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**Fifty-Fourth
Annual Session
Florida
Baptist
Association.
Sept. 29, 30, and Oct. 1st 1896.**

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Florida Baptist Association,

—AT ITS—

Fifty-Fourth Annual Session.

—HELD WITH THE—

Macedonia Baptist Church, Madison County Florida,

September 29, 30, and October 1, 1896.

OFFICERS.

MODERATOR.....Rev. A. M. Manning, Iamonia, Fla.
CLERK.....Rev. J. L. Rutherford, Madison, Fla.
TREASURER.....W. W. Campwell, Harmony, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A. M. Manning. J. E. G. Campbell. E. Trice.
W. W. Campbell. H. A. Hawk.

Pastor Stephen Crocket to preach next Introductory
Sermon.

Alternate—Elder J. T. Humphries.

Next Session meets with the Harmony Church, Madison
County, Fla., Tuesday before the first Sunday
in October, A. D. 1897.

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1896.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three in the Godhead—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

ART. 2 We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. 3. We believe the doctrine of particular and eternal election.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

ART. 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.

ART. 6. We believe that we are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

ART. 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

ART. 8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

ART. 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.

ART. 10. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

ART. 11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

ART. 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.

RULES OF DECORUM OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At every meeting of the Association the Moderator shall call the members to order and cause the Clerk to read the minutes of the previous Association.

2. The Moderator shall preserve order, and shall speak on any point of order with reference to the 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 (as the question may be) say, 'Aye.'" And after the affirmative voice is taken, "As many as are of a contrary opinion say, 'No'" If doubtful which voice is in the majority it shall be decided by rising and counting.

4 The Moderator shall appoint the 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 Association be equally divided, or unless his vote given to the minority will make the division equal. In that case the question shall be lost.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate he shall rise and address the Moderator.

7. If any member, while speaking or otherwise employed, transgress the Rules of Decorum, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order.

8. When two or more members shall rise at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who is first entitled to the floor.

9. No member shall indulge in unkind remarks in debate, nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question without leave from the Association, nor more than once until every one choosing to speak shall have done so.

10. While any member is addressing the Association, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all private

discourse that may be entertained between the members, and require strict attention on the part of the members.

11. When a motion is made and seconded it shall be stated by the Moderator before debate

12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if desired by any member of the Association

13. After a motion is made and seconded it shall be deemed 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 unless to amend it or refer it to a committee, or for the previous question, or for adjournment.

15. A motion for adjournment shall always be in order, and decided without debate.

16. Any member shall call for a division of a question when two or more distinct propositions are set forth, and when the substance will admit of division.

17. Motions and amendments may be referred to a committee at the pleasure of the Association.

18. Every resolution shall receive two statements or readings in the Association previous to its passage. The first shall be for information, and the second when the decision of the Association is to be made.

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

20. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer each day by the Moderator or some other member.

21. All queries shall be fairly stated in writing and approved by two-thirds of the members present before they shall be acted on.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known by the name of the Florida Baptist Association. The object of this Association shall be to conduct the work of missions, colportage, Sabbath-school enterprises, and other work that will tend to the spread of the Gospel.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of white male members chosen by the respective churches in its Union, in the proportion of two members for each church of fifty or less, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members over fifty. No church, however, shall have more than four delegates.

ART. 3. The letters sent by the churches at each session of the Association shall express their respective members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since last session.

ART. 4. Believing it to be proper, on account of the diversity of opinion among men as to the import of Scripture contained in the Old and New Testaments, to declare our belief and understanding thereof, we therefore append our belief in twelve Articles and present them with our minutes to the Baptist denomination.

ART. 5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the votes of the members present, who shall hold their offices until the next session of the body, and until their successors are elected. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings of the Association, and the Clerk shall record the proceedings thereof and prepare them for the press.

ART. 6. The Association thus organized shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor infringe upon the internals of any church.

ART. 7. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to this Union on application by letter and delegates; and if, upon examination, found to be orthodox, shall be received by the Association and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

ART. 8. The Association shall furnish the minutes of their proceedings in proportion to the funds sent up for that purpose by the churches.

ART. 9. The minutes of the Association shall be public.

ly read (and corrected, if necessary) and then signed by the Moderator and Clerk before adjournment.

ART. 10. Any amendment or alteration of this Constitution may be made by the votes of two-thirds of the members present at any two regular successive meetings of the Association. All other matters of fellowship shall be decided by a majority of votes. In matters of fellowship the Association must be a unit.

ART. 11. The Association shall have power, first, to provide for the general union of the churches; second, to give the churches advice in matters of difficulty; third, to inquire into the cause of any failing to be represented at the meetings of the Association; fourth, to withdraw all connection from any church or churches in this Union who shall violate the rules of this Association, or shall deviate from the orthodox principles of the revealed Word of God; fifth, to appropriate the money contributed and sent up to the Association as specified by said churches, and when not specified it shall be appropriated to promote the best interests of the Master's cause; sixth, to adjourn to any future time and place they may deem most convenient to the churches in the Union.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Names of Delegates Enrolled.
3. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
4. Invite Visiting Brethren to seats with us.
5. Call for Correspondents.
6. Call for Petitionary Letters.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Election of Delegates to State Convention.
9. Election of Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. Reports of Committees.
12. Election of Executive Committee.
13. Election of Treasurer.
14. Address of Agents.
15. Appointment of Correspondents.
16. Miscellaneous Business.
17. Adjournment.

ORDAINED BAPTIST MINISTERS

RESIDING WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION.

F. M. Wells, Aucilla.	S. J. Revell, Bristol.
A. M. Manning, Iamonia.	I. R. Clemonts, Aucilla.
L. A. Roberts, Spring Hill.	S. M. Provence, Tallahassee.
J. M. Hampton, Aucilla.	J. L. Rutherford, Madison.
Stephen Crockett, Madison.	W. H. Bryant, Clyattville, Ga.
J. T. Farnell, Day.	E. Trice, Tallahassee.
R. F. Hacker, Pine Mount.	J. T. Evans, Ousley, Ga.
J. E. G. Campbell, Mt. Pleasant.	J. E. Vaun, Perry.
J. F. Roberts, Bristol.	S. S. Proctor, Lake Butler.
R. P. Green, Greensboro.	J. T. Humphries, Monticello.

LICENTIATES.

Alford Cornett, Lee.	J. T. Montgomery, Harmony.
J. N. Savage, Madison.	D. L. Palmer, Madison.

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH,
MADISON COUNTY, FLA.,
Tuesday Morning, September 29, 1896.

The Association was called to order at 11 o'clock by the Moderator, Elder A. M. Manning, of Iamonia, Fla., with Brother W. W. Edwards as Clerk.

The Association listened to the Moderator as he preached the Introductory Sermon, founded upon John xiv. 6: "I am the Way."

AFTERNOON SESSION—TUESDAY.

Pastor Stephen Crockett led in prayer.

The letters from the churches were handed in, and the names of Delegates enrolled by the Clerk.

The Association was permanently organized by the election of Elder A. M. Manning as Moderator and Rev. J. L. Rutherford Clerk.

An invitation to accept seats with us was extended to visiting brethren. There being no response, the Moderator appointed the following committees:

PREACHING COMMITTEE—Pastor and Deacons of Macedonia Church and Brethren J. B. Fletcher, B. S. Hassell.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS—Brethren J. T. Faulkner, W. N. Cornett, D. L. Palmer, J. Thomas.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—Brethren W. W. Campbell, J. B. Fletcher, H. H. Dean, J. C. McCranie.

WOMAN'S WORK—Revs. F. M. Wells, Stephen Crockett; Brother C. Legget.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Rev. I. R. Clements; Brethren W. W. Shelfar, J. E. Horn, J. W. Bishop.

MISSIONS—Revs. S. M. Provence, Stephen Crockett; Brother W. W. Campbell.

PERIODICALS—Rev. F. M. Wells; Brethren John R. Campbell, J. R. Henderson.

The Preaching Committee reported Elder I. R. Clements to preach at night, and Elder S. M. Provence to preach Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

The Association then adjourned with prayer by Brother W. W. Campbell.

WEDNESDAY MORNING—SECOND DAY.

The Association was called to order at 9 o'clock. The Moderator led in prayer.

Renewed the call for Delegates, and enrolling their names.

The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

It was voted that Revs. S. M. Provence and Stephen Crockett be appointed to read the church letters, omitting the statistics.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us, and the invitation was accepted by Rev. J. C. Porter, editor of the Florida Baptist Witness.

The call was made for volunteers to represent the Association as delegates to the State Convention, and was responded to by Revs. S. M. Provence, Stephen Crockett, A. M. Manning and F. M. Wells, and Brethren D. L. Palmer, T. J. Faulkner, W. H. Mabry, J. B. Fletcher, Hon. Senator S. Pasco and J. N. Savage.

Election of delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention was then held, Elder S. M. Provence being appointed.

Call for unfinished business.

Rev. S. M. Provence presented the historical sketches of the churches in the Association, requesting those churches not represented in the historical work to at once secure a history of their church and forward the same to the Clerk of the Association.

It was voted that the historical sketches edited by Brother Provence be printed in the minutes of this meeting of the Association; also that Elder S. M. Provence be continued as a committee to finish the historical work.

On motion a committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. F. M. Wells, W. W. Campbell, W. W. Shelfar and

Stephen Crockett, to advise the Association as to the amount of remuneration for services rendered the Association by Rev. S. M. Provence on church history.

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was presented, and is as follows:

WOMAN'S WORK.

Since the world began woman's influence has been great, either for good or evil. She has worked side by side with some of the greatest men of the world, rendering valuable aid both in times of peace and of war. Under present conditions she is pressing the claims of the gospel on the world by her earnest words of counsel, by her prayers and supplications, and by her life of consecration and devotion to God. Today our sisters who are at work for the Lord are organizing for greater concert of action in giving the gospel to the world. And all who know the gospel to be the power of God unto salvation should bid her God speed in her work and assist her in her labor of love. And we recommend the spirit that gave rise to the woman's missionary societies that are doing so much to aid missions. And we recommend that our churches organize for this work. Sister Mary Crockett, of Madison, Fla., has been appointed Vice-President of the Woman's Missionary Societies of our Association, and she will gladly give any information needed to organize or conduct a Woman's Missionary Society.

F. M. WELLS.

STEPHEN CROCKETT.

C. LEGGET.

Rev. S. M. Provence preached at 11 o'clock from Matt. xiii. 31-33, and a collection amounting to \$4.62 was taken for the aged ministers and their families.

Rev. F. M. Wells preached under the arbor from Matt. vii. 13, 14.

Rev. J. C. Porter addressed the Association on behalf of the Florida Baptist Witness, and succeeded in obtaining several subscribers for the State paper.

On motion the Association adjourned with prayer by Brother Provence.

AFTERNOON SESSION—WEDNESDAY.

The Association was opened with prayer by Brother Stephen Crockett.

The call for delegates and enrollment of names was renewed; no response.

Call for correspondents; no response.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted after Brother S. M. Provence and Rev. J. C. Porter spoke to the report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report that, from the best information we can get, there is a sad decline, we are sorry to say, all over our Association in Sunday school work, though we believe it to be one of the greatest means in the hands of the church of training the young in the ways of truth and light; for the world is full of false doctrine, and if there ever was a time when we needed the truth taught our children it is now; and it is our prayer that the churches may consider the great importance of the Sunday school work.

Respectfully submitted

I. R. CLEMENTS, Chairman.

The Preaching Committee reported Rev. J. F. Farnell to preach at 3 o'clock at the arbor, and Rev. J. C. Porter to preach at 11 o'clock the next morning.

The report of the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read and adopted.

IN MEMORIAM.

Your Committee feels gratified to find that our Heavenly Father has spared to us all our ministering brethren; but grieve to announce the death of our brother, Turner Hay, of Ebenezer Church.

And we recommend that a blank leaf be left in our minutes to his memory.

T. J. FAULKNER, Chairman.

DEACON TURNER HAY,

—OF—

Ebenezer Church.

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The Association adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING—THIRD DAY,

The Association convened by Brother F. M. Wells leading in prayer.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was submitted and adopted after being spoken to by Revs. F. M. Wells, S. M. Provence, T. J. Faulkner, J. T. Farnell and D. L. Palmer.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Your Committee on Temperance views with alarm the great evils arising from the use of intoxicants; and although each year this Association has in some manner declared against the use of intoxicants as a beverage by church members, yet we find that the cause of temperance is not gaining ground, and intemperance still holds its own, even in the church, and is rapidly growing in the world; therefore we think it high time for the people of God to think carefully over this matter, that we may find a remedy for this great curse to mankind.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the only remedy is total abstinence from all intoxicants of every character as a beverage by all church members, thereby creating a sentiment against not only the abuse but also the use of all alcoholic drinks. And we also believe further that no legislative enactment will ever give us relief from this trouble, for the reason that legislative enactment on this line tends only to control a few, while many people who are ordinarily law-abiding citizens do not hesitate to violate the law in reference to the whisky traffic.

Therefore we must not expect to get the desired relief from legislative enactment, but we must depend on a sentiment growing out of the church, that the use of intoxicants as a beverage is sinful, and that when any member of any church of this Association indulges in the use of any alcoholic drinks as a beverage, he is guilty of sin; and we

urge all ministers of this Association to advocate this idea to the churches that they are called to serve.

Respectfully,

T. J. FAULKNER, Chairman.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY MEETING.

Nearly a hundred attended this meeting. Mrs. Stephen Crockett opened the meeting, and nearly all joined the prayer in song, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"—then silent prayer by all present.

The leader then led in an earnest, heartfelt prayer for more consecration on the part of all the churches, that we all may endeavor to keep the First Commandment better.

At the roll call of the churches those present arose in response and gave their names. Six churches were represented. None of these had societies, excepting the Madison church, which reported the 'Woman's Missionary and Children's Sunbeam Societies. The Sunbeam Society, in addition to helping the mission work, has pledged \$100—a hundred dollars—toward the new church soon to be erected under God's help.

The leader then read the sixteenth chapter of Mark, and spoke on the necessity of woman's work in the home, her proper work in the church and world.

Miss Alleine Rowe led in special prayer for special guidance, and all felt much refreshed by this solemn petition.

Sister Rowe was appointed Secretary and showed herself quite apt in assisting the leader in the difficult task of planning for the new societies which should be organized.

Every one promised to work more earnestly. Several representatives pledged themselves to organize societies in their churches.

Miss Alleine Rowe presented the claims of the Foreign Mission Journal at the meeting, and twelve names were enrolled as subscribers.

The new societies, being received into the number, formed a union. They appointed any one of their number who should be able to attend to represent them at the State Convention.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Adjourned to meet next year with the Association at Harmony.

It was voted that, in view of pressure of business, the preaching service be omitted.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following report:

We, your Committee appointed on Nominations, recommend that the present Executive Committee be retained; also that the present treasurer continue to hold his office. We also recommend that the Rev. Stephen Crockett preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Association, and that Rev. James T. Humphries alternate.

B. S. HOWELL, Chairman.

The report on Missions was read and adopted after discussion by Rev. S. M. Provence.

Following is the report:

MISSIONS.

Your Committee reports a sad lack of enthusiasm in our churches in the work of sending the word of life to those who have it not. A large majority of our church members give nothing to missions at home or abroad. Many of our churches are neglecting their duty in this regard. Therefore many are weak and inefficient. The servant that knoweth his Lord's will and doeth it not shall be beaten with many stripes. It is the plain duty of every member of a Baptist church, who is not helpless, to pray and give for the furtherance of the gospel. To give definiteness to this recommendation, we give it as a suggestion that in our opinion not less than twenty-five cents a year ought to be given by the poorest among us, and that those whom the Lord has made stewards of larger bounty ought to give in proportion to their stewardship.

All money for Home, Foreign and State Missions, Old Ministers' Relief Fund, and Ministerial Education should be sent to Dr. W. N. Chaudoin, LaGrange, Fla.

The experimental stage is past in the history of missions. It is the greatest of all modern enterprises, and the heart of the Christian world is in it. Let us do our duty.

S. M. PROVENCE, Chairman.

The report on periodicals was read and adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

DEAR BRETHREN—Your Committee on Periodicals would like to place the emphasis on Religious Periodicals. With the common custom of our churches, having but one preaching appointment in the month, there is a great dearth of religious teaching. Christians need to have their pure minds stirred up by way of remembrance. Our religious papers come the nearest to supplying the needed information, and so we would urge upon all our brethren to procure the weekly visit of some good religious periodical.

For our own people The Florida Baptist Witness offers the best inducement for our patronage, as our best men write for it with the desire of giving us the advantage of their research and investigation, and by its weekly visits we are informed of the movements of our brethren in various parts of the State; and we hope that it may receive a liberal support.

Then there are other religious papers that are valuable aids to a religious life.

For our Sunday schools we recommend the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, and also of our Southern Baptist Convention Series

Respectfully submitted

F. M. WELLS, Chairman

The report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee would respectfully report that at a meeting on the third day of January they appointed Brother I. R. Clements to labor in the northeastern portion of Jefferson county for one-fourth of his time at a salary of twenty-five dollars; and agreed to pay A. M. Manning forty dollars as missionary to work at Quincy.

There were other fields of labor claiming our attention, but want of funds prevented any further appointments.

Fifty dollars on hand was turned over to Brother Chaudoin in co-operation with the State Board.

Respectfully,

H. A. HAWK, Chairman pro tem.

Kev. A. M. Manning offered his report as Associational Missionary laboring at Quincy.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

Your appointee as missionary to Quincy would make the following report: That he has regularly filled his appointments, traveled 324 miles, preached 26 sermons, aided the church by collecting \$104, and contributed \$105 toward building a house of worship.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. MANNING, Missionary.

Brother Manning spoke encouragingly of the work at Quincy, showing a photograph of the house of worship which has been erected. His appeal was generously responded to by several of the brethren.

Report adopted.

The Association adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION—THURSDAY

The Association led in prayer by Stephen Crockett.

The following report on Ministerial Education was read and adopted after being spoken to by Revs. Stephen Crockett and S. M. Provence.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

"Jesus taught his disciples," thus recognizing that, other things being equal, education would ever be an aid to efficiency and power in the ministry. The Christian people of today are urgently calling for ministers who have been properly trained for their work. Today in the United States alone our denomination has twenty thousand more pulpits than we have ministers to fill them. Where are the ministers of the future? The Baptists have been very liberal in supplying the ways and means to educate our ministers by establishing the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. The course of study is elective. A student can take just such classes as he chooses.

Last year only two brethren from this State availed themselves of these privileges.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His vineyard. For the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few."

President Whitsitt has appointed Pastor Stephen Crockett to act as Associational Secretary for the Seminary, and he will gladly advise with any brother who may wish to enter our Baptist school at Louisville.

To such of our brethren as can, and desire to take a college course, we recommend the John B. Stetson University, at DeLand, Fla.

Respectfully, by your Committee,

STEPHEN CROCKETT,
T. J. FAULKNER,
J. T. FARNELL,
J. D. CLARK,
D. W. McCLOUD.

Rev. I. R. Clements, Associational Missionary, reported that he had filled all his appointments up to May 1.

Report adopted.

Preaching at the arbor by Rev. I. R. Clements.

Brethren William Cornett, Alford Cornett and Sligh

Warren volunteered as correspondents to the Suwannee Association.

Revs. S. M. Provence and A. M. Manning volunteered as correspondents to the Mercer Association.

On motion it was resolved that none of our churches in Association allow the Mormons to preach in our pulpits.

A quilt sent up by the Peasant Grove Church sold for three dollars, and the quilt and money were sent back to the church.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be extended to the friends and brethren of this community for their kindness and hospitality while in their midst.

The report of the Special Committee was read and adopted.

The report of the Special Committee to estimate the price of copying and editing the Historical Sketches of the Churches of the Association:

Your Committee recommend that the Treasurer pay Brother S. M. Provence ten dollars as partial remuneration for work done.

F. M. WELLS, Chairman.

The following Report on Finance was read and adopted:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report:

For Minutes.....	\$ 22 15
" Associational Fund.....	46 08
" " Missions.....	25 55
" State Missions.....	2 75
" Home Missions.....	6 45
" Foreign Missions.....	4 10
" Relief of Aged Ministers.....	50
" Ministerial Education.....	25

Total.....\$107 83

W. W. CAMPBELL,
H. H. DEAN,
J. B. McCLAMMA,
J. B. FLETCHER.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

W. W. Campbell, in account with the Florida Baptist 1895.	Association.	DR.
Oct. 1.	To balance from last year.....	\$ 78 38
" 3.	Received from Finance Committee.....	114 01
" 3.	" from public collection at Association for Foreign Missions.....	6 00
" 3.	Received from Elder J. P. Roberts, missionary, collected on the field, 4th quarter	3 20
" 3	Received from Elder R. F. Hacker, missionary, collected on the field, 4th quarter	1 00
1896.		
April 15.	Received from Union held at Oak Grove church, through Brother W. W. Corbett	6 30
" 15.	Received from Wakulla Union, through Bro. Trice, for Associational Missions..	4 85
May 31.	Received from Union held at Macedonia, sent up by churches.....	3 80
" 31.	Received from Bro. Cornett, public collection on Sunday at Macedonia Union	1 40
Aug. 29.	Received from Union held at New Macedonia, through Bro. J. L. Warren.....	4 95
" 30.	Received from Union held at Monticello, through Elder A. M. Manning.....	3 10
Sept. 29.	Received from Wakulla Union, through Elder E. Trice.....	3 25
" 30.	Total receipts.....	\$230 24

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

W. W. Campbell, in account with the Florida Baptist 1895.	Association.	CR.
Oct. 3.	Paid W. W. Edwards salary as Clerk and for stationery.....	\$ 15 50
" 3.	Paid Elder J. P. Roberts in full as missionary.....	12 50
" 3.	Paid Elder R. F. Hacker in full as missionary.....	12 50
" 3.	Paid S. M. Provence, State, Home and Foreign Missions.....	23 50
" 7.	Paid H. B. Gibson, for preparing Historical Manuscript of Association.....	5 60
Nov. 23.	Paid W. W. Edwards on Minutes of the Association.....	7 50
Dec. 17.	Paid W. W. Edwards, balance on printing Minutes of the Association.....	30 00
1896.		
Jan. 11.	Paid Elder W. N. Chaudoin, by order of Executive Committee.....	50 00
Aug. 19.	Paid Elder A. M. Manning, Missionary of the Florida Association.....	40 00
Sept. 29.	Paid Elder I. R. Clemmons, Missionary of the Florida Association.....	25 00
" 30.	Paid postage during the year, sending funds, etc.....	34
Total paid out.....		\$222 44
Balance on hand.....		7 80
		<hr/> \$230 24
W. W. CAMPBELL, Treasurer.		

A motion was adopted that the Clerk be instructed to have the Minutes printed by the Florida Baptist Witness printing office at Ocala, Fla.

It was voted that the Clerk be paid the sum of fifteen dollars for services in preparing the Minutes of the Association.

A motion was adopted that sufficient funds be taken from the Associational Fund to assist in supplying the deficiency in the Minute Fund sent up by the churches

A motion was adopted that the next session of the Association convene with the Harmony Church, ten miles south of Greenville, on Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1897.

A motion was adopted that no church shall have more than four delegates; this amendment to be added to Article 2 of the Constitution.

On motion the Association adjourned with prayer by Elder S. M. Provence, after the parting hand had been extended during the singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

NAME OF CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Association Fund	Association Missions	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Relief of Aged Ministers	Ministerial Education
Aucilla	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 50	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00		
Aenon								
Antioch								
Brewer Lake	75	1 00						
Bristol								
Concordia	1 00	9 55						
Corinth	50	73						
Centerville	25	2 50				1 00		
Cabbage Grove	25							
Ebenezer, Jefferson County	50	2 50	25	50	1 00	25		
Ebenezer, Leon County	25							
Elizabeth	1 00		4 60					
Flat Creek	50	1 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	1 00		
Greenville								
Harmony	1 00	50	2 00			50	50	
Hopewell	75				1 50			
Hopeul	50	1 55				35		
Indian Spring	25		7 25					
Lake Ellen								
Lake Mystic	50							
Macedonia	1 50	1 10						
Madison	1 50	3 10						
Midway	1 00	60						
Monticello			50	25	4 00			25
Mount Bezor	25		1 00		1 05			
Mount Gilead	50							
Mount Pleasant	25	2 20						
Mount Ealon						90		
New Macedonia	1 00							
New Prospect	75	2 10						
Oak Land								
Oak Grove								
Oak Grove, Madison County	1 00	3 00						
Olive Branch	70	1 00						
Perry	1 00		4 00					
Pine Grove	50	5 25						
Pleasant Grove, Taylor County	50		55					
Pleasant Hill								
Philadelphia								
Providence	1 00	6 50						
Quincy								
Salem								
San Pedro								
Sunnydell	25		2 00					
Tallahassee	1 00	1 00						
Triumph	50							
Pleasant Grove, Lafayette County	45							
Total	\$22 15	\$46 08	\$25 55	\$2 75	\$6 45	\$4 10	50	25

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

NAME OF CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Volumes in Library.	Sunday School Expenses.	Contributed to Missions.
Aucilla.....	Jefferson.....						
Aenon.....	Leon.....						
Antioch.....	Gadsden.....						
Brewer Lake.....	Lafayette.....						
Bristol.....	Liberty.....	3	31	30	\$ 4 00		
Concordia.....	Gadsden.....	4	25		5 00		
Corinth.....	Leon.....						
Centerville.....	Taylor.....						
Cabbage Grove.....	Jefferson.....						
Ebenezer.....	Leon.....						
Elizabeth.....	Jefferson.....						
Flat Creek.....	Gadsden.....						
Greenville.....	Madison.....						
Harmony.....	Madison.....						
Hopeful.....	Madison.....						
Hopewell.....	Madison.....						
Indian Springs.....	Leon.....						
Lake Ellen.....	Wakulla.....						
Lake Mystic.....	Liberty.....						
Macedonia.....	Madison.....	3	35		3 00	\$ 3 00	
Madison.....	Madison.....						
Midway.....	Madison.....	9	45	250	25 00	9 75	
Monticello.....	Jefferson.....						
Mount Bezer.....	Wakulla.....						
Mount Gilead.....	Taylor.....						
Mount Pleasant.....	Gadsden.....						
Mount Elon.....	Wakulla.....						
New Macedonia.....	Madison.....						
New Prospect.....	Madison.....						
Oakland.....	Madison.....						
Oak Grove.....	Madison.....						
Oak Grove.....	Liberty.....						
Olive Branch.....	Jefferson.....						
Perry.....	Taylor.....						
Pine Grove.....	Madison.....						
Pleasant Grove.....	Lafayette.....						
Pleasant Grove.....	Taylor.....						
Pleasant Hill.....	Taylor.....						
Philadelphia.....	Taylor.....						
Providence.....	Gadsden.....	4	35	200	5 50		
Quincy.....	Gadsden.....						
Salem.....	Gadsden.....						
San Pedro.....	Taylor.....						
Sunnydell.....	Gadsden.....	4	25				
Tallahassee.....	Leon.....		30				
Triumph.....	Taylor.....						
Total.....		27	267	480	\$42 50	\$12 75	

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	Baptisms By Letter.	Restoration By Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Present Number.
Aucilla.....	Jefferson.....					
Aenon.....	Leon.....	13		1	2	105
Antioch.....	Gadsden.....					
Brewer Lake.....	Lafayette.....					
Bristol.....	Liberty.....	26	4	5	3	61
Concordia.....	Gadsden.....	1				19
Corinth.....	Gadsden.....			6	2	140
Centerville.....	Leon.....	6			2	48
Cabbage Grove.....	Taylor.....					
Ebenezer.....	Jefferson.....	9	3		1	28
Ebenezer.....	Leon.....	7	1	1	3	26
Elizabeth.....	Jefferson.....					12
Flat Creek.....	Gadsden.....	4	7	1	3	98
Greenville.....	Madison.....	11				42
Harmony.....	Madison.....					
Hopeful.....	Madison.....	1	2	1	1	80
Hopewell.....	Madison.....	9	4	6	1	52
Indian Springs.....	Leon.....	2	1	2	1	57
Lake Ellen.....	Wakulla.....					
Lake Mystic.....	Liberty.....					9
Macedonia.....	Madison.....	4		5		44
Madison.....	Madison.....	17	17	3	5	130
Midway.....	Madison.....	5	6	2	3	70
Monticello.....	Jefferson.....	2		1	5	3
Mount Bezer.....	Wakulla.....					
Mount Gilead.....	Madison.....	3				20
Mount Pleasant.....	Gadsden.....	1		2	4	34
Mount Elon.....	Wakulla.....				3	19
New Macedonia.....	Madison.....	3				29
New Prospect.....	Madison.....	1	3	1	3	60
Oakland.....	Madison.....	8	1	1	1	56
Oak Grove.....	Madison.....					
Oak Grove.....	Liberty.....	1	2	1	1	83
Olive Branch.....	Jefferson.....					
Perry.....	Taylor.....			1	1	26
Pine Grove.....	Madison.....	3	1	1		97
Pleasant Grove.....	Lafayette.....	7	3	6	2	49
Pleasant Grove.....	Taylor.....	2	1	2	2	50
Pleasant Hill.....	Taylor.....	8	1	1		35
Philadelphia.....	Taylor.....					
Providence.....	Gadsden.....	6	3	2	2	177
Quincy.....	Gadsden.....					
Salem.....	Gadsden.....					
San Pedro.....	Taylor.....					
Sunny Dell.....	Gadsden.....	5	2			15
Tallahassee.....	Leon.....	1	2			33
Triumph.....	Taylor.....	1				10
Totals.....		163	63	33	65	16,251,872

VALUATION.

NAME OF CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	Current Expenses.	Val. Church Property.	For Poor and Home Charity.	Totals.
Aucilla	Jefferson	\$	\$ 250 00	\$	\$ 250 00
Aeon	Leon				
Antioch	Gadsden				
Brewer Lake	Lafayette	30 00			30 00
Bristol	Liberty	5 00	200 00		5 00
Concordia	Gadsden	150 00	600 00		
Corinth	Liberty				750 00
Centerville	Leon				
Cabbage Grove	Taylor				
Ebenezer	Jefferson				
Ebenezer	Leon				
Elizabeth	Jefferson	40 00	175 00	5 00	220 00
Flat Creek	Gadsden	50 00	200 00	30 00	270 00
Greenville	Madison				
Harmony	Madison	75 00	250 00		325 00
Hopeful	Madison	40 50			40 50
Hopewell	Madison		50 00		50 00
Indian Springs	Leon		350 00		350 00
Lake Ellen	Wakulla				
Lake Mystic	Liberty				
Macedonia	Madison	33 75	475 00		508 75
Madison	Madison	350 00	2,500 00	40 00	2,890 00
Midway	Madison				
Monticello	Jefferson				
Mount Bezor	Wakulla	40 00	200 00		240 00
Mount Gilead	Taylor				
Mount Pleasant	Gadsden		400 00		400 00
Mount Elon	Wakulla	30 00	150 00		180 00
New Macedonia	Madison	30 00	150 00		180 00
New Prospect	Madison				
Oakland	Madison				
Oak Grove	Madison	70 00	300 00		370 00
Olive Branch	Liberty				
Perry	Jefferson	50 00	250 00	30 00	700 00
Pine Grove	Taylor	100 00	600 00		
Pleasant Grove	Madison				
Pleasant Grove	Lafayette		300 00		300 00
Pleasant Hill	Taylor		50 00		50 00
Philadelphia	Taylor				
Providence	Taylor				
Quincy	Gadsden		700 00		700 00
Salem	Gadsden				
San Pedro	Taylor				
Sunnydel	Gadsden		175 00		175 00
Tallahassee	Leon		1,500 00		1,500 00
Triumph	Taylor	50 00	450 00		500 00
Total		\$1,150 25	\$10,275 00	\$65 00	\$11,290 25

LIST OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND DELEGATES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	State.	CLERK.	Post Office.	State.	NAME OF DELEGATES.
Aucilla	Jefferson	F. M. Wells	Aucilla	Fla	G. T. Bishop	Aucilla	Fla	F. M. Wells, J. B. Bishop, W. H. Bishop.
Aeon	Leon							
Antioch	Gadsden							
Brewer Lake	Lafayette	T. Farnell	Day		Geo. R. McCall	Day		A. D. Townsend, Geo. R. McCall.
Bristol	Gadsden	J. P. Roberts	Bristol		B. F. Owens	Bristol		By Letter.
Concordia	Liberty	J. M. Manning	Concordia		D. L. Maxwell	Concordia		By Letter.
Corinth	Leon	S. J. Revells	Concordia		E. W. Turner	Coe Mills		By Letter.
Centerville	Jefferson	J. M. Manning	Concordia		W. P. Strickland	Waymonza		A. M. Manning.
Ebenezer	Jefferson	E. Trice	Concordia		H. A. Hawk	Aucilla		By Letter.
Ebenezer	Leon	L. A. Roberts	Spring Hill		J. W. Simpson	Spring Hill		H. A. Hawk.
Flat Creek	Gadsden	E. M. Clements	Aucilla		C. W. Harbick	Aucilla		By Letter.
Greenville	Madison	F. M. Wells	Aucilla		J. B. Fletcher	River Junction		Joel Walker, Sim Kinsey, B. S. Howell.
Harmony	Madison	I. R. Clements	Ucilla	Fla	W. W. Campbell	Harmony	Fla	J. R. and W. W. Campbell, A. Reams.
Hopeful	Madison	S. S. Proctor	Lake Butler		W. F. Creanie	Madison		J. R. Burnett, S. Humphrey, A. E.
Indian Springs	Madison	Jno. M. Hampton	Aucilla		Albert Barke	Madison		J. Lamb, Geo. Dice. [— Stevens.
Lake Ellen	Liberty	S. J. Revell	Bristol	Fla	E. C. Boatman	Bristol	Fla	By Letter.
Lake Mystic	Madison	I. L. Rutherford	Madison		T. B. Williams	Madison	Fla	H. L. Rye, H. M. Cornett, D. L. Palmer.
Macedonia	Lafayette	I. L. Rutherford	Day		W. H. Rowe	Madison		S. Crockett, J. H. Rowe, J. R. Henderson.
Midway	Wakulla	L. A. Roberts	Spring Hill	Fla	W. M. Tampling	Lee		J. C. McLammie, Joe Thomas.
Mount Bezor	Madison	I. R. Clements	Aucilla		A. S. Roberts	Sopchoppy		By Letter.
Mount Pleasant	Gadsden	J. E. G. Campbell	Madison		S. E. Horne	Luthon		J. E. Horne, A. E. Morgan.
Mount Calan	Wakulla	J. E. G. Roberts	Madison		N. M. Ramsey	Smith Creek		By Letter.
New Macedonia	Madison	I. R. Clements	Madison		E. F. Kingston	Greenville		By Letter.
Oakland	Madison	I. L. Rutherford	Madison		D. W. McLeod	Lake Bird		D. W. McLeod.
Oak Grove	Madison	J. D. Evans	Ousley	Ga.	R. L. Williams	Iceland		Jas. Shaw, Alex Pickles.
Olive Branch	Lafayette	E. Trice	Tallahassee	Fla	W. H. E. Terry	Iceland	Fla	J. T. Farnell, J. E. Horne, G. W. Davis.
Perry	Jefferson	F. M. Wells	Clyattville	Fla	S. J. Camps	Madison	Fla	A. C. Leggat.
Pine Grove	Madison	W. H. Bryant	Day	Ga.	T. J. Faulkner	Madison	Fla	T. J. Faulkner.
Pleasant Grove	Lafayette	J. M. Hampton	Day	Fla	M. I. Fear	Madison	Fla	Lot Warren.
Pleasant Hill	Taylor	F. M. Wells	Aucilla		K. M. Tedder	Ida		J. S. Brown.
Philadelphia	Gadsden	A. M. Manning	Aucilla	Fla	W. W. Edwards	Edwards	Fla	J. A. W. Grantham.
Providence	Gadsden	I. E. G. Campbell	Madison		W. S. Timmons	Quincy	Fla	W. W. Edwards, J. D. Clark, H. H. Dean.
Quincy	Gadsden	S. M. Provence	Madison	Fla	Jas. E. Crafton	Stephensville	Fla	By Letter.
San Pedro	Gadsden	R. F. Hacker	Madison				Fla	S. M. Provence.
Sunnydel	Leon						Fla	By Letter.
Tallahassee	Taylor						Fla	By Letter.
Triumph	Taylor						Fla	By Letter.

HISTORICAL SKETCHES

OF THE CHURCHES OF THE

Florida Baptist Association.

EBENEZER.

According to the best information obtainable, the oldest church in this Association is EBENEZER, in Jefferson county. It appears to have been organized in 1828, with the following members: Abraham Mott, Joseph Chauncey (or Chancy), Light Townsend, James McArdell, Abraham Lamb, Sarah Burney, Nancy Townsend, Isabella Mott, Martha Brigham, Phoebe Townsend, Mary McArdell, Martha Lamb. Shortly afterward, the following were added by letter: Lewis Smith, Solomon Reaves, W. H. Mathers, William Hart, Mary Hart, Ann Martin, Elizabeth Boreman, Dolly Boreman, Frances Chapman, Sarah Mathers.

The first pastor was Benjamin Manning, senior; the first clerk, William May; and the first deacons, W. H. Mathers and Abraham Mott. The list of pastors includes the names of Henry Melton, James Connell, B. S. Fuller, H. S. Linton, N. M. Haven, George T. Leitner, W. B. Cooper, A. C. McCants, F. Beverly, F. M. Wells. Mr. Cooper's pastorate extended over a period of twenty-five years. It is to be regretted that more complete records of this long term of service have not been preserved.

This old mother church in our Association has made an honorable record for soundness in the faith.

INDIAN SPRINGS.

The next church in the order of age in the Association is that of Indian Springs, Leon county. It was organized in July, 1829, by a council consisting of Elders Theophilus Hardee and Henry Milton. The list of constituent members is given as follows: Ebenezer Folsom, Nancy Folsom, John Smith, Amos Allbritton, Joseph Miller, Elizabeth Miller, Helen Farmer, Fannie Hay, Sarah Burney and Nancy Hagan. They chose Theophilus Hardee as pastor, who served them in that relation for five years. The next pastor was John B. Lacy, who served four years. The list of pastors includes the names of John B. Broom, Jesse Goodman, Benjamin S. Fuller, Wiley Blewett, W. B. Cooper, J. R. Kimbrew, S. S. Proctor, William Reynolds and A. M. Manning.

This church called to ordination in March, 1839, Benjamin Manning, junior, John B. Lacy and James Connell acting as council.

The church has been decimated by deaths and removals, until only nine members remain. This faithful few still hold on to the things that remain, and they deserve the prayers and the sympathies of their brethren.

ELIZABETH.

In the order of age the next church in the Association is Elizabeth, Jefferson county, four miles north of Aucilla Station, F. C. & P. railroad. It was constituted in 1834, with six members, whose names were James Walker, Jesse Walker, Charles Walker, Mrs. Sarah Walker, and Caroline Kinsey. The first pastor was Jesse Goodman. The first deacons were Jesse Walker and Joseph Kinsey. The records having been either lost or destroyed, it is impossible to give its history. It is said to have had the services of twenty-five different pastors, one of whom, Elder R. H. Shackelford, was called to ordination by the church November 11, 1853.

CONCORD, MADISON COUNTY.

Two churches were constituted in the bounds of our Association in 1841. The first was that above named, which was constituted June 20 of that year, by the following named members: Joshua P. McCall, Wm. F. Johnson, Richard J. Mays, Mrs. Joshua P. McCall, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Harriet Johnson and Mrs. Eliza A. Mays. The first pastor was Elder R. J. Mays. In the sketch furnished it is stated that J. W. P. McCall was ordained to the gospel ministry June 20, 1840, but as this was exactly one year before the date given for the organization, some further explanation seems necessary.

R. J. Mays was ordained November, 1841. B. S. Fuller and H. S. Linton were ordained January, 1843. John G. McCall was licensed to preach December, 1854. Among its pastors, in addition to the names given above, were I. T. Houston, H. Z. Ardis, Samuel C. Craft, Ryan Frier, William H. Goldware, D. R. Milton and W. H. Bryant.

The church has transferred her connection to the Mercer Association, of Georgia, but the date of the transference is not given.

MONTICELLO.

This church was constituted September, 1841, by the following members: Elder Jesse Goodman, Samson Barrington, Mrs. Amelia Palmer, Mrs. Emily Clark, Mrs. Julia Bacon and Mrs. Elizabeth McCants. Its first pastor was Elder R. J. Mays. The first deacons were Joseph McCants and W. H. Scruggs. Among its pastors in subsequent years were H. S. Linton, N. M. Havens, W. B. Cooper, C. C. Smith, N. A. Bailey, A. B. Campbell, W. W. Bostick, A. C. McCants. In September, 1856, Elder C. C. Smith was ordained to the work of the gospel by authority of this church. N. M. Havens, of Maine, was in 1847 discovered to be an impostor and the fellowship of the church was withdrawn from him. Their house of worship was built in 1845 and 1846, the ground having been donated by

Mr. Martin Palmer. During the war between the States the services were very irregular, and so continued for some time after. The records were lost and have never been found.

ENON, LEON COUNTY.

Two churches in the Association were organized in 1843. One of these was Enon. Its records have been lost or destroyed. It is said to have had at one time as many as one hundred members, more than half of whom were negroes. Elder F. Lacy was the first pastor. Among other pastors the following names are given: Robert Levy, W. W. Childers, S. C. Revel, E. Trice, H. F. Burke, J. H. Ward, J. P. Roberts and G. W. Bostick.

The church building is four miles southwest of Tallahassee.

PROVIDENCE, GADSDEN COUNTY.

In the same year (1843), September 24, the church at Providence, nine miles south of Quincy, was organized by six members, whose names are not given. The council who acted with them in the organization were Elders Joshua Mercer and Thomas Lang. Elder J. W. Mann was the first pastor. The next pastor was Thomas Lang, and he had as his associate in the pastoral office Elder F. Duval. This is the first mention in the history of our Association of an associate pastor; and it is to be regretted that the circumstances of his appointment are not more fully given. This arrangement seems to have been designed to meet the needs of three mission interests of the church, one at Bristol, Liberty county, one at Flat Creek, Gadsden, and the third at Spring Hill, Gadsden county. The church grew until it embraced two hundred and thirty members. Afterward heresies sprang up (or were introduced), and an attempt was made to lead the church astray. The effort failed, though there was defection on the part of some.

The church has stood firm in its plea for the faith once for all delivered to the saints, and is still a strong and useful body.

In the list of its pastors are the following names, in addition to those given above: Elders Luther Seward, Mark Strickland, Elisha Vining, Thomas J. Bowen, S. R. Jones, O. E. McKeown (who served for seventeen years), C. D. Campbell, R. P. Green (who served in all about sixteen years), S. S. Richards, G. W. Hall, S. J. Revel, J. E. G. Campbell and F. M. Wells.

The history of the defection above alluded to would make a most interesting contribution to this sketch, if it could be accurately written.

The interesting statement is also given that during its history this church has set apart eight of its members to the work of preaching the gospel. Two of these were negroes. Their names were Samuel Jordan and Jerry Isaacs. The names of the others are not given. This church has been a member of our Association since 1883.

HARMONY, MADISON COUNTY.

This church was organized August, 1848. The council was Elders H. Z. Ardis, W. W. Blewett and George Walker. Constituent members: Elam and wife Anna, Allen Roebuck and wife Mary, and Martha Montgomery. The first pastor was Elder George Walker. The first deacons were Neill Campbell and Allen Roebuck. Three ministers were ordained by this church, viz.: Joseph McCants, February 27, 1870; W. J. Carroll, fourth Sabbath in December, 1870; and W. F. Harvard, 1876.

Among the pastors who have served the church are the following names: H. Z. Ardis, W. B. Cooper, C. C. Smith, W. W. Bostick, Joseph McCants, W. J. Carroll, R. P. Green (who was associational missionary in that part of the Association's territory in 1874), James H. Wentworth and F. M. Wells.

TALLAHASSEE.

The First Baptist Church of Tallahassee was organized November 10, 1849, by the following members: James E. Broome, Theodore Brevard, Hugh Archer, Robert B. Hilton, Mrs. E. Swicord, Mrs. C. E. Brevard, Sarah Archer, Mrs. M. A. Corley and Miss Catharine Smith. The first pastor was Elder J. T. Zealy, and the first deacons James E. Broome and Theodore Brevard. Up to the beginning of the war the sketch shows only two other pastors—W. W. Childers and J. C. Long. During and after the war the church seems to have been decimated by removals, and with the exception of some few desultory efforts, no permanent attempt was made to maintain preaching for a number of years, until the appointment of Dr. A. C. McCants as missionary pastor. His labors were attended with some success, but he was called to his reward November 3, 1886, and the flock was without a pastor, except for short and broken periods, till 1892. In March of that year the State Board of Missions appointed the present pastor. A year later he moved to the city, Dr. F. B. Ives, of Chicago, having tendered him the use of a house free of expense.

There were only three of the old flock remaining in the city, and three in the country, when he commenced his labors.

MOUNT GILEAD, MADISON COUNTY.

This church was organized September 29, 1850. The constituent members were Jacob Mott, Malintha Mott, Elizabeth Wheeler, Martha Ann Reams and Rachel Sapp. The first pastor was Elder Z. C. Wheeler. The second was Jacob Mott. Among its other pastors were J. H. Wentworth, W. F. Harvard, G. H. Hamilton, James W. Faulkner. Two brethren were ordained to the work of the gospel ministry by authority of this church, viz.: S. D. Walker, July 29, 1878, and John M. Hampton, December 23, 1881.

MOUNT BEZOR, WAKULLA COUNTY.

The date of organization of this church is indefinitely stated to be in the year 1853. Neither council nor constituent members are given. The record given is very meagre, though it is stated that within a period of thirty years 149 persons were baptized into the fellowship of the church.

The first pastor was Elder B. Walker, and the first deacon A. M. C. Trice. Among the pastors were W. W. Bostick, G. W. Hall, S. C. Revel, E. Trice, J. B. Langston, J. W. Faulkner, A. M. Manning, F. M. Wells.

In 1873 the church numbered eighty members, but soon after that time it divided on the subject of missions, a large portion being led away to join an anti-mission Association, while the rest remained faithful. These retained possession of the house of worship.

PERRY.

In 1856 three churches were organized in the territory of our Association—Perry, Pine Grove and Midway. The first of these was organized in May of that year the constituent members being J. A. J. Collins and wife, Moses Barker and wife, Edward Jordan and wife, Alfred Hodges and wife. The first pastor was Elder Z. C. Wheeler, and the first deacons were J. A. J. Collins, Moses Barker and Edward Jordan.

Willis Head and J. W. Faulkner were ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, but the date of the ordination is not given. The following brethren have served the church as pastors: B. S. Fuller, S. C. Craft, H. S. Linton, W. W. Bostick, Willis Head, R. P. Green (Associational missionary), J. H. Wentworth, J. W. Faulkner, F. M. Wells.

PINE GROVE, MADISON COUNTY.

This church was organized October 25, 1856, the organizing council being Elders R. J. Mays, Ryan Frier and S. C. Craft. The following were the constituent members:

Jarvis J. Frier, Nancy Frier, Hiram Roberts, Mary Roberts, Mary Warren, Sarah A. Warren, Henderson M. Frier and Elizabeth Woodward.

The first pastor was S. C. Craft, the first deacon was J. J. Frier, and the first clerk was H. M. Frier, who here commenced his services in the Master's vineyard. In four years the membership increased to eighty-four. The first day of January, 1859, was set apart by the church as a day of special prayer and fasting.

During the same conference at which this agreement was entered into, the church established a mission (or "arm") at a school house near the residence of Brother M. J. Williams, which was afterwards, in 1865, organized in a church and called Macedonia.

On the 26th day of January, 1861, a request was received from the Midway church for the ordination of Brother H. M. Frier to the work of the gospel ministry. The ordination took place accordingly, February 23 following, the ordaining council consisting of Elders Richard J. Mays and G. C. Powell.

At the church conference, March 21, 1863, the clerk was directed to make a list of its members who had enlisted in the army, and to ascertain the dates, if possible, of the deaths of any who had been killed or had died. It appears that this list was kept open to the close of the war, since the statement is given that fifteen went and only five returned.

This church became a member of the Florida Association in 1866.

In 1887 a number of members were dismissed by letter from this church to form the church at Hopeful (q. v.). The church at Oak Grove was also formed by members dismissed from this church in 1879. Thus it appears that this has been from the beginning a vigorous and fruitful vine. Elders S. C. Craft, Ryan Frier, G. C. Powell, H. Z. Ardis and H. M. Frier served it as pastor, each in turn leaving his impress upon it; but none of them has left a more abiding influence than the last.

MIDWAY, MADISON COUNTY.

The date given for the organization of the Midway church is December, 1856; but the record was lost and little is known of its history, except that it did not wholly die, until 1873, when it was reorganized with twenty members, whose names were as follows: John Dixon, Daniel Hicks, Timothy Peterson, Sandy Turner, W. J. Dixon, W. A. Brown, Victoria Dixon, Elizabeth Hicks, Catharine Peterson, Piety Peterson, Martha Turner, Nancy Dixon, Lydia Brown, Louisa Pinkard, Eliza Sullivan, Mary Williamson, Martha Johnson, Eleanor Hicks, Melvina Peak and Nancy Brown.

After the reorganization Elder H. M. Frier became pastor and served continuously for many years.

T. P. Webb and R. R. Parker were ordained to the ministry by authority of this church soon after its first organization though the exact date is not given.

AUCILLA, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

The year 1858 was signalized by the organization of two churches—Aucilla, in Jefferson county, and Concordia, in Gadsden county. The date of the first is given as January 23 of that year. There were ten constituent members—Elder Hilary Whitehurst, Jesse Walker, James S. Walker, James L. Kirkland, William R. Wimberly, Elizabeth Walker, Caroline Wimberly, Elizabeth C. Walker, Miss Jane Walker and Miss Sarah E. Walker. The first pastor was Elder C. C. Smith. The same year the church was received into the Florida Association. The first deacons were Silas Cokes and Jesse Walker. Among its pastors were Z. G. Wheeler, B. F. Fuller, W. B. Cooper, W. W. Bostick, George T. Leitner, W. J. Carroll, G. H. Hamilton, John M. Hampton, and F. M. Wells.

CONCORDIA, GADSDEN COUNTY.

Was organized with fifteen members, as follows: Alexander Bowen, W. C. Hendry, Sarah Barber, Narcissa Hen-

dry, B. A. Kemp, Mary A. Munn, E. B. Lane and wife, S. B. Simmons and wife, M. L. Hand, P. C. Long, Sabina Long, Mary Bowen and J. A. Hall. The first pastor was Elder O. E. McKeown, who served continuously from the organization till his death—ten years. The next pastor was Elder C. D. Campbell. The first deacons were S. B. Simmons and N. R. Hand. This church has made few pastoral changes. Among those who have served it in that relation were George Hall, Robert H. Harris, W. H. Haggard and A. M. Manning, the present pastor, who has served, first and last, about twelve years. The church is strong in numbers and in influence.

GREENVILLE.

The first name of this church was Shiloh. It was organized May 7, 1859. The following is believed to be a correct list of the constituent members: Hardy Griffin, W. S. Cresswell, A. Z. Hampton, Rachel Griffin, Mary E. Whitlock, L. J. Harvard, Eliza B. Hampton, Mary S. Mabry and Frances A. Cresswell. The first pastor was Elder S. C. Craft. The first deacons were Hardy Griffin and E. E. Barclay.

The date when the name was changed to Greenville is not given. Its present house of worship was built in 1888-9, and it is probable that the change was made about that time.

The records are incomplete.

Among its pastors were Z. G. Wheeler, W. B. Cooper, H. Z. Ardis, A. C. McCants, W. F. Harvard, J. O. Harris and F. M. Wells.

ANTIOCH, GADSDEN COUNTY.

This church was organized August 25, 1865, with thirteen members, five of whom were men. The list is not given.

The organization resulted from the labors of Elder G. W. Bostick, who afterward served as pastor one year. The organizing council was O. E. McKeown and C. D. Camp-

bell. For the greater part of a year after its organization the church met in an oak grove. Elders G. W. Hall, Jasper Richards, G. W. Pasten, Calvin Rudd and S. J. Revells have served as pastors. Special mention is made of Elder S. J. Revells' pastorate of seven years, during which the membership increased from seventeen to eighty. A noble record, truly.

MACEDONIA, MADISON COUNTY.

Organized September 17, 1865, by the following members: Manning J. Williams, Henderson M. Frier, E. S. Pert, William Cornett, Cynthia Williams, Mary Frier, Georgiana V. Anderson, Sarah Cornett and Emeline Pert. Their first pastor was H. M. Frier, who, with the exception of two years, seems to have served them continuously till his death in 1894. The first deacon was M. J. Williams, who served in that capacity till called to his reward.

LAKE ELLEN, WAKULLA COUNTY.

This church was constituted September 19, 1869. The following list of constituent members is given: Almon Levy, Robert Pigott, J. C. Whetson, H. B. Simmons, J. W. Smith, Joseph Allen, John Reynolds, J. E. Pigott, Caroline Smith, Laura Allen, Martha Reynolds and Susannah Sasser. For eight years Elder G. W. Bostick served them as pastor. The first deacons were Almon Levy and J. W. Smith. Other pastors have been Daniel Hayes and E. Trice.

CORINTH, LIBERTY COUNTY.

This church was constituted May 21, 1871. Council, Elders G. W. Bostick and G. W. Hall. The list of members is not given. The first pastor was G. W. Hall. Other pastors have been S. J. Revel, J. E. G. Campbell and J. N. Revel. In the sketch furnished it is stated that the church at one time had "serious troubles," but neither the precise

date nor the cause nor the nature of the "troubles" is given. In 1889 Elder J. N. Revel became pastor for a second time, and peace was restored through his earnest labors.

MOUNT OLIVE, LIBERTY COUNTY.

The origin of this church was the organization, January 4, 1873, of a church called Mount Vernon, by members, mainly, dismissed from Providence church, Gadsden county, the organizing council being Elders S. J. Richards and A. N. McDougal. There were eleven of these, but their names are not given. The new church was received into the Florida Association the same year. The first pastor was S. J. Richards. In 1876 Elder J. N. Revells became pastor, and during his term of service, which was short, trouble arose concerning certain "doctrines" that began to prevail in the community. What it was is not stated. Elder J. E. G. Campbell succeeded Elder Revells, and his ministry was blessed with a gracious revival.

In 1881 Elder B. F. Posten, of Georgia, came into the community. The church had been inactive for a year. He persuaded them to come together, but when they met they resolved to disband. The next year thirteen members went into a reorganization, adopting the former covenant and rules of decorum. Elder Posten induced these brethren to apply for membership in the Southwestern Association of Georgia. Trouble again arose under his pastorate, and another dissolution took place. Soon after this seven of the former members organized again, moving to a point about two miles distant, which they named Mount Olive. Elder Posten became their pastor and served them for two years. In September, 1855, Elder J. E. G. Campbell became their pastor, and was still serving them when this sketch was written. The church was received into the Florida Association in 1888.

NEW MACEDONIA, MADISON COUNTY.

This church was constituted November 1, 1873. The following list of constituent members is given: James W. Hampton, Daniel Coker, Isham T. Coker, Evan Taylor, Susan Porter, Sara Porter, Caroline Wimberly, Elizabeth McCants, Laura Hampton, Nicey Coker, Sarah Coker and Charity Taylor. Elder Kinsey Taylor, who was serving as missionary, was the first pastor, and Neil Campbell was the first deacon. Other pastors were R. P. Green, James H. Wentworth, A. C. McCants, George T. Leitner, James W. Faulkner and F. M. Wells.

Elder George T. Leitner was ordained to the ministry by authority of this church February 18, 1877.

NEW PROSPECT, MADISON COUNTY.

On the fifth Lord's day in January, 1876, this church was constituted with the following members: John G. Plant, W. D. Lee, Frances M. Plant, Mary Rodgers, Sarah Bass, Mary J. Bass, Elizabeth Towles and Sallie Lee. Elder J. H. Wentworth was their first pastor, and continued with them when this sketch was written.

Honorable mention is made in the record given of the efficient and successful work of Sister F. M. Plant in the Sunday school.

PLEASANT HILL (UNITY), TAYLOR COUNTY.

This church was constituted March 22, 1877, with seven members—Alfred Easters, Welborn Williams, F. M. Wells, Daniel Wade, Emily Easters, John S. Easters and Catharine Ham. The first pastor was J. W. Faulkner. Elder F. M. Wells was ordained to the ministry by authority of this church in June, 1878. He at once became pastor and served continuously for several years. The church was afterward dissolved (causes not stated), and another was organized near the same place and called by the name of Pleasant Hill, by which it is still known.

OLIVE BRANCH, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

This organization was effected September 16, 1877, with the following members: A. J. Pollock, Z. T. Anderson, Frederick Jeffers, Sarah E. Pollock, H. A. Davis and Elizabeth Andrews. The first pastor was Elder W. F. Harvard. Other pastors were J. W. Hampton and F. M. Wells. The church was received into this Association in 1888.

HOPEFUL, MADISON COUNTY.

This church was constituted October 11, 1877, the council being Elders George T. Leitner and S. S. Proctor. Following are the names of the constituent members: John C. Loper, Susan Loper, Andrew J. Gill, Mollie J. Gill, Joseph W. Dansby, Elizabeth C. Dansby, Albert H. Loper, Abigail B. Lloyd, L. A. M. Thomas, sr., all of whom were dismissed by letter from Pine Grove church in order to form this church. The following were added by profession of faith and baptism: G. M. Bennett, W. P. Caraway, Elijah Clarke, John P. Lyons, H. C. Golden, F. A. Pidgeon, R. Moon, William Pidgeon, S. Henley, William J. Pidgeon, Carrie Bennett, Martha A. Caraway, Susan T. Lyons, Indiana Waters, M. E. McClellan, S. E. Golden, Susan Agnew, Nancy A. Pidgeon, Mary J. Pidgeon and Rachel M. Pidgeon. The first pastor was Elder S. S. Proctor, who served continuously for seven years, often walking forty five miles to fill his appointments. His labors were greatly blessed. Other pastors were H. M. Frier, Martin Knight, W. P. Head, E. Trice and R. F. Hacker.

The first deacons were John C. Loper and Andrew J. Gill, the former of whom gave the ground on which the church built its house of worship.

The church was received into this Association in 1878, her messengers being S. S. Proctor and H. C. Golden.

PLEASANT GROVE, LAFAYETTE COUNTY.

This church was constituted March, 1879, by the following members: J. J. Cates, Cynthia E. Cates, G. W. Lawson, Sarah Hicks, Amanda Strickland, D. A. Lawson and Samuel Strahan. The first pastor was S. S. Proctor and the first deacon J. A. Brock.

PLEASANT GROVE, TAYLOR COUNTY.

On April 13, 1879, this church was constituted with the following members: W. B. Tedder, George C. Williams, E. S. Lee, Elizabeth J. Tedder, Mevina Kemp, Martha

Kemp, Calie B. Tedder, Nancy Eakin and Martha E. Williams.

The first pastor was W. F. Harvard and the second J. H. Wentworth. The first deacon was E. S. Lee

OAK GROVE, MADISON COUNTY.

This church was formed by ten members from the Pine Grove church. Their names are not given. Council, Elders H. M. Frier and J. O. Harris. Elder Frier became their pastor as soon as they were organized, and served them faithfully for fifteen consecutive years till his death. During this period he baptized into the fellowship of the church one hundred and three members.

Elder J. T. Farnell was ordained to the ministry by authority of this church November 10, 1886.

This church has maintained a Sunday school almost continuously from its origin, which has been an important factor in its growth and usefulness.

CENTREVILLE, LEON COUNTY.

The church at Centreville was constituted October 28, 1879. The list of constituent members is given as follows: Elder A. M. Manning, Mattie Manning, W. H. Lester, Goodie Lester, Callie Lester, M. M. Kinchen, Mrs. Kinchen, J. D. Pepper, Hattie L. Pepper, Mrs. John Lester, Mrs. Robert Lester, Mrs. Eliza Conner, (Mrs.) Lettie Johnson, Mrs. J. B. Switzer, Mrs. Stringer, L. L. DeMilly, Mary DeMilly. Elder A. M. Manning became their pastor, and has in various terms of service preached for them most of the time since. The church was soon afterward received into the Association. The first deacons were J. D. Branch and W. H. Lester. These two brethren were called to their reward within a few months of each other, and J. B. Manning and J. D. Pepper were chosen to succeed them.

SALEM, FRANKLIN COUNTY.

The church at Carrabelle is still called by its old name of Salem in the Association's minutes, though popularly designated by the name of the town.

It was organized March 17, 1887, by Elder E. Trice, who at that time was a missionary of the Florida Association. Following is a list of the constituent members: J. T. Bostick, J. L. Robinson, Mary Bostick, Eliza Kemp, Lucy Robinson, Sallie Chester, Mattie Storrs and Susan Courtney. The church was received into the Association at

the meeting of that year. J. A. Chester and J. L. Robinson were chosen deacons, and Elder Trice served them as pastor for four years. A house of worship was built on a lot given by Mr. Benjamin L. Curtis, of New York, through his agent, Mr. O. H. Kelley. When the building was nearly completed it was accidentally burned, February 24, 1889. Immediate steps were taken to rebuild, the pastor soliciting aid from churches and friends in East and Middle Florida, until it was completed.

Elder W. A. Bryan was called to the pastorate January 11, 1891. After a few months he resigned. January 3, 1892, A. M. Wamboldt was elected pastor.

BREWER LAKE, LAFAYETTE COUNTY.

This church was organized April 1, 1888 with seventeen members, whose names are not given. Council, Elders H. M. Frier, Z. Deas and A. Bond. John W. Day was chosen as deacon and clerk, and Elder Frier became pastor. The church was received into the Association in 1889, the messengers being W. D. Pervis and H. W. Roberts.

EBENEZER, LEON COUNTY.

This church was organized March 17, 1889. Council, Elder J. H. Ward and Deacon N. Andrews. Constituent members seven, whose names are not given. Elder W. T. Newberry served them as pastor for three years. The first deacons were L. A. Roberts and W. F. Hartsfield. The church was received into the Association October, 1889.

The building of the C. T. & G. railroad and the establishment of a station near this church has increased greatly the importance of its field and work.

LAKE MYSTIC, LIBERTY COUNTY.

This church was organized August 24, 1889, with nine members, whose names are not given. Council, Elders J. E. G. Campbell and S. J. Revel. The latter became pastor and still serves, and the membership has increased greatly under his care.

APPENDIX.

Some notice is appropriate of a church in Madison county, named BETHEL, which was organized March 27, 1881, with seven members—J. R. Walker, J. J. Walker, A. D. Beaty, M. G. Walker, Mrs. L. A. Walker, Mrs. M. J. Beaty and Mrs. M. P. Walker. For some reason the church did not prosper, and soon afterward disbanded.

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C. TRICE, Ocklocknee, Wakulla County, Fla.
J. H. WENTWORTH, Shady Grove, Taylor County, Fla.
J. R. KIMBREW, Moseley Hall, Madison County, Fla.
A. C. McCANTS, Greenville, Madison County, Fla.

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W. N. BENNETT, Pautuxet, Wakulla County, Fla.
G. T. LEITNER, Greenville, Madison County, Fla.

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