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MINUTES.

The Association convened according to adjournment. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Brother Blewett, from Hebrews 10 c. 39 v. After an intermission of an hour the delegates convened in the Church and the Association was opened. Prayer by Bro. A. T. Holmes, of Bethel Association.

1. Corresponding letters from twenty-five Churches, were handed in, and their statistics noted.

2. Three petitionary letters were then presented, to wit: Hopewell, Madison county, Fla., Big Creek, Thomas county, Ga., and Summerhill, Thomas county, Ga. The two first named were received and the right hand of fellowship extended to their delegates. The latter was rejected in consequence of their defective confession of Faith, it being what is usually termed, "The New Hampshire Confession of Faith."

3. Bro. Ardis was re-elected Moderator and Samuel C. Craft, Clerk.

4. The Moderator appointed the following regular committees, viz: On preaching, brethren Murray, McCall, Jesse Walker, Forest and Blewett.— On business—brethren Fuller, Blewett, and Cason. On finance—brethren Broome, Seruggs and Johnson. On correspondence—brethren Goldwire, Terrell, and Moore. On the Circular letter—brethren Tate, D. Walker and McDonald. On deceased Ministers and Deacons—brethren Fuller, Blewett and Goldwire.

5. The committee on preaching report—Brother W. H. Clark, Missionary of the Southern Board, to Central Africa to preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock, to-morrow, followed by Brother Ardis: Brother A. T. Holmes of the Bethel Association, to preach in the evening on the subject of Ministerial education, followed by Brother D. G. Daniel, agent of the S. B. P. Society. Adjourned till 9 o'clock, Monday morning. Prayer by Brother Lacy.

SABBATH, NOVEMBER 20

The brethren appointed on yesterday, filled their places and discharged their duties to the general satisfaction, we think, of a very large and attentive congregation, and we trust the highly interesting and vitally important subjects embraced in the discourses, will tell for good many days yet to come, in the bounds of our Association.

MONDAY MGRNING, 9 O'CLOCK NOVEMBER 21.

Convened according to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Mercer.

6. The report of the committee on business, was received and adopted.

7. Correspondence from Sister Associations, was called for and received—from Bethel Association, Ga., correspondence by the hands of brethren Holmes, Cock, Warren, Sims and Martin. From the West Fla. Association, by the hands of Brother Joshua Mercer.

8. Appointed brethren Dyson, Blewett and D. Walker to examine and audit the Treasurer's report.

9. The Executive committee made their report, which was received and adopted, marked "A."

10. Brother D. G. Daniel, agent of the S. B. P. Society, then addressed the Association, upon the claims of the Society, to the consideration and support of Southern Baptists, (after which the sum of \$125, was pledged, of which \$25, was paid in cash, also \$60, on old subscription from Brother Sterling Evans.)

11. Brethren Fuller, Cason, Scruggs, Marvin, and Clarke were elected the Executive committee, for the ensuing year.

12. Ordered, that the Executive committee be authorized and instructed, to appoint a corresponding secretary and depository agent, combined in the same individual, whose duties shall be to open correspondence with the various publishing houses in the United States, to ascertain where we can purchase our books, upon the best terms, to make out, assisted by the Colporteur, all lists for books, ordering and transmitting funds for the same, to attend to having them hauled from New Port, taking charge of the same, on their arrival, and delivering them to the Colporteur, as he may call for them—the committee allowing said Secretary and agent, such compensation as they may deem necessary and proper for his services.

13. Brethren Cason, Fuller, Blewett and Scruggs were appointed to prepare a short address to our brethren and sisters, and the public generally in our Colporteur operations.

14. Ordered, that the appointment of our Colporteur and Missionary be vested entirely in the Executive committee, and that they have full power and authority to say what compensation he shall receive for his services.

15. Ordered that the committee on correspondence be instructed to bring in the form of a Church corresponding letter, to the Association, in order to the consideration, acceptance and guidance of the Churches, for the future, in making out their letters to the Association, in order to produce uniformity and brevity.

16. The financial committee submitted their report marked "B."

17. Brother Cason was re-elected Treasurer.

18. Appointed next Association to be held, with Concord Church, Madison county, Fla., commencing on Saturday before the third Lords day in November, 1854.

Took a recess for one hour, and again came together at the appointed time.
19. The brethren Douglass and Holmes then addressed the Association upon the subject, and in behalf of "The Baptist Female College of South Western Georgia." Brother Clark also delivered an address upon the subject of Foreign Missions.

20. The vote of Saturday on the rejection of the Summerhill Church being re-considered, and the said Church again petitioning for admittance, having discarded their former articles, and adopted those of the Association, was received into the body and the right hand of fellowship extended to her delegates.

21. Brethren Fuller, Ardis, Tate, Goldwire, and Broome, were appointed to bear correspondence to Bethel Association; brethren Fuller, Simmons, McKeown, and Craft to the West Florida Association, and brethren F. S. McCall, W. H. Scruggs, Cooper, Lamb and Shackleford to the Alachua.

22. Brother Goldwire was appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon, S. C. Craft, alternate; Brother Fuller to preach the next Missionary

Sermon, Brother Ardis, alternate; Brother Cooper to preach the Education Sermon, Brother Blewett, alternate.

23. Brethren Fuller, Blewett, Cooper, Scruggs and McCall, were appointed a committee on Union meetings.

24. The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's report—report that they have discharged their duty and found all correct. Said report was then read and adopted. Marked "C."

25. The committee on deceased ministers and deacons reported. Marked "D."

26. The committee appointed at the last session on the case of G. M. Williams, reported which was adopted.

27. Ordered, that 1000 copies of these minutes be printed and mailed by the Clerk, to each Church entitled to minutes, he pre-paying the postage, and that he receive for his services, the sum of \$25, to be paid out of the Minutes or Association fund.

28. Ordered, That the funds collected from the congregation on yesterday amounting to \$62 25, and also the money sent up by the Churches, for the Central African Mission, amounting to \$64 30, be paid over to Bro. Clarke, agent for the Southern Board of Foreign Missions.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Prayer by Brother Fuller

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 22.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Cooper.

29. The circular letter was read and adopted.

30. The subject of a State Convention being presented and discussed, on motion, Resolved, That it is the unanimously expressed opinion of this body, that it is proper, expedient and practicable to form an Association, to be styled "The Florida Baptist State Convention." Whereupon brethren Cooper and Blewett were appointed a committee to correspond with the Ministers of the West Florida Association, upon the subject, asking their co-operation, by laying the matter before their respective Churches. Brethren Goldwire and S. W. Baker were likewise appointed to address those of Alachua Association upon the same subject. Ordered further, that the above named brethren, together with our messenger to said Association, be requested to urge this subject, at their next session.

31. The committee on Union meetings reported. Marked "E."

32. The committee on correspondence reported. Marked "F."

33. The corresponding letter was read and adopted.

Took a recess for one hour, after which came together again.

34. Resolved, That the Association request our Ministers to urge the claims of the "Mosely Institute," upon their respective Churches, during the current year, and the necessity that each Church, say in her letter, or through her delegation, to the next Association, what she will do in dollars and cents, for the sustaining of said Institute and accomplishment of its end.

35. Ordered, That our Colporteur and Missionary be instructed to ascertain as far as practicable, the state and condition of those Churches "not represented" in the last or present Association, whether they are dissolved or yet in existence, and the prospects for their resuscitation and again being represented in our body.

36. Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the citizens of this community, for their kind hospitality, which we have received at their hands, during our sojourn in their midst.

37. Ordered, That the Association purchase from Brother Joshua Mer-

cer, the remaining copies of Brother Bowen's Sermon, on the rise and progress of the Baptists, and that the treasurer pay for the same.

Adjourned till time specified in item 18.

Prayer by Brother Holmes.

H. Z. ARDIS, Moderator.

SAMUEL C. CRAFT, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Churches Composing the Florida Association:—The theme of our Circular for the present year, is the revision of the Holy Scriptures. We select the following words, from Paul to Timothy. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim. 3. 16. 17. We shall consider the subject in the simple order as suggested by the Divine Writer: 1st. The unity of all true believers, in Christ. 2d. Their perfection by faith through Grace. 3d. The foundation of good works. Unanimity has obtained to a good degree among men in all other sciences, by working by the same rule of analysis and synthesis. Is it not possible and even probable, that in the school of Christ, there may be an approach to peace and oneness. The Prophet Isaiah 800 years before the Advent of the Redeemer, announced this pleasing fact. "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children," 54, 13. When we reflect upon the sublime fact, without a parallel or a likeness in the history of man, that God employed not less than forty writers, in the composition of this inspired book, whose labors continued for the period of fifteen centuries, and covered in its details a space of time over forty-one hundred years, and yet this host of writers, varied in talent, separate in location, diversified in pursuit and mental improvement, have consummated a work bearing upon its holy pages, the Divine testimony that "the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God, spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," 2 Peter, 2c. 21v. This momentous fact will be made evident and clear to every candid and enlightened mind, by turning to the various fields of scientific discoveries. Look at the recent excavations of Ninevah and Babylon, by Mr. Layard and others. The two first cities built by the human family, the most splendid of that age, have no faithful record of their magnificence, but this found in the Bible. The monuments of their greatness, put to the blush all the falsehoods of infidelity. "Look at the explorations of the land of Palestine," its Waters and cities, by Lieut. Lynch. Some of the most learned men of his expedition, were made to say, "here is the hand of God," in this strange and unnatural sea, the "Dead Sea; where once stood the famous cities of the plains," overthrown by fire and brimstone. By these scientific investigations, Infidelity gave way, and Faith in revelation, succeeded. And such has been the result on candid and honest men, in every other land where the light of science has shown most brightly, as well as in the region where the word of God was first spoken, proclaimed and written.

We have glanced briefly, at some of the external evidences of the inspired word of God. Unity constituted a part of the last solemn petition of Jesus, before leaving his disconsolate disciples. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also, which shall believe on me through their word." That they

all may be one, as thou Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me," John 17c. 20, 21v. When we read this prayer of our adored Lord, are we not constrained to acknowledge, that a high and fearful responsibility devolves upon the followers of Christ? If there be an obscurity, or a disguised word, either from mis-translation or false translation, not conveying definitely or clearly the mind and will of God, to our benighted and guilty race, does it not become us, and all who love God, to use our best instrumentalities, for the removal of those hindrances, to the salvation of souls. The first step for the attainment of oneness in faith, and practice among all the children of the living God is, to speak the same things, and teach the same things, but can this be, until the Scriptures speak, not by the will of man, but by the spirit of God?

Second—The perfection of those who have been translated from nature's darkness into the light and liberty of Christ's Kingdom. In our probation State, we only approximate to that entire fullness, which is found in the model perfection of Jesus. Although, our progress in the Divine life, is slow and only relative, being the same in kind, but different in degree, yet we are taught from the lips of our Savior:—"Be ye perfect, even as your Father, which is in Heaven, is perfect."

The perfection is consummated alone through the merits of Christ. This scriptural doctrine has led to much disputation, by a misapprehension of its true import.

Let us for a moment weigh this subject, by the light of Divine truth. Jesus speaks thus to his disciples—"He saith unto them, but whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, thou art the Christ the son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, blessed art thou Simon Barjona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in Heaven." The birth of an immortal soul, unto the Kingdom of grace, is a Divine emanation, but it is not of divine origin, it has its growth, strength and perfection, by grace through faith. Jesus says in the next verse, Mathew, 16, 18, that "thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." The hope of a christian which is as an anchor to the soul, sure and steadfast. In these passages, we learn, first, the origin of religion and secondly, that the Satanic hosts cannot successfully assail the soul, thus based upon Christ Jesus, the chief Corner Stone. To such, and such only, he becomes the end of the law for righteousness. Here we are taught one of the blessed mysteries of Godliness:—Man, frail, weak, sinful and depraved, sinking in guilt and turpitude, without one gleam of hope, or ray of light to dispel his gloom, or light his path, in this dark abyss, "Christ Jesus who of God is made unto us (believers) wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption," 1, Corth. 1, 30. Then the perfection of the saints is in Christ alone, by grace, through faith. As this is one of the ends of Revelation, clearly taught in our text, the perfection of believers, let us ponder our obligations upon a clear and perspicuous translation of His Holy Word, which is able to make us wise unto salvation. Third—To be furnished unto all good works.

Christ said "labor not for the meat that perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life." The multitude said unto him—"what shall we do, that we might work the works of God?"—And he said, this is the work of God, that ye believe on Him, whom he hath sent," John 6, 28, 29. This with other Scriptures teach:—First to seek the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all needful things or qualifications will be added," when we learn at the feet after the Redeemer. The first lesson of the exercise of im-

PLICIT faith in him, is to surrender our own wills, for that of our Divine Teacher, he says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest, learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Next, after being imbued with his spirit, is to read the history of his life, given by the inspired pensman. And from those sacred pages, we will find his life was filled up in doing good to foes and friends in so much, that all were constrained to say, "He hath done all things well." No where within the range of human research, can there be found, such examples of elevated virtues and disinterested benevolence. Then from these bright examples of holy instructions, let us be furnished unto all good works. And in conclusion, may we not urge, as in the two preceding topics, the manifest necessity for a faithful translation of the Holy Oracles of God, that we may comprehend the whole of what our Master said, taught and did, in the simplest, clearest manner possible. Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." With this sentiment before us from the life of our Saviour, can we without incurring the displeasure of God, suffer the holy pages of God's richest gift to benighted and polluted humanity, to remain to some extent, obscured, disguised and sealed up in a foreign language.

H. Z. ARDIS, *Moderator.*

SAMUEL C CRAFT, *Clerk*

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

We have received minutes from West Fla., Association, by the hands of Bro. J. Mercer, whom we gladly received as your messenger and our Brother. Also, from Bethel Association by the hands of the Brethren Holmes, Cock, Warren, Sims and Martin. We highly appreciate and value this interchange of christian kindness and cordiality. Notwithstanding the intervening distance, we hope that you will continue to visit us at our sessions. Send us brethren also, to labor with us. We hope to greet you again at our next session.

From the communications from our Churches, we are made to rejoice, that some of them have been revived, and received additions of such as we hope the Lord has called to take their lot with his people. Our field is large, and ready for the harvest. Pray with us brethren, that the Lord, would send more laborers into his vineyard.

H. Z. ARDIS, *Moderator*

SAMUEL C CRAFT, *Clerk*

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. "A."

The Executive committee beg leave to submit the following report of their doings and doings, for the past year, as follows: At our first meeting held on Saturday, November 6th., 1852, Brother Craft was appointed Colporteur and Missionary, within the bounds of the Association, his services to commence January 1st., 1853, (Brother Cooper continuing up to that time.) His own report, which is herewith submitted, and to the subjects of which we invite the special attention of the Association, will give you a more full and explicit detail of all his labors, than the necessary brevity of our report would admit. We therefore give you the following as an epitome of its general outline, remarking at the same time, that his regular quarterly reports have all been full and satisfactory to your committee.

BROTHER CRAFT'S REPORT AS COLPOTEUR.

Total amount of Books disposed of	\$610 77
There is now on hand in Books, Cash and amount due by the Brethren, for Books, the sum of	823 48

We find on examination of the general account current of Messrs. George Parks & Co., submitted to us by Brother Craft, that he has purchased from the S. B. P. Society, books to the amount of \$651 41, and he has transmitted funds for the same, to the amount of \$410 88, leaving yet due to that firm the sum of \$240 53. Deduct this amount from the \$823 48, it will leave the sum of \$582 95, in books.

As Missionary proper, Brother Craft Reports as follows

Miles travelled,	2798
Sermons preached,	144

There were received in the Churches at his meetings:—By experience, 75, by letter 42, making total number of 117 members received. He collected from the Churches, for domestic missionary operations, the sum of \$169 68.

Your committee in the discharge of their duty, find that the amount of book funds is too small to carry on the Colporteur operations, with that efficiency that it could be, if the funds were more ample. We would therefore, respectfully recommend, that this Association make the amount at least \$600, which would enable those entrusted with the business more easily and punctually to meet orders for such books, as experience in the work dictate the purchase of.

They are also convinced, that under the present mode of operation, there is much valuable time lost, consequently many good books unsold, by throwing on the Colporteur, the business of ordering books, corresponding, &c., which he frequently cannot do in due time on account of his absence from home, and the Post Office at which he receives his communications, and also the difficult task of getting the books hauled, &c., which consumes much of his time, to the great detriment of his duties as Colporteur. Therefore we would suggest the propriety of some one being appointed to act as corresponding Secretary, and depository agent, to open correspondence, with all the principal publishing houses, to order such books as the committee (if the Association see fit, in their wisdom, to appoint one) may direct, or the Colporteur may find saleable.

Your committee is also of the opinion, that the amount paid the Colporteur, say at the rate of \$400 00, a year, is insufficient for his support; therefore recommend that the amount be increased. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. SCRUGGS, *Chairman, Protem.*

REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE. "B."

The Committee on Finance report that they have received money's from the Churches as follows:—

For Central African Missions,	\$64 30
For Mission Fund,	198 18
For Association Fund,	94 75
For Minute Fund,	47 20
Collection on Sabbath,	63 21

Total, \$467 64

JOHN S. BROOME, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT. "C."

Your Treasurer begs leave to report, as having received from the last Association, and from the hands of individuals since the last session, the sum of

\$230 00
40 00

Paid out to W. B. Cooper,

Leaving balance now on hand the sum of

\$190 09

JOHN CASON, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS. "D."

Dear Brethren.—Since our last session, God in His Providence, has removed from the walls of Zion, one of his faithful watchmen. Our Brother Mark Strickland has recently been called to his reward, and we trust, his reward will be that which the Scripture award to those who have turned many to righteousness. Brethren our ranks are being thinned; "Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest, Brother Strickland has left a large and afflicted family, in somewhat indigent circumstances. What is the duty of this body under these circumstances? We, as a body, tender our condolence to the bereaved widow and afflicted family and friends.

Also, quite recently, God has removed from us our much esteemed and beloved Brother Deacon, Elisha P. Smith. He was extensively known in our midst, as an intelligent, consistent and active christian, ready for every good word and work. Brother Smith was a Deacon, who used his office well, and he did emphatically "purchase to himself, a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus," and in this affliction, we feel to sympathise deeply with his afflicted family, and tender to them, our sincere and heart-felt condolence; and mingle with them our tears and prayers, that the Great Head of the Church, would sanctify this bereavement and affliction, to their and our eternal good.

B. S. FULLER, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNION MEETINGS. "E."

The committee to whom was referred the subject of our Union meetings, beg leave to report:—That upon due deliberation, we recommend the division of the Association into two districts, first and second.

The first district to comprise the counties of Lowndes, Madison and Hamilton. The second, the counties of Thomas, Jefferson, Leon, Wakulla and Gadsden.

The first meeting of the first district, to be held with Bedland Church, commencing on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in January next.

Brother Goldwire is appointed to preach the Introductory on Friday, Brother Ryan Frier his alternate. Brother Ardis is appointed to preach on Sabbath upon the subject of Church Communion, Brother Houston his alternate.

The meeting of the second district, to be held with Indian Spring Church, commencing at the same time. Brother Blewett is appointed to preach the Introductory, Brother Lacy is alternate. Brother Cooper to preach on Sabbath, upon the subject of church communion, Brother Tate his alternate.

We recommend that on Saturday, subjects of interest be brought up for discussion.

We recommend that those Union meetings appoint the place of their next meetings, and also their Ministers to preach their Introductories and set sermons.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. S. FULLER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.

I. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

II. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

III. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

V. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature, by his own free will and ability.

VI. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

VII. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

VIII. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.

IX. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that nothing is Baptism except immersion; that believers are the only subjects of this ordinance, and that none but Baptized believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper.

X. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgement.

XI. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

XII. We believe that no Minister has a right to administer the ordinances, only such as are regularly called, and have come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

SAMUEL C. CRAFT, *Clerk.*

H. Z. ARDIS, *Moderator.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE. "F."

The committee appointed on correspondence, beg leave to report—That we have received minutes from Bethel and West Florida Association, in which we find nothing to call your special attention.

We would however, recommend to the notice of this body, and our Brethren generally, the importance of availing themselves of the facilities now offered through our Colporteur operations, of procuring our denominational work, among which we would beg leave to specify the various works of Carson, as being well calculated to bring us to a oneness of sentiment in doctrinal views. We would also recommend to the favorable notice of our Brethren, the Life and Correspondence of John Foster, as being eminently calculated to inspire confidence and zeal in the divine life of the Christian. The work of Haldam on Romans, also we commend as an invaluable treasure in the library of every christian. We submit also to your body, the following form of a church letter, and recommend you to advise the churches to adopt the same, viz:—

*The Baptist Church—to her sister Churches, associated with—
Church, sendeth christian salutation:—*

Dear Brethren:—We are thankful for the privilege of meeting you again in this capacity, and herewith submit the following report from our church for your consideration, to wit:—

Our Pastor is _____	Rec'd by Baptism _____
Days of worship _____	do do Letter _____
We send for Foreign Missions —	Restored _____
do do Domestic do _____	Dismissed _____
do do Association fund —	Excommunicated _____
do do Minutes _____	Dead _____
Delegates _____	Whites _____
Alternates _____	Blacks _____
Statistics _____	Total _____

All of which we respectfully and affectionately submit, for your prayerful consideration.

W. H. GOLDWIRE, *Chairman.*

MINISTERS OF THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE	NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
H. Z. Ardis,	Madison, Fla.	J. B. Lacy,	Thomasville, Ga.
G. W. Bostick,	Atapulcus, Ga.	R. I. Mays,	Clifton, Fla.
W. Blewett,	Thomasville, "	J. W. P. McCall,	Madison, "
John Broome,	Madison, Fla.	O. E. McKeown,	Quincy, "
W. B. Cooper,	Monticello, "	G. R. Moore,	Thomasville, Ga.
Sam'l. C. Craft,	" "	L. J. Simmons,	" "
B. S. Fuller,	" "	* R. H. Shackelford,	Monticello, Fla.
Ryan Frier,	Clyattville, Ga.	W. A. Tate,	Thomasville, Ga.
W. H. Goldwire,	Troupville, "	George Walker,	Monticello, Fla.
I. T. Houston,	Mosely Hall, Fla.	E. C. Walker,	Sopchoppy, "
* C. Howell,	Thomasville, Ga.	Z. G. Wheeler,	Beazely, "
Robt. Levy,	Tallahassee, Fla.	B. Winn,	Thomasville, Ga.

* Licentiates.

*My Dear Brethren and Sisters:—*Having again engaged to act as your Colporteur and Missionary for the ensuing year, I take this method to inform you of the fact, that if the Lord will, I expect to visit you as soon, and as often as possible. I shall at all times, be prepared to offer you a general assortment of Denominational, and other valuable books, and from the arrangements already entered into, it is thought they can be afforded, hereafter, upon better terms *even* than heretofore. Should you wish any books, which we have not already on hand, by addressing Brother Fuller, at Monticello (who has been appointed Corresponding Secretary and Depository Agent) he will order them for you.

It has been made my duty, likewise, by the Executive Committee, to take up Collections, for the purpose of sustaining and carrying on the great objects of the Christian Benevolence, in which the Association is now engaged.

My future course, however, in this matter, will differ from the past. Instead of taking up public collections, I expect to make a personal appeal to each of you.

Then my Brethren and Sisters, till I visit you, remember me in prayer, and remember also, the objects of my visits among you, that they may not be in vain, but to the furtherance of the Redeemer's cause.

I shall send round my appointments, as soon as I can get them arranged. In visiting you, the present year, it will doubtless be for the last time, as Colporteur and Missionary. The arduous labors of the past year, admonish me, that after the present, both my physical and mental frame, will require repose; hence I have resolved, *if* spared, to settle contiguous to some church, that may *then* need a supply, and *desire* my labors.

SAMUEL C. CRAFT, *Col'r. and Miss'y.*

P. S.—Being exceedingly anxious, to promote the objects of my Mission, I make the following proposition:

To that church, whose members and congregation, contribute the largest amount, for domestic Missionary purposes, during my visits among them, *provided* that amount be \$50 or over, I will present, at the next Association, that beautiful and valuable edition of the Family Bible, by Ingram Cobbin, acknowledged to be the very best, extant, worth \$9; with the name of the church on the back, also to accompany it, a large, fine, Pew size Psalmody.

Brother Ministers, to which of your Churches shall I have the pleasure of presenting these books?

SAM'L. C. CRAFT, *Colp'r & Missionary.*

N. B.—The printing of the above address, and proposition is paid for out of my own funds, and not that of the minute money.

Clerk.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES, COUNTY AND STATE.	POST OFFICE.	SUPPLY.	DELEGATES.	Rec by Bapt.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Dead.	Whites.	Blacks.	TOTAL.	For Minut's	Ass. Fund.	African Mis.	Miss. Fund.	cellings.
1 Enon, Leon county, Fla.	Tallahassee,	R. Levy.	Not Represented,								102					
2 Antioch, Wakulla co, Fla.	do	H. Z. Ardis,	"								14					
3 Beulah, Hamilton co, do	Belville,	W. B. Cooper,	No Delegation,	11	8						6	1 00			\$49 00	3 Sab
4 Bethel, do do	Fla. Shellpoint,		Not Represented,								44					
5 Bethesda, Wakulla co, do	do Waukenaah,		"								27					
6 Bethpage, Jefferson co, do	do		"								238					
7 Bethlehem, Wakulla co, do	do		"								14					
8 Carmel, Madison co, do	do	J W P McCall,	Sandy Turner,	1	1						12	1 00	10 00			
9 Concord, Hamilton co, do	do	H. Z. Ardis,	F S McCall, W T Johnson,	5	4	6	3				88	3 00			27 50	3
10 Elizabeth, Jefferson co, do	do	L. J. Simmons,	Not Represented,								26					
11 Ebenezer, do do	do	W B. Cooper,	R H Shackelford, Jesse Walker,	9							81	1 60				
12 Friendship, Thomas co, Geo.	do	J. B. Lacy,	Sam'l C Craft,	1	6	9		4	58	23	81	1 00	3 00			
13 Harmony, Madison co, Fla.	do	H Z Ardis,	L J Simmons, S Forest,	2	2	6	2	1	21	58	79	1 00	5 35			
14 Hickstown, do do	do	H Z Ardis,	David Walker,	2	2	1	1	1	41	41	42	1 00				
15 Indian Spring, Leon co, do	do	B. S. Fuller,	H Z Ardis, G M T Brinson,	18	8	3	4	1	41	21	62	1 40	20 00			
16 Liberty, Thomas co, do	do	F. B. Lacy,	John Cason,	3	1	18	1	1	25	50	75	2 50	51 40			
17 Lake Jackson, Leon co, Fla.	do	G. W. Bostick,	Charles E Groover, A W Groover,	1	4	1	1		23	1	24	3 00				
18 Long Branch, Thomas co Geo.	do	B. Wynn,	G W Bostick,	1	5				26	11	33	1 50		8 10		
19 Monticello, Jefferson co, Fla.	do	B. S. Fuller,	B Wynn, H Carter,	9	5				33	33	33	1 50				
20 Mill Creek, Lowndes co, Geo.	do	L. J. Simmons,	B S Fuller, W H Scruggs,	14	34				45	62	107	4 00		10 10	60 18	1, 2, 4.
21 Mt. Gilgoad, Jefferson co, Fla.	do	Z. G. Wheeler,	D P McDonald, R A Peoples,	35	15				59	16	75	2 55				
22 New Hope, Thomas co, Geo.	do	G R Moore,	Not Represented,								11					
23 Oak Grove, Leon co, Geo.	do	W B Cooper,	G R Moore, Caswell Howell,	2	1				24	4	28	1 50	1 00	50		
24 Olive, Thomas co, Geo.	do	W B Cooper,	T W Terrell, T B Wynn,	9	1				23	35	58	1 00	4 00			
25 Providence, Gadsden co, Fla.	do	W B Cooper,	W S Murray, J J L Miles,	38	13	1	4	21	68	16	84	4 00				
26 Providence, Madison co, do	do	O E McKeown,	W A Tate, L Willoughby,	4	8	9			27	10	37	1 50			37 00	4
27 Redland, Lowndes co, Geo.	do	R Friar,	William Eddenfield	12	2	2	3		69	3	72	2 00		6 00		
28 San Pedro, Madison co, do	do	I S Houston,	Noah Williams, R Tillis,	2	2	2	5		33	1	26	1 75				
29 Sumnerhill, Madison co, Fla.	do	J W P McCall,	H M Frier,	2	6				14	14	34	1 00		8 60		
30 Troupville, Lowndes co, Geo.	do	W H Goldwire,	L G Lamb,	33	6	14	4		16	90	106	1 00				
31 Thomasville, Thomas co, Ga	do	W Blewett,	J S Broom,	6	20				16	3	19	50		6 50		
32 Tallahassee, Leon co, Fla.	do	W Blewett,	W H Goldwire, W B Cooper,	6	20	4	1	19	22	41	109	1 00		24 50	24 50	1, 3
33 Union, Jefferson co, do	do		Not Represented,								45					
34 Union, Thomas co, Geo.	do	L J Simmons,	Dennis Adams, T J Hurd,	4	1						33	1 50		2 62		
35 Big Creek, Thomas co, Geo.	do	L J Simmons,	E M Young, E J Young,								7	1 00				
36 Hopewell, Madison co, Fla.	do	H Z Ardis,	S O Sullivan,								9	29				

New Churches.

