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MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

H. M. Friar, West Farm, Madison County, Florida.
T. M. Wells. Aucilla, Jefferson County, Florida.
J. G. Connell, Waukeenah, Jefferson County, Florida
S. M. Provence, Monticello, Jefferson County, Florida.
J. M. Hampton, Aucilla, Jefferson County, Florida.
A. M. Mauning, Iamonia, Leon County, Florida.
W. T. Newberry, Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.
J. T. Farnell, Lee, Madison County, Florida.
C. B. Busbee, Moseley Hall, Madison County, Florida.
J. E. Vann, Sunnyside, Taylor County, Florida.
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J. P. Roberts, Sopehoppy, Wakulia County, Florida.
J. B. Lansten, Smith's Creek, Wakulia County, Florida.
R. F. Hacker, Stephensville, Taylor County, Llorida.

LICENTIATES.

Alfred Cornett, West Farm, Madison County, Florida. A. B. Bunting, Moseley Hall, Madison County, Florida. H. B. Gibson, Madison, Madison County, Florida.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Introductory Sermon. Names of Delegates enrolled. Election of Moderator and Clerk. Invite visiting Brethren to seats with us. Call for Correspondents. Call for Petitionary Letters. Appointment of Committees. Election of Delegates to State Convention. Election of Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention. Unfinished Business. Reports of Committees. Election of Executive Committee. Election of Treasurer. Address of Agents. Appointment of Correspondents, Miscellaneous Business. Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS

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FUORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FIRST DAY.

CONCORDIA, GADSDEN COUNTY, FLA., Tuesday, September 27, 1892.

The Florida Baptist Association this day convened in the Concordia Baptist Church, Gadsden County, Florida. The introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock a. m., by Elder F. M. Wells. Galatians, 6th Chapter, 9th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION-11.30 O'CLOCK P.M.

After an intermission of one and a half hours for refreshment the body re-assembled. The former Moderator and Clerk being present.

The Moderator read the 24th Psalm. Elder J. E. G. Campbell led in prayer.

The roll of churches was called and letters handed in. The Moderator appointed Elders A. M. Manning and F. M. Wells a committee to read the letters, and the names of delegates were enrolled.

The Association permanently organized by re-electing the former Moderator by acclamation.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for Correspondents.

Called for Petitionary Letters.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: On Sabbath Schools-Elder A. M. Manning, Brothers H. A. Hawk and S. Hammock.

On Nominations-Elder A. M. Manning, Brothers D. N. Clark and J. T. Hartsfield.

On Missions-Elders A. M. Manning, F. M. Wells and W. T. Newberry.

On Temperance-Elder S. J. Revel, Brothers J. T. Ayres and S. B. Howell.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons-Elders J. P. Roberts, J. G. Connell and Brother A. W: Turner.

On Ministerial Education-Elder S. M. Provence Brothers J. L. Warren and W. F. Cowan.

On Periodicals-Elder F. M. Wells, Brothers J. H.

Dorsey and William Cornett.

On Woman's Work-Elder J. P. Roberts, Brothers J. E. Herring and G. B. Brackins.

On Preaching—Pastor and Deacons of Concordia Church. On Finance-Brothers R. Scruggs, D. J. Hartsfield and

H. A. Hawk.

The following named Brethren volunteered as delegates to the State Convention, to convene with the Baptist church at Lake City, Columbia County, Florida, on the 5th day of January, 1893, viz.: Elders S. M. Provence, J. E. G. Campbell, F. M. Wells, A. M. Friar, A. M. Manning, J. G. Connell, J. P. Roberts, S. J. Revel, W. T. Newberry and Brother G. B. Brackins.

On motion, Elder S. M. Provence was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. to convene at Nashville, Tennessee, on the -- day of May, A. D. 1893.

On motion, the committee appointed to compile the history of the churches of the Association was granted more time.

The Committee on Preaching reported that Elder J. P. Roberts preach at night.

On motion, the Association adjourned till tomorrow, 9 a. m. Elder S. J. Revel led in prayer.

NIGHT SERVICE.

Elder J. P. Roberts preached at 8 p. m. from Luke, the 19th chapter and 9th verse.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION-Q O'CLOCK A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read the 4th chapter of 1st. Epistle of . John.

Elder J. G. Connell led in prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday, were read and approved.

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Renewed the call for and enrolled the names of Delegates.

Renewed the call for Correspondents.

Call for reports of Committees.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN:-Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report.

We are sorry to say that we have nothing encouraging to report, owing to the small amount of funds on hand and want of employing some Brothers Ministers, whose services were not otherwise engaged; hence we deferred making any appointment, until the 29th day of May, when we employed Elders F. M. Wells and J. E. G. Campbell, for one fourth of this time, at a salary of \$10.00 per month. The latter declined to accept. Brother F. M. Wells, owing to high waters, failed to perform only one month's labor.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. FRIAR. Chairman.

The report of Treasurer was received and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT. W. W. Campbell, in account with the Florida Baptist Association. October 1st—To Balance from last year. Received from Finance Committee... Received from Indian Spring Church through A.

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Respectfully submitted, W. W. CAMPBELL, Treasurer. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath-schools made the following report:

DEAR BRETHREN-Your Committee on Sabbath-schools report the following statistics as received from churches, viz.: Superintendents, 7; teachers, 34; pupils, 290; avetage attendance, 110.

We earnestly request churches to make full reports each year in their letters sent up to our Associational meetings.

We advise any church not having a Sabbath school to get up one, or more than one, where a greater number of people may come under their salutary influence.

We understand the object of the Sabbath schools is to gain a better knowledge of the book God gave to us; that we might believe in Jesus, and in believing have eternal life.

This divine blessing is not limited by age nor sex. We therefore call upon fathers and mothers, young men, young women, to avail themselves of this school opportunity for life, and thus weekly meet at the feet of Jesus and hear His words. Respectfully submitted,

J. E. G. CAMPBELL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

The report of the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read, discussed and adopted:

Since our last Associational meeting we have great reason to thank our Heavenly Father for His kind and fatherly protection over our body during the past Associational year.

We have not received any intelligence of the heavy hand of death being visited upon any of our ministers or deacons, and would ask all of our brethren to be with us in their devotions and thankfulness for this kind providence.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. Roberts, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The report of Committee on Woman's Work was read, discussed and adopted:

DEAR BRETHREN-In view of the fact that the "Harvest is great and the laborers are few," we should encourage the labors of the Woman's Work, as far as is taught in God's word: and we believe according to their gifts and calling, they are the most faithful workers in His vineyard, and have been as good helpers through the organizations of.

their Missionary Societies, and Aid Societies for the advancement of our Savior's cause on earth, as any organization that has yet been adopted for the spread of His glorious truth, at home and abroad; and we would further advise our Ministering brethren, all over this Association, to encourage the organization of these Missionary Aid and Help Societies in every locality of our Association. Remembering their precious help for the past, and soliciting their co-operation for the future.

Respectfully submitted. J. P. ROBERTS, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The report of Committee on Temperance was read, dis-

cussed, and adopted.

Your Committee on Temperance are thoroughly convinced, long since, of the evil of intemperance. God's word says that "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven." We are aware that temperance means moderate use of things, and that men argue that they have the right to participate for that reason; but God's word says that they should abstain from every appearance of evil; therefore, we, as professed followers of Christ, should touch not, taste not, nor handle not that there is an appearance of evil in. Therefore we admonish those who profess the name of Christ, to give strict adherence to the word.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. REVEL.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder S. M. Provence to preach at 11 o'clock a. m., and Elder H. M. Friar to preach at night.

On motion, adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

Divine service at 11 o'clock a. m. by Elder S. M. Provence, from Romans, 5th chapter and 8th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION-2 P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Sang the hymn "Come thou fount of every blessing."

Elder F. M. Wells led in prayer.

Renewed the call for and enrolled the names of delegates. The report of Committee on Nomination was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations would recommend the election of the present Executive Committee and Treasurer, and that Elder S. M. Provence preach the next introductory sermon, and Elder J. P. Roberts, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Manning, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read, discussed and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The true and proper aim of education is to put one in eommand of his own powers. In no field of human endeavor is there greater need for wide intelligence and for correct mental processes than in the Christian pulpit. The greatest educating power and the mightiest moral leverage known to men is the pulpit. The deepest things of men are religious. The most important things of men are religious. He who is called of God to the high and holy office of religious teacher needs the best qualifications attainable for his work. If there ever was a time when the education of the ministry might be safely neglected, that time is long since past. We live in an age full of activity along every line of inquiry. The word of God is studied under the fiercest light of our times. It is more than ever a living oracle. He who attempts to expound its teachings to others needs to study to show himself to be a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. . If he offends the cultivated taste of our children, who are taught the proprieties of the English tongue, he robs himself at the outset of an important element of strength. If he cannot answer intelligently the questions arising in the minds of the brightest young men and women who hear him, he invites their in-

Our Lord gave to the first preachers of the Gospel three years of careful training for their work. They were not the unlettered men that many have supposed them to be, as their writings abundantly show. The Apostle Paul was thoroughly taught in the schools, and after his conversion gave himself for a considerable time to special preparation for his work. His epistles to Timothy and Titus show that he had no patience with a young preacher too lazy to study.

In our times no young man can show any good reason for seeking to enter the ministry without preparation. Our Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, not only provides free instruction for every young man who will come and receive it, but also makes arrangements to pay board (wholly or in part as may seem best) for those who are unable to pay for themselves. The seminary also has courses of study in the English language for those who have not had previous collegiate training. For those who desire collegiate training the John B. Stetson University, at DeLand, offers excellent facilities. Tuition is free to students for the ministry, and arrangements are made privately for other expenses, if the student gives proof of usefulness.

It is a matter of grave concern that no young preacher in our association is seeking these advantages. The field is "White unto the harvest," the laborers are few and toilsome. Not only that, many of them are entangled with the affairs of this world, and others are trying to cut with a dull blade. We earnestly commend them to the churches of our Lord. "Pray ye, therefore, to the Lord of the harvest that He may send forth more laborers into His harvest." And when they come, we entreat them to come as leaders of men and wise, to win their souls.

Respectfully submitted, S. M. Provence, Chairman.

The report of Committee on Periodicals was read, discussed and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

Dear Brethren—Your Committee, being interested in the cause of Christ, and in the furtherance of His Kingdom, would urge upon Christians the necessity of storing their minds with Bible truths, that all may be prepared to give to every man that asketh us a reason for the hope that is in us. The truths are found unadulterated in the Bible, and it is, therefore, the standard by which all other classes of religious literature, is to be tried; and we would suggest that Christians act on the Savior's advice, to "search the scriptures," adopting some daily Bible reading, in order to increase our knowledge of Christ and His methods, that we may intelligently walk in His way. Then we should, next to the Bible, read religious books and papers, to serve

as help to a more pious life. Baptists should take a Baptist paper, and if we would learn what our brethren are doing in other sections of our State, we should take the Florida Baptist Witness, published in Ocala, Fla-placing ourselves in communication with earnest workers of our State. The Christian Index is a good paper as an educator, and deserving of our patronage.

For our Sunday-schools we would recommend the Kind Word Series, a good, healthy Baptist publication. We would also recommend the American Baptist Publication Societw

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. M. WELLS, Chairman.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M., SEPTEMBER 29, 1892.

The Association met, pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read the 24th Psalm. Elder J. P. Roberts led in prayer.

The minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Renewed the call for correspondents.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us; accepted by Elder J. C. Porter in the interest of the Florida Baptist

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended. On motion, the next session of the Association will convene with the Elizabeth Baptist Church, four miles north of Aucilla Station, on the F C. & P. Railroad, on Tuesday before the first Lord's day in October, A. D. 1893.

Resumed the regular order of business.

y. The report of the Finance Committee was read and

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

R. Scruggs, Chairman.

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On motion, the Clerk was allowed the usual fee, \$15.00, for his services; also reimbursed for stationery furnished.

On motion, the Association adjourned. Elder S. M. Provence led in prayer:

Divine service at 11 à. m. by Elder J. C. Porter from 1st chapter and 16th verse, after which a collection was taken up for Associational missions, amounting to \$14.25.

AFTERNOON SESSION-2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read, discussed and adopted.

The Committee on Missions would submit the following report: The field is the world; the command is, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." That missions in nearly all lands are prospering and

increasingly successful.

In Cuba and Mexico God has wondrously blessed missions and mission workers, and as we turn our eyes to all fields, there comes encouraging reports. Yet we, as an association, have fallen behind our former contributions. This should not be. The Centennial year is upon us, and the Brotherhood is putting forth increased effort to raise increased contributions. We would earnestly recommend the system to all our churches, and would commend the plan of giving ten cents per member per month.

Your committee appreciates the effort of the State Board to supply the needs of Tallahassee, and heartily commend a continuance of the work there, believing that persistent effort alone will be crowned with success.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Manning, Chairman,

It was moved and carried that any member of this Association visiting any other, be recognized as a correspondent of this Association.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren and sisters of the Concordia Church, and to the community for their kindness and hospitality extended to us during our session. Also to the F. C. & P. Railroad for reduced rates.

It was moved and carried, that Mount Olive, Mount Ænon and Prospect Churches be stricken from the roll of churches on account of dissolution.

On motion, the Association adjourned.

During the singing of the hymn "Blessed be the Tie that Binds," the parting hand was extended, and an earnest prayer by Elder J. C. Porter the Association adjourned, to meet with the Elizabeth Church on Tuesday before the first Lord's day, in October, A. D. 1893, four miles north of Aucilla Station, on the F. C. & P. Railroad.

H. B. Gibson, Clerk.

ELDER H. M. FRIAR, Moderator.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

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Centreville	. Unknown		(J E Shelfer, Bryant Walsh, Jordan Walsh
Crawfordville	A W Turner	Cors MillFla	A W Turner
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Harmony	W W Campbell	Harmony	W W Daw
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Lake Meetie	J J Boyett	Crawfordville "	E'L Clark
Macedonia	F D Westel	Bristol	S J Revel
Madison	I N Adams	West Farm	H M Friar, Wm Cornett
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Note.—Churches are requested to furnish Sunday School Statistics.

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN-	We send as delegates to rep
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	Excommunicated, -
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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

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day of	, A. D. 18
	, Moderator.
Attest:	
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Clerks of Churches are requested to use the form of letter above.