunday Schools, G. A. Martin.
 Missions, E. Z. Golden.
 Education, J. P. Graham.
 Finance, J. A. Forrester.
 Periodicals, D. T. McLeod.
 Temperance, G. J. King.
 Letters and Queries, G. A. Bryant.
 Minister's Assurance Association, W. R. O'Berry.
 Obituaries, S. L. Griggs.
 Woman's Work, J. H. Williams.
 Aged Ministers, T. W. Spicer.
 Orphanage.
 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,

M. M. PROCTOR,
 J. W. LINDERMAN,
 Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, wish to submit the following:

As our Lord and Savior bade us be temperate in all things, we feel it our duty to condemn intemperance in its many forms. Many people misunderstand the true meaning of temperance. Many think that drunkenness is the only way of being intemperate. Many of us are intemperate in eating, talking and conduct in general to the same extent that the drunkard is intemperate.

Believing that the liquor question is one of the greatest enemies of the Baptist churches of Florida, we wish to condemn the use of intoxicating drinks by members of our Baptist churches and rec-

ommend that churches that have members who drink or aid the liquor traffic in any way and persist in the same, be excluded.

We pledge ourselves to work together in every way possible to drive the liquor traffic from our state and nation.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM LONG,
 C. ROBERTS.

MISSIONS.

Christians of all creeds and countries today hear an urgent call to renewed effort to hasten the time when "The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the water covers the sea."

Visions are brightening, horizons are enlarging, and missionary zeal is becoming more consuming. While rejoicing in the things already accomplished in spreading the "good news," there is such a "reaching forth unto those things which are before" as, for largeness of enthusiasm, comprehensiveness of forces and brightness of prospect, has never been seen.

Baptists have always been, and must always be, leaders in this great enterprise. The call is most loudly to us.

But space will not admit generalizing; we can only point to our own work.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Board at Richmond, Va., has been entrusted with the greatest work of its history; but on account of debt and smallness of funds, advancement has been slow. This is greatly regretted. Some new workers have been sent out and some new fields occupied, while the "Macedonian cry" appeals for hundreds and thousands of consecrated men and women, and open doors are almost numberless.

And sad indeed it is to reflect that not the poverty but parsimoniousness of our people sets the boundary to our progress.

If we would, we could say to our Board, in a practical way, "lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes" as rapidly as conditions on the field will allow until the glorious work is finished.

HOME MISSIONS.

Recognizing that our Foreign depends upon our Home work, we

should give good heed to the needs of our own country. Our population is growing rapidly in numbers, and the tendency to worldliness is strong. Many places are far from being able to adequately meet the demands forced upon them.

Small churches located in fields where there should be large ones, poverty-stricken people struggling with conditions which demand extensive outlay and homeless bodies where houses of worship are essential to existence—not only in our own, but other Southern States—render appeals to our Home Board that are distressingly pathetic. Dr. Gray and his noble band of workers hold a peculiar position, and their claim upon us is strong. In no small degree, the success of Home Missions depends our Florida work.

The Home Board, for which our apportionment this year is only \$11,000, proposes to expend in the state \$12,600. Hence while sustaining the Home Board, we are sustaining our own State work.

STATE MISSIONS.

We are rounding out our year's work for State Missions. In a very short time the record will close. What shall it be?

Dr. S. B. Rogers, our corresponding secretary, an expert on this line, gives the following figures as to the religious condition of Florida:

"The latest census report shows the evangelical bodies of Florida to be:

24.5 per cent of her entire population, divided as follows:

10.5 per cent are Baptists.

7.7 per cent are Southern Methodists.

6.9 per cent include all others except Catholics.

75.5 per cent of Florida's entire population today are without the pales of evangelical churches."

According to the same authority, our State Board of Missions is assisting 74 missionary pastors and missionaries who maintain preaching at 128 places, erecting (some completed) 98 houses of worship; the Board is further doing work for 400 Sunday Schools, helping to educate 14 ministerial students, assisting in the care of our 75 orphans, and caring for 12 aged ministers.

This is a great work!

To September 1st, there was reported from the field 1418 weeks' work, 1721 members received into churches, 24 Sunday Schools and 7 B. Y. P. U. organized, 8 churches constituted, and much other important work done!

At the end of the 3rd quarter of the year, \$26,414.05 had been raised. The Board planned for \$40,000 for all its work. Strenuous effort will be needed to secure the remaining \$13,585.95 for which the budget calls by the meeting of the Convention. Every association, every church, and every member should feel the pressure and come up to "the help of the Lord" in this time of need.

It would give your committee great pleasure to present some thoughts upon two things, viz: the proposed missionary conferences to be held over the country and the Judson Memorial Movement: but for evident reasons we desist.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

A new plan has been adopted by the State Board of Missions and put into operation among the associations this year.

The district associations have been grouped and an evangelist appointed for the group instead of missionaries for each association.

The group to which the Alachua belongs has had the services of Bro. J. H. Lewis, who has held some very successful meetings at several points, and won his way into the hearts of the people.

Like all new plans, this one is an experiment, and ample opportunity for testing its wisdom should be given.

We await the decision of the State Board.

OUR NEEDS.

They are many. We content ourselves with mentioning the need of systematic giving.

Year after year, all our Mission Boards are forced to borrow money or discontinue the work! The latter course is unthinkable. We are glad to be able to borrow, but we regret extremely the necessity of paying interest on money which, if proper attention were paid the matter, might be raised on the field as needed.

If this were done, all the Boards would have more money for legitimate missionary work. We have fallen into the habit of making spasmodic effort under high pressure.

Regular effort might be harder but it would, doubtless, produce better results every way.

At two of an associational union meeting, this subject has engaged the attention of the brethren, and schedule for systematic giving has been adopted. We earnestly recommend the adoption of some such schedule by this body which shall be published in

our minutes and earnestly commended to the churches for adoption and operation. We believe this would greatly help our work along all lines and save interest money to the cause.

DR. ROGERS.

Your committee desires to express sincere sympathy for our most worthy and efficient corresponding secretary in the great bodily affliction that has come to him. It is well known that his physical condition is, and for much of the year has been, alarming. We hereby record our earnest prayer that a kind Heavenly Father may grant him sustaining grace and speedy recovery of bodily health if in His wisdom he should so will.

E. Z. B. GOLDEN,
E. P. EBBS.

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME.

For lack of information, we cannot make a tabulated report of the work of the Orphan's Home, but we content ourselves by making an earnest appeal to the Baptists of Florida for their financial support of this most worthy institution.

We can hardly estimate the great good that is being done by our Orphan's Home and the importance of giving it our hearty support.

The home has over 70 inmates and would have more but for the lack of room, so an effort is being made to enlarge the capacity that soon their will be room for more. So we appeal to you to help to do this work. One day in each year is set apart by the home as orphan's day and everybody in the State is urged to give the proceeds of that day's work to the home. We urge the observance of this day by all churches by donating to the home cash, clothing and food. When we think of the great advantage given these fatherless and motherless children by having their own School, Sunday School and Church, we feel that the Orphanage is ours and that we should give it our support.

Respectfully submitted,

W. N. KINGSLEY,
MRS. E. J. SMITH, Com.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS.

We, your committee on Aged Ministers, would submit the following:

No work, we believe, is so neglected as this great work. Rail-

roads, Express Companies, Governments and other human institutions pension their aged and worn out workmen, while we neglect our old soldiers of the Cross. This ought not so to be. We suggest that there should be special fund or endowment to take care of these needy old servants of the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. SPICER,
MRS. A. F. CRENSHAW,
Committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We live in an age of schools and these schools are for the training and education of the young men and women of our land. Hence the importance of schools and the right kind of schools. The question that is of most vital importance to fathers and mothers of today is how shall our boys and girls be educated and where shall such training be had? Man should be built on a square, for he has a four-fold nature, and as we want the whole man educated, too much care cannot be taken in the selection of the school where such training can be had.

The school where the physical, mental, moral and spiritual natures all have the same attention should be the one selected. The schools that will give such training and afford ample opportunity for the development of good lives and characters are our Christian schools. There are two different features in the development of Christian character—principle and practice. Principle sought with a view to practice, and practice made to conform to principle.

The Baptist school that emphasizes these things is the place for our young men and women. Believing Columbia College of Lake City to be a Christian school, whose president, Dr. A. P. Montague, is a man of rare Christian virtues and whose faculty are all Christian men and women, and all are members of the Baptist Church and that God's word, which is a "Lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway," is taught by precept and example to be the most important thing in the development of Christian character, therefore we most earnestly recommend that we Baptists do give to Columbia College, our College, our most hearty co-operation and that we send our children there for training and culture for service in life's great work.

J. P. GRAHAM,
MRS. A. F. CRENSHAW.

REPORT ON B. M. A. A.

This association supplies a great help to the families of our dead ministers and is worthy of our support. We urge our people to help in this cause. It should not be left to the preachers alone as they already have so many cares.

W. R. O'BERRY,
G. W. PERSON.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that the next session of the association be held with Coleman church, beginning on Wednesday before second Sunday in October, 1914, at 7:30 P. M.

Introductory Sermon, J. P. Graham.

Alternate, G. A. Martin.

Delegates to the State Convention: Brothers Golden, Graham, Higgins, Spicer and Vinson.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: E. Z. Golden.

G. W. HIGGINS,
L. M. GUNN,

Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

That we may more fully understand our duty as Baptists, it is necessary that we should keep in touch with the several organized departments of the work of our denomination. To do this we are largely dependent on literature pertaining to the work. That we may keep posted in the foreign work, we could not recommend any literature better than the Foreign Mission Journal. For the home work, the Home Field should have our support. For our Sunday School, the publications of the Sunday School Board. But, most of all, we recommend our State denominational paper, The Baptist Witness, which is run wholly in the interests of our denomination in Florida.

D. T. McLEOD,
W. W. MATHIS.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your committee, are glad to report that the women of the different churches represented in our association are working earnestly for the Master's cause within our bounds.

The reports from their societies show a goodly sum raised for

Missions since our last meeting. The association acknowledges the power of the help of the women and ever feels encouraged by their zeal and energy.

J. H. WILLIAMS,
MRS. M. K. ABBOT.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Webster, minutes	-	-	\$2.50
Lady Lake, minutes	-	-	1.00
Bushnell, minutes	-	-	1.50
Leesburg, minutes	-	-	6.00
Center Hill, minutes	-	-	2.00
Floral City, minutes	-	-	2.00
Sardis, minutes	-	-	2.05
Wildwood, minutes	-	-	2.00
Coleman, minutes	-	-	.50
Coleman, aged ministers	-	-	1.00
Oxford, minutes	-	-	4.05
Eden, minutes	-	-	1.00
Whitney, minutes	-	-	2.50
Whitney, aged ministers by Mrs. Grubbs	-	-	.25
Brooksville, minutes	-	-	1.00
Wahoo	-	-	1.50
Total	-	-	n, \$30.85
Aged Ministers	-	-	1.25
Balance for Minutes	-	-	29.60

A. W. VINSON,
WALTER NICHOLS.

**THIS PAGE IS REVERENTLY DEDICATED TO THE MEM-
ORY OF OUR HONORED DEAD.**

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee on Obituaries finds the following beloved brethren and sisters have preceded us to the bright beyond. While our hearts are made sad at the parting, there is also a strain of rejoicing that they have been freed from the struggles against all evil, and are now in the presence of Him who shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

We ask that a page be given in our minutes to record the names of our beloved dead.

S. L. GRIGGS.

Wildwood: Sister Susan Cathcart, Brother W. M. Paul and Brother T. W. Market.

Bushnell: Brother A. M. Norwood.

Center Hill: Sister M. J. Ellett and Sister M. E. Leslie.

Leesburg: Sister H. J. Peters.

Sardis: Sister Lucinda Waters, Sister C. S. Baker, Brother J. S. Waters and Sister Lottie Baker.

Oxford: Sister Lillie Sands, Sister Tom Swearges and Brother Steve Carter.

Whitney: Sister M. P. Nelson and Sister N. M. Smith.

Brooksville: Brother Chas. Wall.

Mill Creek: Brother J. R. P. Wall.

Sunterville: Brother G. Nelson.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

To Balance last report	-	-	-	-	\$ 55.49
Rec'd. Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	.50
Rec'd. State and Associational Mission, Oxford Union	-	-	-	-	12.40
Rec'd. Bushnell Union, Bal. on minutes	-	-	-	-	13.02
Rec'd. Wildwood Union for State and Associational Mis.	-	-	-	-	34.40
Rec'd. Webster Union for State and Associational Missions	-	-	-	-	24.75

Total	-	-	-	-	\$140.56
Rec'd. this session for minutes and clerk	-	-	-	-	35.85
For aged ministers	-	-	-	-	1.25
From W. M. U. Coleman church.	-	-	-	-	
Home Missions	-	-	-	-	1.00
State Missions	-	-	-	-	4.50
Total	-	-	-	-	\$183.16

Disbursements.

Paid A. A. Keith, mission work	-	-	-	-	5.00
Paid Clerk	-	-	-	-	15.00
Paid Dr. S. B. Rogers:					
Foreign Missions	-	-	-	-	1.00
State and Associational Missions	-	-	-	-	84.00
Paid for Printing Minutes	-	-	-	-	36.50
					\$141.50
Bal. on hand	-	-	-	-	41.66
					\$183.16

J. H. WILLIAMS,

Treasurer.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We, as a Christian people, should endeavor by the help of our Divine Leader to improve our Sunday Schools. We have made wonderful progress along these lines; yet, there is room for great improvements.

We find in the last report there are nineteen churches in the Alachua Association and only eleven have Sunday Schools. This is a sad condition. We as the Church of Christ ought to wake

up to our duty along this line. The Sunday School is one way to preach the Gospel at Jerusalem.

We find the hindering cause is in the parents not taking an interest in the Sunday School. May the Lord speed the time when the parents will become alarmed at the condition of their children.

We, your committee, therefore recommend that each church in our Association see to it that God's Word is taught in their church every Sunday and that we organize and keep up a good lively Sunday School in order that our children shall be brought up in the right way. If you have not a man who can organize your Sunday School, call on our Associational Missionary, Evangelist Rev. J. M. Lewis, Ocala, Fla., who will be glad to help you get started.

We further recommend to each Sunday School that we use only the Literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn. And that all Sunday Schools be organized, run and controlled under the direction of the Church and that the Church elect all officers and the teachers of same.

Respectfully submitted,
G. A. MARTIN.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Resolved, That we deplore the necessity of giving up our beloved Moderator, Bro. J. M. Hedick, who has so earnestly and faithfully filled this important office for so many years. We had learned to look upon him as a fixture in the work of the association. To say that we miss him poorly describes our feelings.

Resolved further, That we express to our brother our deepest sympathy in his physical disabilities which renders his retirement as Moderator a necessity.

We commend him to our Great Shepherd, who has gone to prepare a place for them that love Him.

We feel assured a crown of righteousness awaits him in the sweet bye and bye.

T. W. SPICER.

The Alachua Association now in session desires to express their deepest sympathy for our greatly beloved corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. S. B. Rogers, in the great bodily affliction which has come upon him and assure him that we will and do pray for his speedy recovery.

Resolved, That the clerk be instructed to send a copy of this

expression of our friendly feeling to Bro. Rogers.
E. Z. GOLDEN.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we, the delegates of this meeting of the Alachua Association, extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of Sardis Church and the people of the community for the hospitality extended to us during our visit here and may God bless them is our prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
A. W. VINSON.

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 Saturday morning from 10 to 11 o'clock. After an interesting program, a collection of \$1.40 was taken for the Institute Fund.

The election of officers for ensuing year:

1st Associational Superintendent, Mrs. Clara Nichols.

2nd Associational Superintendent, Mrs. A. T. Crenshaw.

Messengers to State Convention, Mrs. J. O. Abbott.

The meeting came to a close by singing, "God Be With You."

Pres. Mrs. J. O. ABBOTT.

Sec. Mrs. CLARA NICHOLS.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mrs. M. D. Stinender, president, Leesburg, contributed for missions and benevolence, \$31.45.

Mrs. T. W. Stringfellow, president, Lady Lake, contributed for missions and benevolence, \$11.00.

Mrs. Clara Nichols, president, Oxford, contributed for missions and benevolence, \$32.85.

Miss Greslin, president, Wildwood.

Chipley Memorial contributed for missions and benevolence, \$2.65.

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, wheth-

er 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 con-

duct 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.
- 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'Berry, Oxford.
- T. W. Spicer, Leesburg.
- J. R. Proctor, Pedro.
- M. L. Taylor, 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.
- Mrs. Clara Nichols, President, Oxford.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE

NAME SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	SUPERINTENDENT'S P. O. ADDRESS	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS	NUMBER OF PUPILS	NUMBER OF TEACHERS	SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPENSES	MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE
J. L. Bennett	Bushnell	1	30	8	\$ 12 80	\$
L. H. Walker	Whitney	1	23	4	31 64	14 43
M. E. R. Rolinson	Coleman	1	38	5	30 00	5 42
G. W. Hays	Webster	1	70	9		
G. A. Martin	Brooksville	1	38	4	5 32	
R. D. Matthews	Lady Lake	1	37	5	17 74	1 50
G. W. Higgins	Floral City	1	35	5	18 00	
J. H. Williams	Leesburg	1	68	12	106 35	83 89
T. P. Caruthers	Oxford	1	75	10		7 50
Mrs. T. M. Curriton	Wildwood	1	50	9	66 58	27 21
N. Keathley	Brooksville	1	130	16	60 00	
C. H. Foland	Pedro	1	50	5	11 75	
TOTAL		12	641	83	\$ 360 18	130 95

NUMERICAL TABLE

NAME OF CHURCH	Pastors	Pastor's P. O. Address	Clerk	Clerk P. O. Address	Church Organized year	By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	Total Increase	By Letter	Total Decrease	Membership this year	Last year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	WHAT SUNDAYS HAVE PREACHING
Brooksville	J. P. Graham	Brooksville	M. H. Snow	Brooksville	1862	4	5	9	9	9	110	189	190	1	1	Every First Third
Bushnell	G. A. Martin	Floral City	W. H. Snow	Bushnell	1886	3	3	3	3	1	1	3	43	43		
Center Hill	S. C. Sloan	Lake Land	J. H. Hughes	Bushnell	1906	9	9	9	9	2	2	71	56	15		
Charter Oak	J. B. Proctor	Pedro	No Letter													
Coleman	G. A. Martin	Floral City	T. W. Curington	Coleman	1906	5	5	19	3	3	3	47	40	7		Fourth
Eden	J. P. Graham	Brooksville	J. M. Hedrick, Jr.	Brooksville	1877	3	3	3	3	2	4	22	52	3		Second Second
Floral City	Rev. Eldredge	Crystal River	J. Landrum	Floral City	1891					210		67	79	12		Every
Hebron	G. A. Bryant	Webster	J. M. Ferris	Ringgold	1882					2	2	20	22	2		First
Lady Lake	D. T. McLeod	Leesburg	A. W. Vinson	Lady Lake	1876					1	4	156	138	18		Second
Leesburg	E. Z. F. Golden	Leesburg	J. H. Wade	Leesburg	1911											Every
Mill Creek			No Letter													First
St Catherine	G. A. Bryan	No Letter	M. M. Proctor	Pedro	1884					5	3	50	58	8		Second
Sardis	D. T. McLeod	Webster	No Letter	Clearwater	1881					7	2	201	200	1		Second & Fourth
Sumterville	R. Gorbitt	Attoon	J. L. Penberton		1883					2	4	41	43	2		First Third
Wahoo	W. R. O'Berry	Oxford	W. V. Peacock	Whitney	1891					3	1	84	82	2		Second & Fourth
Whitney	Rev. Sloan	Kathleen	S. E. Branch	Webster	1891					4	6	84	82	2		First Third
Webster	J. W. Tucker	Kathleen	J. M. Hudson	Wildwood	1884					5	5	80	80			

FINANCIAL TABLE

NAME OF CHURCH	Pastors Salary	For Building	Improving	Visiting Ministers	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions and Purposes	Foreign Missions	Current Expenses and Columbia College	Aged Ministers	Orphanage	Old Debts	Minutes and Clerk	Total	Value of Pastorum	Value of Church Property	Total Value of Church Property	Total for all Purposes
Brooksville	\$1200.00	\$5.00	\$9.50	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$116.00	\$22.94	\$7.11	\$203.00	\$11.73	\$820.00	\$1.50	\$2451.28	\$2500.00	\$4300.00	\$7000.00	\$9451.28	
Fushnell	150.00													161.00	800.00	800.00	961.00	
Center Hill	180.00	5.00	200.00		9.00					4.45			2.00	895.45	700.00	700.00	1595.45	
Charter Oak																		
Coleman	150.00		5.00	\$4.50		29.15				10.00			.50	191.00	2000.00	2000.00	2191.00	
Eden	75.00									10.00			.50	114.65	1000.00	1003.00	1114.65	
Floral City	192.00					1.30	1.30	10.00		10.00			2.00	225.30	1000.00	1000.00	1225.30	
Hebron	100.00		6.00	3.55						1.00			1.00	110.55	500.00	500.00	610.55	
Lady Lake	100.00					5.00	5.00	8.15		1.00			1.00	149.57	2500.00	2500.00	2849.57	
Leesburg	1300.00		240.25			4.15	50.00	119.30		32.29			6.00	1848.69	3000.00	3000.00	8848.69	
Mill Creek									2.50									
St. Catherine																		
Sardis	71.50					14.00		3.50					2.00	93.00	500.00	500.00	593.00	
Sumterville																		
Oxford	150.00		72.00			4.96				20.00			5.04	378.28	1000.00	1000.00	1878.28	
Wahoo	200.00		80.65			2.05							2.50	290.81	2000.00	2000.00	3291.81	
Whitney	180.00		25.00			5.61								305.00	2000.00	2000.00	2805.00	
Webster	165.00	7.00	37.44			32.80	40.26	22.15		2.50			2.00	314.91	1500.00	1500.00	1814.91	
Wildwood																		

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