



**PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

OF THE

**Florida Baptist Association.**

HELD WITH

**OCKLOCKNEE CHURCH,**

**COMMENCING ON FRIDAY, NOV. 13, 1857.**



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GARDEN CITY, Ga., NOV. 13, 1857.

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OPENED AND READ 9 A.M. AT BAPTIST CHURCH, GARDEN CITY.

ADJOURNED TILL 9 A.M. TOMORROW MORNING.

THOMAS COUNTY, GEORGIA, NOV. 13, 1857.

The *Florida Baptist Association* convened with the Ocklocknee Church this day. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder Robert Fleming, from Eph. i. 34.

After an intermission the delegates were called to order and the Association opened. Prayer by Elder Fuller.

1. The letters from the churches were handed in and read; after which petitionary letters were called for, and received the following: "Barnett's Creek," Thomas county, Georgia; "Antioch," Decatur county, Georgia; "Cartet's Bridge," Clinch county, Georgia; "Nashville," Berrien county, Georgia; and "Midway," Madison county, Florida—all of which were received into the Association, and the hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

2. Elected Elder W. B. Cooper Moderator, and Elder S. C. Craft Clerk.

3. The Moderator appointed Committees as follows:  
On Preaching—Brethren Terrell, Mash, Lawton, Forest, and J. O. Goldwire.

On Business—Brethren Daniell, Ardis, and Fuller.

On Finance—Brethren Marvin, Thomas, and Dekle.

On Correspondence—Brethren W. H. Goldwire, Tate, and Powell.

4. Invited visiting brethren and correspondents from sister Associations to seats in the body. Brethren Mercer and Underwood, from the West Florida, and brother Cock from the Bethel, Associations, accepted.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by brother McKeown.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother Tate.

5. The committee on Business read their report, which was adopted.

6. Elder Scriven, Agent for the D. M. Board. S. B. C.,

Elder Daniell, Agent for the F. M. Board, S. B. C., Elder Fuller, Agent for the S. B. P. Society, and Elder Mercer, Agent for the Bible Revision Association, were recognised in the body.

7. Brother Ardis was appointed to write the Corresponding Letter.

8. Brethren Bowen, Austin, and Groover were appointed a committee to report on the State of Religion in the churches—brethren Long, Linton, and Averett, to report on Sabbath Schools—brethren Mays, Brown, and Trice, on Publications, and brethren Fleming, Murray, Howell, Frier, and Webb to report on Missions.

9. Received correspondence from "Bowen" Association by the hands of Elder L. J. Simmons.

10. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations, as follows: To the West Florida, to be held with the Greenwood Church, Jackson county, commencing on Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in October, 1858, Elders Fleming, Fuller, and McKeown. To the Alachua, to be held at the same time, with —— Church, Elders Daniell and Frier. To the Bethel, to convene with the Church at Albany, on Saturday before the 1st Lord's Day in Nov., 1858, Elders Daniell, Fleming, Fuller, and Tate. To the Bowen, brethren Fuller, Tate, Robert Terrell, and Dekle.

11. Brother Perryman, from the Columbus Association, was recognised as present with us.

12. Elected brethren Mays, Ardis, Linton, W. H. Goldwire, Daniell, Fleming, Fuller, Craft, Griffin, Terrell, J. O. Goldwire, Cooper, S. A. Smith, Tate, Dekle, Wynn, and C. Smith delegates to the Convention.

13. Ordered, That one thousand copies of Minutes be printed, and that the Clerk draw upon the Treasurer for the necessary funds to effect the same; together with twenty-five dollars for his services—to be paid out of the minute or Association fund.

14. Whereas, It is of vital importance for us, as Baptists, to have a permanent record of our acts and doings as an Association, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this Association be authorised to collect and have bound in permanent form, two copies of all the minutes of the sessions of this body, and that he hold one copy in his possession, and the other copy be placed in safe keeping, at some place designated

by the Association, and that the Association pay him for all necessary trouble and expense.

15. The report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted, marked "A," and brethren Long, C. Smith, Ardis, Fleming, and Cooper, were appointed to represent this body in the Sabbath School Convention, to meet in Americus, in April next.

16. Whereas, The recent action of the American Tract Society, is, in our opinion, a gross violation of its constitution, therefore,

*Resolved*, That in view of this fact, we recommend to the churches and brethren of the Association to withhold all aid, whatsoever, either by direct contribution, or by the purchase of its books, from this time, henceforth.

17. The committee on Preaching, report brother Daniell to preach the Missionary sermon at 11 o'clock to-morrow, and brother A. Smith to preach in the evening.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by brother Long.

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#### LORD'S DAY, Nov. 15.

Brother Daniell preached the Missionary sermon, after which there was a contribution of \$105.90 made for Domestic Missions within the bounds of this Association. Brother A. Smith preached in the evening.

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#### MONDAY MORNING, Nov. 16.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother Mays.

18. The committee on Correspondence submitted their report—adopted and marked "B." The committee on Publications submitted their report, which was also adopted, marked "C."

19. The resolution found in the 32d item of last year's minutes, was called up, and on motion, indefinitely postponed.

20. Brother S. A. Smith was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

21. The Corresponding Letter was read and adopted.

22. The committee on Union Meetings report, "The very great importance of re-organizing the Union Meetings, and recommend the same plan of operation for them

as was last pursued, except that they do not have discussion solely for their object."

23. Brother Mercer, Agent for the Revision Association addressed the body on the subject of his agency.

24. The report on Missions was read and adopted, marked "D." Brother Daniell, Agent for the Board of Foreign Missions, then addressed the body on the subject of Missions. Brother Scriven, Agent for the Domestic Board, also addressed the Association.

25. Ordered, That the funds sent up last year by Elizabeth and Mt. Gilead Churches, for the "Wakeena, Lower Jefferson, and Madison Missions," be transferred and paid over to Finholoway Church, Taylor county, Florida, to aid them in building a house of worship.

26. The committee appointed last year to revise the Decorum, submitted a set of rules, which were adopted and herewith published.

27. The committee on Finance reported, marked "E."

28. Ordered, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay over to Elder Z. G. Wheeler, \$27, as per instructions of contributors.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by brother Underwood.

#### TUESDAY MORNING, Nov. 17.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother Frier.

29. The report on the State of Religion in the churches was read and adopted, marked "F." The report on Education was read and adopted, marked "G." Also report of Executive Committee, marked "H."

30. Elected brother J. M. Marvin, of Monticello, Treasurer of the Educational fund. Also brethren Cooper, C. Smith, Linton, W. H. Scruggs, and Asa May, Executive Committee of said fund.

31. Ordered, That the Executive Committee of this Association be authorized to employ Missionary Laborers, for destitute portions, to the amount of \$800. By request of the Association, Elder R. J. Mays then delivered an address to the body, on the subject of "Ministerial Destitution."

32. Ordered, That all our Missionary Operations be submitted entirely to the direction of the Executive Committee.

33. A resolution of thanks was unanimously tendered to the brethren and friends of this community, for their kind entertainment of us, during our sojourn among them. (May the Lord reward them.)

34. Ordered, That the sum of \$50 be sent, by our delegates, to the Convention for its use.

35. By request of the Bible Society of this Association, ordered, that the proceedings of its annual meeting, together with its constitution be published in connection with these minutes, it paying its proportionate part of expenses.

36. Elder C. Smith was appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder Ardis to preach the next Missionary Sermon.

37. Adjourned to meet with Hopewell Church, on Santa Fe Lake, 9 miles S. W. of Madison, Madison county, Florida, commencing on Friday before the 3d Lord's Day in November, 1858. Prayer by brother A. Smith.

W. B. COOPER, Moderator.

SAM. C. CRAFT, Clerk.

[N. B. The following item should appear in the Saturday's proceedings, viz: "Elected brethren Fleming, Blewett, Dyson, Mash, and Dekle Executive Committee for the ensuing year."—Clerk.]

#### CORRESPONDING LETTER.

*To the Associations with which we Correspond:*

BELOVED BRETHREN:—It is with pleasure that we recognize the presence of messengers from the various bodies, with which we are in correspondence. We regard this interchange of fraternal intercourse as a strong bond of union to the Baptist Family. It has the effect of accomplishing and carrying out the prayer of the Savior, that "they may all be one;" also of stimulating each other in every good word and work. We are heartily engaged with you in forwarding the cause of our common Master. We reciprocate your christian regard, by sending messengers to meet you at your anniversaries. That the great Head of the Church may bless you, is our prayer.

W. B. COOPER, Moderator.

SAM. C. CRAFT, Clerk.

### (A) REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools, deem it both unnecessary and out of place here, to enter into any lengthy exposition of the advantages of Sunday Schools. Their efficiency as a means of communicating a knowledge of God's Word is universally acknowledged; and their influence in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom is seen in the fact, that in places where they receive due attention, at least one half of all the conversions take place among Sunday School scholars. If time and space permitted many interesting facts might be adduced to prove the truth of this assertion; but it is sufficient to state, that where they are best known, they are most highly appreciated.

The only question which now requires any consideration is, "How an institution so beneficial in its influence can become universally established?" As a partial answer to this enquiry, we would suggest the propriety of having, as far as practicable, a Baptist, not a *Union*, Sunday School connected with every church in the bounds of the Association, and would earnestly remind our brethren of the importance of this subject.

We would also recommend a hearty co-operation of Southern Baptists for the advancement of this great enterprise. We rejoice to see that our brethren are already acting, and that they have organized a Southern Baptist Sunday School Union. The Convention which formed this Union submits the constitution to the Associations, for their approval or rejection, and at the same time requests the appointment of delegates expressive of their views, to meet at the Georgia State Convention. In accordance with the wishes of the Convention, your committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. That this Association cordially approve of the objects of the Baptist Sunday School Convention, recently held in Nashville, and that the constitution of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Union meets with our entire approbation.

2d. That brethren be appointed to represent this body at the Georgia State Convention.

JOHN C. LONG, *Chm'n. Com.*

### (B) REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your committee on Correspondence, report with gratification, that we have received communications from the West Florida, the Bethel, and Bowen Associations, and earnestly recommend that our brethren appointed messengers to sister Associations, will fulfill their respective appointments.

W. H. GOLDWIRE, *Chairman Com.*

### (C) REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

The committee on Publications beg leave most respectfully to report, that having taken the matter submitted to them into careful consideration, and surveying the extended and still extending field, and desiring to do no injustice to any valuable publication issued by our brethren, and earnestly advising our brethren, to use all the means in their power to extend their own knowledge, and disseminate the saving knowledge of Divine Truth, in every way that is laudable and possible, would affectionately advise our brethren to take the Tennessee Baptist, and Christian Index—pay for them—carefully read them, and thus keep up with the current events and stirring circumstances passing before us.

R. J. MAYS, *Chairman Com.*

### (D) REPORT ON MISSIONS.

In the discharge of the duty devolving on us we have concluded to notice, in the first place,

#### THE ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION.

In reference to this department of your benevolent efforts, we are happy to state, that from the information obtained, the Lord has smiled on the laborers and much good seems to have been done, in planting some new churches in destitute sections, and supplying them with preaching. The prospect seems encouraging, and a necessity appears to be laid on the Association to continue this good work. Aid seems to be called for in some new places and it is

surely desirable all the destitution should be met. The warm hearted Associational Missionary will soon be heard from in a wider range of labor. Though charity may begin at home, she is too much of a traveler to shut herself up there. Consequently you soon see her foot-prints in the borders of the

#### DOMESTIC MISSION. (BOARD.)

Let us see what is doing in this field. It is pretty large but not as large as the command. It is pleasant to trace the foot-prints of true piety in this department. This Board is extending her labors this year to some new places of destitution.

#### CALIFORNIA.

This is an important point for missionary work. Excepting Texas it is larger than any three States in the Union. The moral condition of this people should awaken our sympathy and excite our earnest prayers, and call forth our early efforts to send them the Gospel. To this country emigrants are going continually from almost every part of the inhabited world. In the absence of the restraining power of Gospel institutions, depravity becomes more depraved by the natural working of its own inherent elements. Many of us are united to that people by the tender chord of kinship. The church at *Oakland City*, was organized and supplied for a while by Rev. E. J. Willis, now of Richmond, Va. It is left destitute, unless lately supplied. Rev. J. L. Shuck is laboring among the Chinese at Sacramento. He has been blessed in his labors. A good chapel has been built and paid for, and twelve Chinese converts been baptized, within about three years. One of the converts, Wong Moay, is said to be a man of talent, and possesses a high order of preaching talents, and another of these, Ah Chack, recently baptized, promises to be a valuable accession to their little band of disciples. The missionaries now in the field are, the Rev. J. L. Shuck and Ah Moya, and Rev. C. N. West, at Sierra Nevada Valley.

#### INDIAN MISSION.

In this department there is a great need of laborers. There are twenty-six missionaries, whites and natives, laboring among the Creeks, Cherokees, and Choctaws. Brother Slover of Arkansas has been located among the

Cherokees. There is a loud call for laborers among the Choctaws, and the Bethel Association of Georgia, at its late session agreed to send brother Hogue of Americus. We should rejoice to find the Association engaging to support a missionary in other fields. This plan would soon do away with the necessity of collecting agents, a very heavy draught upon the resources of the churches.

About one hundred and ten missionaries and agents have been employed in part or the whole year, scattered through all the slave States, California, Kansas, and the Indian Territories. They have supplied more than three hundred churches and stations with a preached Gospel, and have baptized 1325 and 400 have been added by letter and restoration. They report 133 Sabbath Schools, 3600 pupils, 475 teachers, 141 converts among the pupils and teachers. They have aided in the organization of twenty churches, and have ordained 28 ministers, 32 deacons, and been instrumental in the erection of 25 church edifices, and in the commencement of 19 others.

To carry forward this good work, funds are necessary, and our brethren, it is hoped, will be forward to remember the poor and destitute, and furnish some aid to sustain these important interests.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS,

Also claim our attention. Our Southern Baptist Convention has missionaries at Canton and Shanghai, in China. At Canton are Graves and Gailard. They occupy two places of worship, and are making good progress in publishing the Scriptures, and circulating them, in the native language; and they have been arranging for more extended labors, both in the city and the interior, and the prospect of success seems more encouraging than ever before. The same may be said of the mission at Shanghai, under the watchful eye and efficient labors of brothers Crawford and Cabiness. The immense population of China estimated at from 350,000,000 to 400,000,000, and the holy Scriptures are now circulated freely, and in many places, gladly received. But when we look at the immense population of this vast country, what are all our missionaries in such a sea of perishing idolators?

Africa also is under the patronage of the Southern Baptist Convention. Brethren Bowen, Clark, Philips, Reed,

and others are in Central Africa. Brother Bowen is on a visit to this country, but will soon go to the field of his labors.

The agents present with us on this occasion will give you information in reference to other points, and particularly the state of the funds and the immediate wants in these several departments. It surely must be a cheering circumstance that the Lord has blessed the labors of his servants, and is establishing the work of their hands.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT FLEMING, *Chairman Com.*

#### (E) REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance beg leave to report, that all the churches composing the association, with the exception of Aenon and New Port churches, have sent up, through their delegates, the following amounts, to-wit:

For Minute Fund.....	852 90
" Association Fund.....	498 63
" Domestic Missions.....	64.75
" Indian Missions.....	30 25
" Foreign Missions.....	22 45
" Oncken Mission.....	12 00
" Bowen or Central African Mission.....	35.62
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	\$716 60

In addition to the above the colored members of the Thomasville church have sent up for Central African Mission..... 15 50

The colored members of the Monticello church have sent up for the same object..... 11 25

After preaching at the stand yesterday a collection was taken up for Associational purposes, amounting to..... 105 90

A collection was also taken up among the blacks, for the African Mission, amounting to 3 50

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 \$852 75

From the above it will be seen that the amounts sent up by delegates and received from collections yesterday for

Associational purposes, including the minute fund, is \$852.75. which we are happy to state, will be fully sufficient to discharge the claims of our home missions, and other liabilities, of your body. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. MARVIN, *Chairman Com.*

#### (F) REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The committee would state that, from the letters sent up to this Association, it would seem that the churches have not enjoyed generally revival seasons, and that the additions by baptism are not large in many instances, though there is not as much neglect of discipline and good order as has probably existed in former years. So far as we can judge of the moral and religious cast of the membership of the churches, we are inclined to believe that the tone of piety and intelligence, both in the ministry and the membership, there is an improvement. From these indications we hope the time is not far distant when we shall witness greater punctuality and a more general attendance on the meetings of the churches for public worship. God has ordained the preaching of the Word as one of the most efficient means by which to bring to the knowledge of the Truth those who know him not. Yet it is also evident that the growth of grace is connected with, and inseparable from, a growth in the knowledge of Christ, as revealed in his word. We therefore think that much of the coldness which exists in some of the churches, if not all of them, is to be ascribed to a too great neglect of reading the Word and having imbibed too much of the spirit of the world. In order that the standard of piety might be elevated in the hearts and lives of all the membership of all the churches connected with this body, we would recommend secret and family prayer to be regularly observed, and in order to become wiser, holier and happier, we would, in connection with daily prayer, recommend our brethren and sisters to make an effort to read the Bible through in the course of this Associational year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PERRY BOWEN, *Chairman Com.*

## (G) REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education report no applications during the closing year, for the benefit of the Ministerial Education Fund; and recommend that the Association ask each contributor, who has not paid, and those who are not now prepared to pay in their subscriptions, *already due*, to make a note to the Association, due on demand, for the amount of their subscriptions thus due; and in the event of any unwillingness on the part of a subscriber, or subscribers, to the aforesaid Fund, arising from an apprehension that the Fund has not been satisfactorily applied in *every* particular, to comply with the above prescribed request of the Association, we further recommend that the Association earnestly urge it upon such, to settle in their minds, whether or not, their subscriptions were made with an eye to the advancement of our Redeemer's Kingdom? and your committee anticipating most surely, an affirmative reply to this grave query, still further recommend that the Association again urge upon them to pay their subscriptions into the Association Fund.

We beg leave to append the report of the Treasurer, *pro tem*, which is as follows:

Receipts from—	Mr. John Hart, . . . . .	\$10.00
	Miss Mary Hart, . . . . .	5.00
	Miss Caroline Clark, . . . . .	5.00
	Miss Julia M. Clark, . . . . .	5.00
	Mr. W. W. Revill, . . . . .	10.00
	Col. S. B. Richardson, . . . . .	10.00
	Elder W. J. Bostwick, . . . . .	5.00
	Mr. Asa May, . . . . .	10.00
	Elder Ebeneezer Warren, . . . . .	5.00
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		\$65.00

W. B. COOPER, *Treasurer Pro Tem.*

## (H) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report as follows, *viz*: At a meeting held 5th January, they agreed to offer the Missionaries at the rate of \$500 per year for services reported, and the Secretary was instructed to inform them

accordingly. In time the brethren signified their acceptance of the offer, and have been engaged more or less of their time, as their circumstances permitted.

At a meeting of the committee on the 28th July, the Secretary was instructed to request our Missionaries to report services *actually* done, and the service which would probably be done, up to the present session of this body. Their reports, which came in due time, formed the basis of a circular which the committee issued, appealing to the churches for the requisite funds to pay their salaries. Their definite reports are as follows, *viz*: Brother Frier reports, that he has labored in parts of Madison, Hamilton, and Lafayette counties, in Florida, and Lowndes county, Georgia. He found great destitution, especially in Lafayette county, Florida. He found one community in which are 19 Baptists, and two other communities, in which are 6 or 7 Baptists, who wish ministerial labor, that they may be constituted into churches. There is not in Lafayette county, a missionary church, or preacher. He labored in all, as much as would amount to five or six months, during which he baptized 7, attended 40 prayer meetings, aided in the constitution of one church, and the ordination of two deacons; but he reports only three months service, for which the Association is due to him \$125.

Brother McKeown reports 519 miles traveled, 45 sermons preached, 48 visits, 3 baptized, and 40 days service, for which the Association is due to him \$54.80.

Brother Howell reports 1463 miles traveled, 78 sermons preached, 23 visits to families and the sick, prayer meetings, 12; churches constituted, 2; deacons ordained, 3; baptized, 2; received by letter, 9; time of labor, 9 months; for which the Association is due to him \$375—making the sum of \$554.80, due your missionaries.

Your committee would further report, that in accordance with an act of the Association, at its last session, the book concern was tendered to the Florida Baptist Convention, and accepted, at a subsequent date, by the Board of Trustees of that body. Previous, however, to the acceptance, your committee instructed the Treasurer to pay to Smith & Whildon, the cash reported in your last minutes, 112.45. This left a balance due Smith & Whildon of \$156.79. This indebtedness, with the assets, were,

with the consent of Smith & Whilden, transferred to the Convention, and the accounts of the Association settled.

In regard to the success of our missionary efforts during the past year, your committee feel constrained to express their satisfaction and gratitude to God. Brethren Frier and McKeown were prevented by afflictions and other providences from rendering the same amount of service that was rendered by brother Howell. It would afford the committee pleasure, and doubtless the Association also, to incorporate some extracts from some of the letters written to us by our missionaries; but to do so would swell this report unduly—we therefore forbear.

Your committee, in closing this report, cannot refrain recommending the continuation of missionary labor in the destitute portions of our bounds. Respectfully submitted.

W. BLEWETT, Chairman.

D. G. DANIELL, Secretary.

## (I) TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Florida Baptist Association,*

In account with S. ALEX. SMITH, Treasurer.

1856—Dec. 20, To amount remitted Treasurer Foreign Missionary Board, Richmond, pr order Ex. Com.	\$83 50
1857—Jan'y 1, To amount paid W. Blewett, per receipt	23 00
April 1. To amount paid Bryan & Dyson for printing minutes, per or- der of Clerk	45 00
Balance	188 89
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	\$340 39

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1856—Dec. 1, By balance as pr account rendered \$340 39

SIM. ALEX. SMITH, Treasurer.

November 16, 1857.

*List of Collections from Churches for Foreign Missions, by the Agent of the Foreign Mission Board. [Published by re-quest of the Agent.—Clerk.]*

Thomasville Church	\$9 00
Ocklocknee Church	16 00
Oak Grove Church	5 00
Indian Spring Church	29 20
Monticello Church	28 25
Friendship Church	5 00

*To be paid to the Agent of the Foreign Mission Board, at the time of his next visit to the State.*

## MINISTERS OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSO-CIATION AND THEIR POST OFFICES:

1. ARDIS, H. Z.	Madison, Florida.
2. BOSTIC, G. W.	Sopchoppy, Florida.
3. BLEWETT, WILEY	Thomasville, Georgia.
4. COOPER, W. B.	Monticello, Florida.
5. CRAFT, SAM. C.	Clifton, Florida.
6. DANIELL, D. G.	Thomasville, Georgia.
7. FULLER, B. S.	Monticello, Florida.
8. FLEMING, ROBERT	Thomasville, Georgia.
9. FRIER, RYAN	Clyattville, Georgia.
10. GOLDWIRE, W. H.	Troupville, Georgia.
11. HOUSTON, I. T.	Moseley Hall, Florida.
12. HOWELL, C.	Alapaha, Georgia.
13. LEVY, ROBERT	Tallahassee, Florida.
14. LACY, J. B.	Thomasville, Georgia.
15. LINTON, H. S.	Monticello, Florida.
16. LONG, J. C.	Tallahassee, Florida.
17. MAYS, R. J.	Clifton, Florida.
18. MCKEOWN, Q. E.	Quincy, Florida.
19. SMITH, COLUMBUS	Monticello, Florida.
20. SHACKLEFORD, R. H.	Monticello, Florida.
21. TATE, W. A.	Glasgow, Georgia.
22. TIPTON, B.	Sopchoppy, Florida.
23. WALKER, E. C.	Benhaden, Florida.
24. WHEELER, Z. G.	Beazely, Florida.
25. WHITEHURST, H.	Monticello, Florida.

## LICENTIATES

1. DuVal, W. T.	Benhaden, Florida.
2. McCall, J. G.	Union University, Tennessee.

3. Pigott, J. E.	Sopchoppy, Florida.
4. Barker, R. R.	Madison, Florida.
5. Revell, W.	Sopchoppy, Florida.
6. Webb, T. P.	Madison, Florida.

## DECORUM, REVISED IN 1857.

1. At every meeting of the Association, the Moderator shall call the members to order, and the Clerk shall read the minutes of the preceding meeting, or any part of them, if called for by any member of the Association.
2. The Moderator shall preserve order, and shall speak on points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association, when requested by any two members.
3. The Moderator shall put all questions distinctly in this form: "As many as are in favor of (whatever the question may be) say aye;" and after the affirmative voice is taken—"as many as are of a contrary opinion, say no." If it is doubtful which side is in the majority, it shall be decided by rising and counting.
4. The Moderator shall appoint committees, except in cases of appointment by ballot.
5. In all cases of ballot the Moderator may vote; in all other cases he shall not vote, unless the opinion be equally divided.
6. When any member is about to speak in debate, he shall rise and address himself respectfully to the Moderator.
7. If any member, while speaking, or otherwise, transgresses the rules of decorum, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order.
8. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall determine who is entitled to the floor, by calling his name.
9. No member shall indulge unkind remark in debate; nor shall any member speak more than twice without leave of Association, nor more than once until all have spoken who may choose to do so.
10. While any member is addressing the Association it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all pri-

vate discourse among the members and require strict attention of all.

11. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator at any time when called for.

12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member present.

13. After a motion is made and seconded, it shall be considered in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time before discussed or amended.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained, but 1st, To lie on the table; 2d, For the previous question; 3d, To postpone to a time future; 4th, To postpone indefinitely; 5th, To commit; 6th, To amend; 7th, To adjourn. These are called privileged questions, the last of which is always in order. The first and second are not debatable. The object of the first is to prevent debate entirely, and the object of the second is to cut short a protracted debate, and bring the meeting to a direct vote on the main question, to the exclusion of all amendments, &c.; and the object of the fourth is designed to suppress a question with as little disrespect as possible.

15. All questions of order on appeal—all questions as to priority of business—a motion to adjourn—a motion to read a paper—a motion to reconsider, and all motions relating to the order of business should be promptly put by the Moderator, allowing no debate—subject, however, to an appeal to the body.

16. Any member may call for a division of a question, when the substance will admit of division.

17. Any member voting in the majority, may move a reconsideration of the subject at any time during the then present session.

18. Every resolution shall receive two statements or readings before its passage—the first for information, and the second before the vote is taken.

19. These rules may be changed or amended at any regular and full meeting of the Association.

20. The Moderator shall cause the Association, each day, to be opened and closed with prayer.

21. All Queries shall be fairly stated, in writing, and approbated by two thirds of the members present, before they shall be acted on.

TABLE OF

CHURCHES.	COUNTY AND STATE.	P. OFFICE.	PASTORS FOR		DELEGATES.
			1857.	1858	
1 Enoch	Leon, Fla.	Tallahassee			Not Represented.
2 Bethel	Hamilton, Fla.	Bellville	Goldwire	same	Samuel Roebuck.
3 Bethesda	Wakulla, Fla.	Shelby Point	Bostic	same	A. W. C. Trice.
4 Bethlehem	Wakulla, Fla.	Benahannah	Bostic	same	No Delegates.
5 Bethpage	Jefferson, Fla.	Waukeenah	Cooper	same	James Hampton.
6 Concord	Madison, Fla.	Clifton	Craft		R. J. Maye, S. C. Craft.
7 Elizabeth	Jefferson, Fla.	Monticello	Linton	same	H. S. Linton, H. Griffin.
8 Ebenezer	Jefferson, Fla.	Monticello	Cooper	same	W. B. Cooper, A. May.
9 Friendship	Thomas, Ga.	Thomasville	Blewett	same	S. Forest, N. Turner.
10 Harmony	Madison, Fla.	Ft. Humble	Cooper	same	R. G. W. Thomas.
11 Hopewell	Madison, Fla.	Moseley Hall	Craft	same	W. J. Carroll.
12 Indian Spring	Leon, Fla.	Micosukie	Blewett	same	Jesse Averett.
13 Liberty	Thomas, Ga.	Grooverville	Blewett	same	J. Groover, J. D. Redding.
14 Lake Jackson	Leon, Fla.	Tallahassee	Levy		S. B. Timmons.
15 Madison	Madison, Fla.	Ardis			H. Z. Ardis, Brinson.
16 Monticello	Jefferson, Fla.	Monticello	Smith	same	B. S. Fuller, J. M. Marvin.
17 Mill Creek	Berrien, Ga.	Alapaha	Howell	same	C. Howell.
18 Mount Gilad	Jefferson, Fla.	Beazley	Wheeler	same	Z. G. Wheeler, J. Horn.
19 Mt. Beazor	Wakulla, Fla.	Sopchoppy	Bostic	same	Jas. Harrell, B. Hart.
20 Mount Elon	Wakulla, Fla.	Sopchoppy	Bostic	same	M. J. Revell, Grant.
21 New Hope	Thomas, Ga.	Glasgow	Tate	same	A. B. Lawton, C. N. Powell.
22 New Fort	Wakulla, Fla.	Newport			Not Represented.
23 Ocklocknee	Thomas, Ga.	Duncanville	Cooper	same	T. W. Terrell, R. R. Terrell.
24 Oak Grove	Leon, Fla.	Micosukie	Tate	same	W. S. Murray.
25 Olive	Thomas, Ga.	Thomasville	Blewett	same	J. B. Lacy, J. G. Dekle.
26 Providence	Gadsden, Fla.	Quincy	M'Keown	same	O. E. McKeown.
27 Piney Grove	Madison, Fla.	Craft	Frier	same	U. Brown, M. J. Williams.
28 Redland	Lowndes, Ga.	Clyattville	Linton		Ryan Frier.
29 Summerhill	Madison, Fla.				Dissolved.
30 Summerhill	Thomas, Ga.	Boston	Tate	same	V. A. Tate, J. H. Murphy.
31 San Pedro	Madison, Fla.	Madison	Sheffield	same	By Letter.
32 Trouville	Lowndes, Ga.	Troupville	Goldwire		W. H. & J. O. Goldwire.
33 Thomasville	Thomas, Ga.	Thomasville	Daniell		R. Fleming, D. G. Daniell.
34 Tallahassee	Leon, Fla.	Tallahassee	Long		J. C. Long, T. W. Brevard.
New Churches	Thomas, Ga.	Arabia	Fleming	same	Perry Bowen.
35 Barnet's Cr'k	Decatur, Ga.	Atapulgus			D. Austin, J. Blount.
36 Antioch	Clinch, Geo.	Aiapaha	Howell	sams	M. A. Rice, J. Touchstone.
37 Carter's Bd'ge	Berrien, Ga.	Nashville	Howell	same	John J. Peoples.
38 Nashville	Madison, Fla.	Madison	Sheffield	same	Thomas P. Webb.
39 Midway					

\*The Monticello Church sent up for Oncken Mission \$10.00

STATISTICS.

	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Lotter	Excommunicated	Deceased	Whites	Blacks	Total	Minute Fund.	Associational Fund.	Domestic Miss.	Foreign Miss.	African Miss.	Indian Mission.	Subsidiary of Meeting
1	0	1	0	7	1	4	28	16	44	1 00	10 50	.....	.....	.....	2, 4	1
2	4	4	0	0	0	0	19	33	52	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	.....	3	3
3	0	2	0	0	1	0	12	00	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
4	7	4	0	0	0	0	16	43	42	24	1 00	.....	.....	.....	3	3
5	3	3	0	2	2	1	61	20	81	1 40	6 95	.....	.....	.....	2	2
6	7	4	2	2	0	2	14	66	80	1 00	17 00	.....	.....	.....	1	1
7	13	1	0	0	0	0	45	1	46	1 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	2	2
8	3	4	0	4	3	3	63	18	81	2 50	30 60	.....	.....	.....	2	2
9	5	1	0	1	1	0	45	1	46	1 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	3	3
10	8	4	0	2	0	1	20	41	61	1 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....	1, 2	1, 2
11	1	3	0	1	0	3	32	59	91	2 00	34 00	.....	.....	.....	3	3
12	0	6	0	0	1	0	24	2	26	2 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....	1	1
13	19	3	0	1	0	0	38	28	66	2 00	10 45	.....	.....	.....	1	1
14	3	2	0	5	2	1	.....	.....	58	1 50	22 25	.....	.....	.....	2, 4	2
15	29	8	9	2	2	7	51	90	141	3 25	64 00	8 25	15 00	30 75	26 75	1, 2, 3
16	4	2	0	19	0	0	47	14	61	1 50	13 00	.....	.....	.....	3	3
17	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1	17	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1	1	
18	13	1	0	0	4	2	43	4	47	2 00	4 90	.....	.....	.....	2	2
19	8	4	0	6	0	0	43	1	44	1 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	4	4
20	1	0	0	4	2	1	28	21	49	1 00	14 60	.....	.....	.....	1	1
21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	35	62	2 00	36 00	.....	.....	.....	2	2
23	5	3	0	13	0	2	46	16	62	2 00	23 00	.....	.....	.....	3	3
24	0	0	0	5	1	0	12	12	24	1 50	10 50	.....	7 00	.....	4	4
25	3	4	0	0	3	2	55	6	61	1 50	3 13	.....	3 12	.....	4	4
26	13	8	0	3	0	0	29	0	29	2 00	.....	.....	.....	4	4	
27	0	6	1	2	0	0	27	1	28	1 00	4 65	.....	.....	.....	4	4
28	0	2	1	1	0	0	40	8	48	1 50	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3	3
29	13	9	1	0	2	0	21	81	102	1 00	.....	.....	.....	3	3	
30	3	4	0	3	0	1	24	11	35	1 00	31 00	.....	.....	.....	1, 3	1, 3
31	14	5	0	3	1	3	43	80	123	2 00	40 00	56 50	7 45	15 50	3 50	1, 2, 3, 4
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ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. 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.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of particular and eternal election.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
5. 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.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
8. We believe that the Saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.
9. 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.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.
11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.
12. 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.

W. B. COOPER, Moderator.

SAM. C. CRAFT, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

MINUTES.

OF THE  
FIRST ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE

BIBLE SOCIETY OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

OCKLOCKNEE CHURCH, THOMAS CO., GA.

The Bible Society of the Florida Baptist Association convened this day, Nov. 17th, 1857, and its First Annual Session was duly opened by prayer, Eld. Mercer leading in the devotions.

1. The minutes and constitution of the organization were read and approved.
2. The Treasurer, bro. Terrell, reported that the funds paid into his hands, by members, amounting to \$13 had been paid over to Eld. Chaudoin, according to instructions, which report was adopted.
3. Ordered, That the funds that may be paid over to this Society be sent to the Society of the Baptist State Convention, to be held subject to the order of this Society.
4. Re-elected the same officers as last year, viz: Elder Fleming, President, Eld. Craft, Secretary, and Bro. T. W. Terrell, Treasurer, Elders Blewett, Daniell and Fuller Vice Presidents, and Eld. Ardis to preach the annual sermon; and ordered that said officers compose the Board of Directors for the ensuing year.
5. Ordered, To request the Association to publish the minutes of our present session, together with our Constitution, with their minutes, we furnishing the necessary funds.

Adjourned to meet again in connection with the next session of the Florida Baptist Association.

ROBERT FLEMING, President.

SAM. C. CRAFT, Secretary.

## CONSTITUTION.

In order that we may more systematically and effectually co-operate with the Baptist Bible Society of this State, and the Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, in the great work of circulating the Holy Scriptures in our own and other lands, we hereby form ourselves into a Bible Society, to act in connection with this Association, and adopt the following

### CONSTITUTION.

**ARTICLE I.** This Society shall be called the Bible Society of the Florida Association, &c.

#### OF MEMBERS.

**ARTICLE II.** This Society shall be composed of the following classes of persons: 1st. Of all the messengers sent up with funds from congregational or other local Bible Societies, which shall be entitled to one delegate for every five dollars sent up. 2d. Of representatives of Churches, Missionary Societies, Sunday Schools, or any other bodies which shall send funds, one delegate for every five dollars sent up. 3d. Of all persons who shall have paid ten dollars or more, at any one time, to this Society or any one of its auxiliaries. Such persons shall be counted members for life. 4th. Of all persons who contribute to this Society shall be considered members for the year.

**ARTICLE III.** The object of this Society shall be to aid in the circulation of the Holy Scriptures in our own and other lands; and the funds collected by us shall be sent up to the State Baptist Bible Society of Florida or to the Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville.

#### OF OFFICERS.

**ARTICLE IV.** The Officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall perform the duties common to such officers in similar organizations; and shall be elected by a plurality of votes at each annual meeting; and in case of a failure to elect, shall hold their places until another meeting.

#### OF MEETINGS.

**ARTICLE V.** The regular annual meetings of this Society shall be held at the same time and place with the meetings of our Association, at which the following order of business shall be observed: 1st. The reports of the Treasurer and Board of Directors shall be read. 2d. A sermon, or other address or addresses suitable to the occasion, shall be delivered. 3d. An opportunity given to those present to become members, by subscribing or contributing to our funds, and a general collection taken up. 4th. Officers elected and speakers appointed for the next meeting. An adjourned meeting may be held at any time, or one may be called at any time by the President or either of the Vice Presidents.

#### OF LIFE DIRECTORS.

**ARTICLE VI.** Any person who shall contribute to our funds the sum of twenty dollars, at any one time, or in two annual installments, shall be considered life directors, and with the officers of the Society, shall constitute a Board to attend to any business in the interests of the regular meetings.

**ARTICLE VII.** This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present at any regular meeting.

