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OCTOBER 17, 1879.

The Florida Baptist Association convened this day with the Concord Baptist Church, Madison county, Florida

By invitation the introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Elder A. M. Manning, of the Mercer Association, from Eph., iv, 7, at the close of which an intermission was given.

AFTERNOON.

The Association met and was called to order by Bro. D. M. Walker, former Moderator, and Elder W. F. Harvard acting as Clerk *pro tem*.

Letters from the Churches were called for, read, and names of delegates enrolled.

The Association then proceeded to organize by electing Elder H. M. Friar, Moderator, and Elder W. F. Harvard, Clerk.

Petitionary letters being called for, Pleasant Grove, Philadelphia, and Madison Churches presented letters, were received, and names of delegates enrolled.

On invitation, Elders N. A. Bailey and A. M. Manning, visiting brethren from Mercer Association, were received.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

*On Preaching*—Brethren J. Hines, J. A. Bently, with delegates of Concord Church.

*On Missions*—Elders S. S. Proctor, F. M. Wells, and Bro. D. M. Walker.

*On Sabbath Schools*—Elder J. O. Harris, Brethren R. Seruggs and John Armstrong.

*On Temperance*—Elder J. H. Wentworth, and Brethren S. Warren and G. Owens.

*On Finance*—Elder G. T. Leitner, Brethren B. W. Tedder and J. E. Vann.

*On Deceased Ministers and Deacons*—Elder S. D. Waller, Brethren B. W. Tedder and J. J. Cason.

Committee on Preaching reported G. T. Leitner to preach to-night, and Bro. J. H. Wentworth to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion, Association adjourned. Prayer by Bro. J. H. Wentworth.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1879.

Association met 9:30 o'clock. Prayer by Elder W. H. Bryant.

Correspondence from sister Associations was called for, when Bro. J. F. Seruggs responded from the Mercer Association.

Visiting Brethren were again called for, when Brethren C. R. Denmark and Wm. Wallace and Elder W. N. Chaudoin responded and took seats with us.

The following Ministers and Brethren volunteered as delegates to the Florida Baptist State Convention: Elders J. H. Wentworth, S. S. Proctor, W. F. Harvard, H. M. Friar, J. W. Faulkner, J. O. Harris, and Brethren D. M. Walker, E. E. Barclay and J. J. Cason.

Elder G. T. Leitner, appointed at last Association to obtain a complete file of the Minutes of this Association from its organization, reported that he had obtained a complete file of the Minutes of the Florida Baptist Association. On motion, they were turned over to the Clerk, with instructions to have them bound at the expense of the Association.

Bro. A. C. McCants, appointed at last Association to obtain a biography of the life of Elder W. B. Cooper (deceased), reported nothing done for want of necessary information. He was continued as a committee to prepare a biographical

sketch of Bro. Cooper's life, to be embraced in the present Minutes.

On motion, the action of the last Association, in regard to regulating the representation of Churches, was confirmed.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and Elder N. A. Bailey permitted to speak in behalf of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Recess of an hour. Prayer by Elder J. O. Harris.

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AFTERNOON.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report that there is no subject can come before us of greater importance than that of Missions. We find a large portion of the territory occupied by this Association in destitution. Although some of the most destitute portions have been occupied by our Missionaries, and a great deal of good been done, yet a large portion still remains unoccupied. We can but earnestly urge upon our Association and Churches to make more earnest efforts to send the Gospel to all the destitute portions within our bounds.

S. S. PROCTOR,  
Chairman.

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#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report some progress in this branch. Five schools are reported with the following statistics: Superintendents, 7; teachers, 22; scholars, 174. We earnestly recommend that pastors everywhere place this duty in its proper light before their Churches, and that Sabbath Schools be organized wherever practicable, in order that the children may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and recommend that



"Kind Words," published at Macon, be used in this enterprise.  
Respectfully submitted,

J. O. HARRIS,  
*Chairman.*

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Temperance cause would respectfully beg leave to report that we, as followers of Jesus, do deprecate the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and would say that the use of liquors intemperately by professors of religion has worked more harm to the Church of Christ than any other one thing. Therefore we would earnestly recommend to all our Churches and members to put their stamp of disapproval upon every act of intemperance, thus showing to the world that we are, as we profess to be, temperate in all things. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. WENTWORTH,  
*Chairman.*

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, with profound gratitude, beg leave to report that God, in His Divine Providence, has again spared the laborers of His moral vineyard to still herald His word; for which we feel at a loss for language to express our thankfulness. May the blessings of Jehovah still abide with them till all shall know Him, whom to know aright is life eternal.

Respectfully submitted,

S. D. WALLER,  
*Chairman.*

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following amounts received:

For Minutes.....	\$ 27 55
Association Fund.....	32 47
Associational Missions.....	40 00
Foreign Missions.....	5 50
Domestic Missions.....	4 75
Indian Missions.....	4 00
Total.....	\$114 27

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. LEITNER,  
*Chairman.*

#### REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARIES.

Elder W. F. Harvard reports: I have kept a regular monthly appointment at Fullford's Bridge, fruits of which are as follows: Baptized 1; constituted 1 Church, numbering nine members; prayed in families, 1; received from Treasurer, \$10 28.

W. F. HARVARD,  
*Missionary.*

#### REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

Elder F. M. Wells reports of his labors as follows: Miles traveled, 626; sermons preached, 49; prayed in families, 25; baptized, 6; received by letter, 3; restored, 3; received as pay, \$13 85.

F. M. WELLS,  
*Missionary.*

REPORT OF ELDER S. S. PROCTOR AS MISSIONARY.

Miles traveled, 1,675; sermons, 80; baptized, 31; received by letter, 21; restored, 5; exhortations, 20; prayer in families, 25; Churches constituted, 2; Deacons ordained, 2; received pay from Executive Committee, \$60 00. This work has been done in Lafayette and Jefferson counties.

Respectfully submitted,  
S. S. PROCTOR,  
Missionary.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee beg leave to report that they have, as far as possible, occupied the most destitute portions of our territory. Bro. S. S. Proctor has been employed to labor in the lower part of Jefferson county the entire year. Bro. F. M. Wells was employed to labor in the southwestern portion of Taylor county since last April. Bro. W. F. Harvard has been employed in the western part of Taylor county since April. Bro. M. F. Burke was appointed to labor in Wakulla county, but we have heard nothing from him since his appointment. Bro. Proctor was also employed to give a part of his time in Lafayette county. We have employed these brethren at the rate of six dollars a month, not that that amount was sufficient pay, but, with the funds on hand, we could not pay more and occupy the field. For the work done, and its results, we refer you to the several reports of the Missionaries.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. C. McCANTS,  
Chairman Executive Committee.

On motion, the Executive Committee were elected, as follows: A. C. McCants, W. P. Moseley, Jr., Richard Scruggs, I. R. Walker and J. W. Falkner.

On motion, Bro. D. M. Walker was appointed Treasurer pro tem.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I. R. WALKER, Treasurer, in account with Florida Association.

1878. DR.  
On hand at last session.....\$ 1 90  
Received from Finance Committee..... 120 95  
Collected at Stand..... 27 34

1879.  
Received from First Union during year.....\$ 23 55  
" " Second " " " ..... 16 47  
" " Third " " " ..... 10 15  
" " Fourth " " " ..... 16 40  
Total receipts.....\$216 76

1878. CR.  
Paid for printing Minutes, and Clerk's fee.....\$ 50 00  
" Elder W. N. Chaudoin for Indian Missions.... 4 50  
" Elder H. A. Tupper for Foreign Missions..... 8 20  
" Elder H. A. Tupper for Rome Chapel..... 1 00  
" Elder W. H. McIntosh for Domestic Missions... 4 00  
" For Postal Orders, etc..... 50

1879.  
Paid Elder S. S. Proctor for Mission labor during the year.....\$ 36 40  
" Elder F. M. Wells for Mission labor during the year..... 10 15  
" Elder W. F. Harvard for Mission labor during the year..... 10 28  
Funds in hand subject to order..... 91 73  
\$216 76

All of which is respectfully submitted.  
I. R. WALKER,  
Treasurer.



## RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That as an Association we recommend the *Christian Index* as a Baptist paper which should be patronized by all Florida Baptists.

At this point Elder W. N. Chaudoin addressed the Association in behalf of the *Christian Index*.

*Resolved*, That the time of the meetings of our Association be changed to Thursday before the second Sunday in November of each year.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to act in concert with the Committee of Ebenezer Church to raise funds to erect a monument to the memory of Elder W. B. Cooper.

On motion, ten dollars was given to Elders F. M. Wells and S. S. Proctor, and five dollars to Elder W. F. Harvard, as additional pay for Missionary services.

On motion, it was agreed that the Clerk be paid twenty dollars for his services, and that the remainder of the Association fund be put with the Minute fund.

The following brethren were appointed Messengers to Mercer Association: Elders S. S. Proctor, J. H. Wentworth, H. M. Friar and F. M. Wells.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for the kind hospitality and friendship extended us during our session.

The Committee on Nominations report Elder J. H. Wentworth to preach the Introductory Sermon of the next Association; Elder W. F. Harvard, alternate. A. C. McCants to preach the next Missionary Sermon; H. M. Friar, alternate.

On motion, this Association adjourned to meet at Ebenezer Church, in Jefferson county, Florida, on Thursday before the second Sunday in November, 1880.

W. F. HARVARD, *Clerk*.

H. M. FRIAR,  
*Moderator*.

## MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

G. W. BOSTICK, Crawfordville, Wakulla County, Florida.  
 JAMES H. WENTWORTH, Shady Grove, Taylor County, Florida.  
 W. F. HARVARD, Williamsburgh, Jefferson County, Florida.  
 J. W. FAULKNER, Perry, Taylor County, Florida.  
 H. M. FRIAR, Madison, Madison County, Florida.  
 J. O. HARRIS, Madison, Madison County, Florida.  
 A. C. McCANTS, Greenville, Madison County, Florida.  
 S. S. PROCTOR, Madison, Madison County, Florida.  
 E. TRICE, Ocklocknee, Wakulla County, Florida.  
 S. D. WALLER, Perry, Taylor County, Florida.  
 F. M. WELLS, Perry, Taylor County, Florida.  
 T. P. WEBB, Madison, Madison County, Florida.  
 M. F. BURKE, Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

N. A. BAILEY, Quitman, Ga., Agent S. Baptist Seminary.  
 W. N. CHAUDOIN, Jacksonville, Fla., Agent *Christian Index*.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

REV. A. C. McCANTS, Greenville, Madison County, Florida.  
 REV. J. W. FAULKNER, Perry, Taylor County, Florida.  
 W. P. MOSELEY, Drifton, Jefferson County, Florida.  
 R. SCRUGGS, Drifton, Jefferson County, Florida.  
 I. R. Walker, Treas., Williamsburg, Jefferson County, Florida.

## EXPLANATION.

We failed to get our Minutes out sooner on account of the neglect of the Clerk, W. F. Harvard, who moved to Texas, and did not prepare them fully for the press. Our statistics are not set forth as they should be on account of the Clerk's mislaying or carrying the Church letters with him, hence it is impossible to give all the data in reference to additions to the various Churches.

Rev. A. C. McCants, who was appointed a committee to write a biographical sketch of Rev. W. B. Cooper, deceased, has been unable to get the necessary information in time, and begs the indulgence of the Brethren until next Association, at which time he will be able to report. The binding of the file of the Minutes has been delayed until the above-mentioned sketch can be obtained, to be bound with them.

JAMES H. WENTWORTH.



