

Sixty-Third Anniversary

*Florida Baptist
Association*

Perry, Florida.

1905

REV. F. M. WELLS, MODERATOR, ALAMO, FLA.

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Minutes

of the Sixty-third Annual Gathering of the

Florida Baptist Association

Held With the

*Perry Baptist Church
Perry, Florida.*

Tuesday and Wednesday October 10 & 11 1905.

Next Annual Meeting to be held with the Harmony
Baptist Church, Madison County, Florida, on
Tuesday after the Second Sunday
in October 1905.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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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.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FLORIDA BAPTISTS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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 and prepare them for the press.

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

Article 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.

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

Article 9. The minutes of the Association shall be publicly read (and corrected, if necessary) and then signed by the Moderator and Clerk before adjournment.

Article 10. Any amendment or ratification 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.

Article 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 Work 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.

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 vote 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 being 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 pre-

vious question, or for adjournment.

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

16. Any member may 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.

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.

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

Article 3. We believe in the doctrine of particular and eternal election.

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

Article 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.

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

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

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

Article 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.

Article 10. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a general judgement.

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

Article 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.

LIST OF MINISTERS COMPILED FROM THE CHURCH LETTERS.

1. J. D. Bohannon, Chaires, Florida.
2. S. F. Blount, Alamo, Florida.
3. W. H. Caraway, Madison, Florida.
4. Stephen Crockett, Lloyd, Florida.
5. J. E. Clements, Medart, Florida.
6. Frank W. Cramer, Tallahassee, Florida.
7. J. A. Davis, Madison, Florida.
8. Luther S. Hutchens, Ashmore, Florida.
9. James Holland, Ochlochnee, Florida.
10. A. M. Manning, Mannington, Florida.
11. R. T. Marsh, Madison, Florida.
12. C. M. Peddie, Bristol, Florida.
13. S. J. Revell, Bristol, Florida.
14. L. A. Roberts, Spring Hill, Florida.
15. A. V. Reese, Crawfordville, Florida.
16. F. M. Wells, Alamo, Florida.
17. C. B. Wright, Quincy, Florida.

LICENSED.

1. Morgan F. Anderson, Smith Creek, Florida.
2. A. Cox, Smith Creek, Florida.
3. T. J. Faulkner, Perry, Florida.
4. Asa P. Gray, Mars Hill, North Carolina.
5. T. J. Herring, Norman, Park, Georgia.
6. A. A. Murphree, Tallahassee, Florida.
7. J. A. Whetston, Medart, Florida.

Minutes of the Association.

PERRY, FLORIDA, OCTOBER 10th, 1905

TUESDAY MORNING.

The sixty-third anniversary of The Florida Baptist Association commenced at eleven o'clock a. m. in the meeting house of The Perry Baptist, Perry, Florida.

Devotional services were held and Rev. Frank W. Cramer preached the introductory sermon on the text Micah 3: 8, "But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord." Adjourned for Dinner.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

At 1:30 p. m. the Association was called to order by the moderator Rev. F. M. Wells, who read Psalm 27. Rev. Frank W. Cramer the clerk enrolled the names of messengers present as follows:

- Aenon.—By Letter.
- Antioch.—By Letter.
- Arron.—By Letter.
- Carrabelle.—By Letter.
- Chaires.—By Letter.
- Concord.—By Letter.
- Concondia.—W. G. Maxwell, W. A. Peavy.
- Corinth Liberty.—By Letter.
- Crawfordville.—A. V. Reese.
- Ebenezer, Jefferson.—W. T. Colson.
- Ebenezer Leon.—L. A. Roberts.
- Elizabeth.—C. T. Shepperd, B. S. Howell, Frank Hamrick, Alford Hamrick.
- Flat Creek.—J. B. Fletcher, W. F. Cowan.
- Greenville.—C. L. Leggett.
- Harmony.—Z. T. Andrews, B. Goodman, J. W. Andrews, N. W. Campbell.
- Indian Spring.—H. C. Billingsley.
- Lake Ellen.—By Letter.
- Lake Mystic.—By Letter.
- Madison.—G. W. Tedder, E. C. Hassell, R. T. Marsh.
- Monticello.—By Letter.
- Moseley Hall.—Samuel Shaw.
- Mount Bezar.—J. C. Whetston.
- Mount Elon.—Luther S. Hutchins.
- Oak Grove.—W. T. Frier.
- Perry.—T. J. Faulkner, W. B. Davis.
- Providence.—F. M. Wells, W. H. Dean.

Quincy.—A. S. White.

Sunny Dell.—G. B. Strickland, J. B. McDonald.

Sundown.—Stephen Crockett.

Tallahassee.—Frank W. Cramer.

Rev. F. M. Wells was elected moderator and Rev. Stephen Crockett Clerk.

After a few remarks had been made by the moderator and clerk; visiting brethren were invited to seats with us, without any one responding. A motion was made and seconded that the order of business be suspended and the Association proceed to the election of a treasurer; After remarks had been made by several brethren the motion was lost. A motion prevailed that a devotion service be held while the moderator made up the list of committees, which service was conducted by Bro. A. S. White. The following Committees were then appointed by the Moderator:

Temperance.—W. B. Davis, E. C. Hassell, W. G. Maxwell.

Women's Work.—Luther S. Hutchins, W. H. Dean and J. B. MacDonald.

Periodicals.—A. V. Reese, G. B. Strickland and W. F. Frier.

Sunday Schools.—Frank W. Cramer, J. C. Whetstone and Samuel Shaw.

Ministerial Education.—R. T. Marsh, A. S. White and W. A. Peavy.

Foreign Missions.—L. A. Roberts, Z. T. Andrews and Frank Hamrick.

Preaching.—The official members of Perry Church.

Condition of the Churches.—A. S. White, C. T. Shepherd and W. T. Colson.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons.—C. L. Leggett, Alford Hamrick, W. F. Cowan.

Finance.—G. W. Tedder, H. C. Bilingsley and B. Goodman.

A motion was made and seconded that the moderator sometime before this Association closes announce the members of standing committees to report as the next Association. The motion being out of order was passed for the present.

The following named brethren were chosen as Delegates to represent this Association at the State Convention: Stephen Crockett, W. B. Davis, Frank W. Cramer, A. V. Reese, R. T. Marsh, A. S. White.

Motion prevailed that this Association ask the State Convention to appoint as one of the members of the State Board of Missions one of the delegates appointed by this body. R. T. Marsh was appointed to represent this body at the Southern Baptist Convention.

The committee on Preaching announced Rev. Luther S. Hutchins to preach at 7:30 P. M. and Rev. R. T. Marsh at 11 A. M. R. T. Marsh read the following:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

An education does not create mind, but prepares it for performing the functions for which it is by nature fitted. "Educate" comes from two Latin words which mean "lead out" or "bring up" the mind to the point where it is strong and able to think wisely. To accomplish this end two things are necessary—facts and training. We must train, or develop, the mind so that we may be able to think wisely on various subjects; but we cannot use our mental faculties aright unless we have facts to give proper direction to our thinking. Hence we see the importance of training under the very best influences. Much harm may be done by leaving the untrained mind to grapple with problems it cannot solve. It must be developed in the direction of a right solution. So we see not only the need of an education, but of an education under Christian influences.

In the not far distant past it looked as if institutions of learning without a distinctly religious basis, or influence, would drive denominational schools from the field. But there has been a great revival of interest in the importance of training under Christian influences. Men of means are giving largely to the founding and maintenance of these schools; while the educated and the uneducated are taking much interest in these schools and teachers for the training of their young. In fact the leaders in education in all ages have been men ordained and sent out to preach the Gospel. It has been said that "reason and philosophy are the children of the pulpit." Seeing that a few followers of Jesus have accomplished so much in the past, we need to see our enlarged opportunity and obligation with our superior advantages. About ninety per cent of our schools are under Christian influence, and more than ninety per cent of our colleges are Christian, and more than eighty per cent of them are conducted by Christian men, while only about nine per cent of our schools and colleges are without Christian sentiment. We rejoice in the great progress and large efficiency of our own John B. Stetson University at DeLand, Fla., and our Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and bespeak for them an enlarged support and patronage.

Our children should go to Christian Colleges under Baptist control, and our public schools should be taught only by Christian men and women, from whom the young would learn something of the strength of Christ, character, the beauty of his manhood and the glory of his submission to the Father. Thoroughly educated in heart as well as in head.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MARSH, Chairman of Com.,

A. S. WHITE,

W. A. PEAVY.

Which was on motion adopted after having been spoken to by Frank W. Cramer who presented the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

With a sincere desire to give to every man his full need of praise and honor, yet we are not of those who believe that Robert Raikes was the discoverer of the Modern Bible School idea. We do not think that even the germ of this idea originated in his fertile brain. In the time of Nehemiah and "Ezra the Scribe" we find this germ idea manifesting itself.

Its marvelous development and ever-growing power is the wonder and admiration of thoughtful Christians everywhere.

This idea, seen in its largest and most nearly perfect form in the great centres of population and Christian activity, is nevertheless permeating and pervading Every region and section of our country and the most rural districts today feel the mighty throb of its heart and life.

Childhood has never been so thoroughly, so sociologically, so religiously studied as today.

Never in the history of the race of man on the earth has the training of the child been given such close attention as the present. Never have methods of developing and training the child mind been so nearly perfect as they are today. Shall all this go for naught and be neglected by the Sabbath school?

We rejoice that Bible school workers are availing themselves of these advantages—

Our equipments are better than ever before. Our churches are being built with reference to the work to be done in the Bible School. Our Bible School literature was never of so high an order as it is now and each year witnesses great advancement.

This is seen in the mechanical feature of this work. Never have these help been so attractive in form—never so adapted to various grades of school as at present.

Then the scholarship employed in their production is of the very highest order and the blessed old Book has never yielded so much of its precious treasure—the truth—as it has under the careful, critical yet reverent search study and investigation of the Christian scholars who prepare these lessons for our study.

As an Association, some of our needs are

Every church should have a Bible School

Every Bible School should have more pupils

Every School should be reasonably graded.

The acting force of our Bible Schools must in some way by some means be gradually improved.

The pastor must in some way be awakened to his full responsibility in this matter. It is to be greatly feared that some of our pastors do not know (or at least do not realize) their position and duty in respect to this part of the work of our churches.

Frank W. Cramer.

Frank W. Cramer presented the following:

Brother Pastor, will you not see to it that a live and successful Bible School is conducted in your church during this coming Associational year.

Respectfully Submitted,

FRANK W. CRAMER,

J. C. WHETSTON,

SAMUEL SHAW.

And was addressed by Frank W. Cramer and A. S. White.

Motion to adjourn till nine o'clock a. m. prevailed. Frank W. Cramer led in the closing prayer.

Rev. Luther S. Hutchins preached at night. Text 1. John 2:1, 2: "And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" and etc.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Session opened with the reading of Psalm 15 by the Moderator. Luther S. Hutchins led in prayer. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved. Motion prevailed that the discussion on the Sunday report be postponed. The following report on Periodicals was presented by A. V. Reese.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We are God's body, mind and spirit. The religion of the Lord Jesus Christ involves every part of our being. All our powers Christ claims for himself and uses in his services, our bodies as well as our spirit.

We should seek to give these to Him well developed and thoroughly trained. Ignorance cannot foster spirituality, but is the home of superstition and vice. If piety exists with ignorance it is in spite of the ignorance and not because of it. Without the knowledge of God there can be no life in the soul. The fuller this knowledge and the larger the capacity for acquiring such knowledge the fuller and richer the spiritual life.

Baptists have ever recognized this principle. The printing press has followed closely in the work of the church. Our people should know what the Baptists are doing by reading our papers.

We heartily recommend the Southern Witness to our people. It ought to find its way into every Baptist home in the State.

The Foreign Mission Journal will be found very helpful in keeping the mission work before our people.

Respectfully submitted,

A. V. REESE, Chairman of Com.,

G. B. STRICKLAND,

W. T. FRIER.

The report was spoken to by Stephen Crockett and then

adopted.

Luther S. Hutchins read the report.

REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK.

We, your committee on Women's Work beg to submit the following report:

Realizing the fact that at last, the day has dawned when Women have compelled us, by their true devotion to God and their success in their work to see in them the ability to bring about certain attainments which can none otherwise but add to the glory of God and to the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to the material growth of our churches therefore be it resolved that we as leaders and workers in the Master's vineyard extend a hand of welcome to the woman's organization and do all that we can to encourage them in their work. We ask that prayer may wend their way Heavenward from every church in the Florida Association in behalf of the work in which the women are playing such a conspicuous part.

Let us burn the barriers away and not impede the progress of their most glorious and weighty work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. HUTCHINS,

W. H. DEAN,

J. B. McDONALD,

Committee.

And being spoken to by the chairman of the Committee, Stephen Crockett, T. J. Faulkner, A. S. White and Miss J. L. Spalding the report was then adopted.

W. B. Davis read the report.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee appointed on Temperance, beg to report, that we find that the members of our churches in reference to temperance are not taking the interest in this subject that we, as a committee and as Baptists, think should be taken in the matter. Temperance does not simply mean the abstinence from the use of alcoholic liquors but in its broadest sense carries with it a more enlarged meaning, however as committees are generally expected to discuss it as meaning only the refrainment from indulging in the excessive use of intoxicating liquors, we treat the matter from that standpoint. It is so often, we are sorry to say, that the position of the Baptist church of any neighborhood is not pronounced enough upon this point. Churches retain as members in good standing, often, persons who get drunk, without taking the matter up in conference or even having a committee visit the brother who is so weak as to too freely imbibe and talk to him about it in brotherly love. Members of our churches put the cup to their brothers lips and cause their weak brother to fall. The

Baptist churches should awake to a realization of the fact that upon their shoulders rests the burden of, to a certain extent moulding the sentiment of the communities in which they are located and if there is a healthy temperance sentiment in any community it will only be brought about by the activity of the Christian men and women of that community. Our laws prohibit the selling of spirituous liquors to minors and still where the sale of liquor is pretended to be legalized it is sold to minors and is sold on Sunday which is another violation of the law, and we do not see that the law is enforced. We are careless of our interests so long as the evil attending the neglect of those interests is visited upon brothers and neighbors, but when it comes home to us and takes our own boy, father, or brother, or when it blasts and ruins the life of our own sister we are willing to go to work and do something, but here we do not meet with the assistance and co-operation that we should have from one another as brothers in Christ and as bearing one another burdens. Brethren let us as Baptists and let us as Christians be more pronounced in our position upon this question. We have said time and again at our associations and other denominational meetings that intemperance is an evil why then discuss that question and why then remain with our lips closed and our tongues stilled while so much remains undone?

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. DAVIS,

W. G. MAXWELL,

E. C. HASSELL,

Committee.

The following-named brethren participated in the discussion: Stephen Crockett, T. J. Faulkner, R. T. Marsh, Frank W. Cramer and W. B. Davis when the report was then adopted.

The report on Sunday Schools, which had been laid over from yesterday was adopted.

Business was suspended for preaching.

Rev. R. T. Marsh preached on the text John 15:5: "I am the vine, ye are the branches."

By vote of the Association the regular order of business at the afternoon session was suspended in order that Miss J. L. Spalding give an address on Woman's Work.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. Stephen Crockett led in prayer. Miss J. L. Spalding made an address on Woman's Work. The report on Foreign Missions was had and adopted after discussion by H. C. Billingsby, L. A. Roberts, Frank W. Cramer and Stephen Crockett.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSION.

BRETHREN:—

We, the undersigned beg leave to submit the following report: It is well for God's people to realize that in trying to do mission work without His spirit, we can do nothing. When we search God's word we find that Christ (Acts 1-5) told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the spirit and later, in verse 8, he told them when the spirit should come upon them, they would receive power and be witnesses unto him in Jerusalem and all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Here the spirit is distinctly promised. We believe the time has come that we should do as Barnabas and Saul; See the glorious results recorded in Acts 19:6. It is best for us to remember that God's spirit is in this work he selects. He calls, He gives power, He gives results, when He is present, we can joyfully go forward, we can have Him in answer to prayer, let us in faith trust Him. Oh, that He may direct us all in this work and us for His glory!

Surely, God did not intend us, who know of His love, to leave these people in this awful condition. Christ told us to go everywhere and tell them of His coming to earth. He gave them the work, telling them that he sent them even as the Father had sent Him. Surely he wants these poor people to know Him. Let us consider the millions dying without Christ. Let us give more and work more in the future than we have in the past. We rejoice in our noble missionaries, who for long years have stood on the front battle-line—we will give in figures below. We have missions in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina.

God has greatly blessed us, as we can see by the growth of our work in ten years. We give figures for 1895 and 1903. Then we had 91 missionaries, now 181; then 85 churches on the field, now 194; then 22 church buildings, now 132; then 1,503 Sunday school scholars, now 5,496; then 581 Baptism for the year, this year 2231, then a total membership of 3,493 after fifty years' work, now 11,423. Then the contributions for the year was \$135,435.02. This year it is \$283,415.88. God has blessed us, we must go forward. We would suggest that each pastor would take up as much as two collections each year.

L. A. ROBERTS,
Z. T. ANDREWS,
FRANK HAMRICK.

The report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was presented and adopted after it had been spoken to by several of the brethren. L. A. Roberts led in prayer.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Dear Brethren:—We, your committee, rejoice to report that God has graciously spared the lives of all our ministers with the

exception of Rev. E. Price, of Tallahassee. We also regret to report the death of Deacon F. H. Shepard, of Quincy Church, and Deacon O. B. Hall, of Concordia Church, who was also treasurer of our Association. They were devoted Christian gentlemen, faithful, prompt efficient and abounding in many good works. We also sympathize with Rev. S. M. Provence, a former pastor in our Association, in the death of his son, W. Harry Provence. We recommend that a blank page be left in our minutes to their memory.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. L. LEGGETT,
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exception of Rev. E. Price, of Tallahassee. We also regret to report the death of Deacon F. H. Shepard, of Quincy Church, and Deacon O. B. Hall, of Concordia Church, who was also treasurer of our Association. They were devoted Christian gentlemen, faithful, prompt efficient and abounding in many good works. We also sympathize with Rev. S. M. Provence, a former pastor in our Association, in the death of his son, W. Harry Provence. We recommend that a blank page be left in our minutes to their memory.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. L. LEGGETT,
ALFRED HAMRICK,
W. F. COWAN.

"The Memory of the Just is Blessed"

REV. E. TRICE

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord"

Deacons:

F. H. SHEPARD

O. B. HALL

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints"

W. HARRY PROVENCE,

Son of REV. S. M. PROVENCE

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."



The report of the committee on Finance was read and adopted
REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We your Finance Committee beg leave to report the following contributions for this Associational year:

Aged Ministers,	\$1.00.
Orphanage,	3.55.
Associational purposes,	124.65.
State Missions,	12.00.
Home "	7.00.
Foreign "	11.35.
Minutes and Clerk,	24.18.
Total	\$183.73.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. W. TEDDER, Chm.,

B. T. GOODMAN,

H. C. BILLINGSLEY.

The report of the Executive was received and adopted after a few remarks had been made on same by the chairman, Frank W. Cramer.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Soon after the last session of the Association your committee held a meeting at Tallahassee. Those present were Brethren S. J. Révell, L. A. Roberts and Frank W. Cramer. At this meeting it was decided to suggest to the churches that we raise the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars in order that we might be able to employ an Associational Missionary for at least one half time.

Suggested amounts were named for each church in the Association to raise in order that the entire amount of \$450.00 might be secured. The Secretary Bro. E. L. Wells communicated by letter with each church of the Association asking whether they would agree to raise the amount suggested to them by the Committee.

Very few responses were received by him to these letters of inquiry less than \$150.00 was really pledged in answer to these letters of inquiry and your committee felt it to be unwise to employ a Missionary under these circumstances.

In regard to the matter of paying the balance due the late Bro. E. Trice on salary for service rendered as pastor of the church at Moseley Hall your committee reports as follows:

We learned that the Association was in no wise consulted concerning, or was a party to the contract entered into by Bro. Trice and the church at Mosley Hall where this obligation was assumed and hence there was no obligation resting upon the Association to pay this indebtedness. Its payment could only be a matter of grace on the part of the Association then again the

Executive Committee had no money with which to pay this indebtedness in addition to this your committee learned that the church at Mosley Hall had in its Treasury the sum of thirty or Forty Dollars unappropriated and that the indebtedness was only \$18.00 we therefore declined to pay this balance requesting the church itself to meet its just obligation.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. CRAMER,
L. A. ROBERTS.

A. S. White read the report of committee on the condition of the churches.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

We as your committee beg to say that with our limited means of obtaining the information desires that we cannot make an intelligent report.

As to either Spiritual or financial condition of the churches at this time.

We respectfully ask that each church send up a more complete letter to the next Association so that the committee can make a more complete and intelligent report.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. WHITE,
C. T. SHEPHERD,
W. T. COLSON.

Which report was adopted after it had been spoken to by a number of the brethren. The moderator stated that the treasurer of the Association, Bro. O. B. Hall, had died and that the money in his care was on deposit in the Quincy State Bank. The following named brethren were chosen by the Association to serve as the executive committee: F. M. Wells, G. W. Tedder, C. T. Shepard, L. A. Roberts, Frank W. Cramer.

Bro. G. W. Tedder was elected as treasurer of the Association.

It was moved and seconded that a column be added to our minutes to be called "Associational Purposes" several brethren took part in a discussion on the motion, when a motion prevailed that it be laid on the table. The following resolution was presented.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to be known as a Committee on Programme for our next Associational meeting that the duty of this Committee be to prepare a programme for next year's Session of the Association and publish the same at least three months previous to the meeting of the Association; that this programme shall provide that in addition to the Introductory Sermon the above mentioned Committee shall arrange for a Missionary Sermon and a Doctrinal Sermon—selecting the brethren

who shall preach these sermons; that they shall arrange for a suitable number of addresses to be delivered by selected brethren on subjects that are of vital interest to the churches composing this Association after the delivery of which the subjects shall be discussed by the Association.

Which same was adopted.

On motion the Clerk was allowed the usual fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for his services. Motion prevailed that the next next Association be held with the Harmony Church on Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, 1906. By a rising vote the thanks of the Association was extended to the members of the Perry Church and the community for their kindness and hospitality. The Moderator appointed as Committee on Programme the following named brethren.

FRANK W. CRAMER,
STEPHEN CROCKETT,
L. A. ROBERTS.

Motion to adjourn prevailed.

During the singing of "Blest be the tie that binds," the parting hand was given and with the benediction by Frank W. Cramer the Association stood adjourned.

F. M. WELLS,
Moderator,

STEPHEN CROCKETT,
Clerk.

THE LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. J. B. Adams.

Song, "All Hail the power of Jesus' name."

Address of Welcome by the President.

Scripture reading and prayer by Miss J. D. Spalding.

REPORT OF SOCIETIES.

1st, Madison, 2nd, Perry, 3rd, Tallahassee, 4th Quincy, not reported.

Report of Junior Mission Band was made by the President, Alvah Lee Adams and The Sunbeams, of Madison were mentioned by Mrs. Hinely.

Suggestions in regard to work was given by Miss Spalding, explaining the Tichenor Memorial work in China and work among the Pawnee Indians.

Song, "Rescue The Perishing."

The children's meeting began at four o'clock and Miss Spalding talked to them about the Pawnee Indians.

The children agreed to contribute towards sending a missionary to the Pawnees.

Song, "America," and prayer by Miss Spalding.

MRS. W. B. DAVIS,
Secretary.

Name of Church, Pastor

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR
1 Aeon	Leon	James Holland
2 Antioch	Gadsden	
3 Aaron	Wakulla	A. V. Reese
4 Bristol	Liberty	
5 Carrabelle	Franklin	C. B. Wright
6 Chaires	Leon	Stephen Crockett
7 Concord	Madison	J. D. Evans
8 Concordia	Gadsden	C. B. Wright
9 Centreville	Leon	
10 Corinth	Liberty	S. J. Revell
11 Corinth	Taylor	
12 Crawfordville	Wakulla	A. V. Reese
13 Ebenezer	Jefferson	J. T. Montgomery
14 Ebenezer	Leon	L. A. Roberts
15 Elizabeth	Jefferson	Luther S. Hutchins
16 Flat Creek	Gadsden	F. M. Wells
17 Fort Braliden	Leon	
18 Greenville	Madison	T. J. Euans
19 Harmony	Madison	Stephen Crockett
20 Indian Springs	Leon	A. M. Manning
21 Lake Ellen	Wakulla	J. E. Clements
22 Lake Mystic	Liberty	
23 Madison	Madison	R. T. Marsh
24 Monticello	Jefferson	Stephen Crockett
25 Moseley Hall	Madison	R. F. Hacker
26 Mt. Beazer	Wakulla	L. A. Roberts
27 Mt. Elon	Wakulla	L. A. Roberts
28 Mt. Pleasant	Gadsden	
29 New Prospect	Madison	
30 Oak Grove	Madison	W. B. High
31 Perry	Taylor	W. L. Savage
32 Providence	Gadsden	F. M. Wells
33 Quincy	Gadsden	C. B. Wright
34 Sunny Dell	Gadsden	F. M. Wells
35 Sundown	Madison	Stephen Crockett
36 Tallahassee	Leon	Frank W. Cramer

and Clerk.

CLERK	POST OFFICE
William E. Gray	Tallahassee, Florida.
J. E. Vause	Carrabelle, "
J. L. Robinson	Crawfordville, "
C. J. English	Chaires, "
D. P. Bond	Lovett, "
D. L. Maxwell	Concord, "
A. W. Turner	Bristol, "
O. N. Harrell	Crawfordville, "
W. T. Colson	Aucilla, "
J. W. Simpson	Benhadan, "
C. W. Hamrick	Aucilla, "
J. B. Fletcher	River Junction, "
J. W. Bishop	Greenville, "
Jesse W. Andrews	Harmony, "
H. C. Billingsley	Lloyd, "
J. A. Whetston	Medart, "
E. H. Revel	Bristol, "
Thos. E. Hardee	Madison, "
J. M. Clark	Monticello, "
Samuel Shaw	Moseley Hall, "
E. C. Roberts	Sopchoppy, "
R. B. Langston	Smith Creek, "
N. S. Frier	Pinetta, "
Jno. O. Culpepper	Perry, "
W. H. Dean	Alamo, "
W. E. Shelfer	Quincy, "
W. S. Timmons	Quincy, "
R. S. Shackelford	Greenville, "
J. W. Duval	Tallahassee, "

Statistics of Membership.

CHURCH	INCREASE			DECREASE			TOTALS	
	By Baptism	By Letter	By Experience or Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion and Erasure	By Death	Reported last year	Total member-Ship
Aenon,	2	2		2	1	1	63	63
Antioch								
Aaron	1	3		3		1	74	70
Bristol								
Carrabelle	14	4		2		1	89	104
Chaires	1	3					14	18
Concord	2						66	68
Concordia	12	8		6		1	108	106
Centreville								
Corinth (L)				1	2		37	33
Corinth (T)								
Crawfordville		1		1			14	14
Ebenezer (J)		1		1		1	40	39
Ebenezer (L)	1	1		2		2	22	20
Elizabeth	2	1		2			146	147
Flat Creek						1	69	68
Fort Braiden								
Greenville		2		2	2		41	39
Harmony	13	1		4	18	1	89	90
Iddian Springs	6						7	13
Lake Ellen	1						57	58
Lake Mystic	2	2		3	2		74	73
Madison	5	8		15		8	115	110
Monticello	6			2			19	24
Moseley Hall	2	4	2				20	23
Mt. Bezer				1	1		44	42
Mt. Elon	2			1	4		56	56
Mt. Pleasant								
New Prospect								
Oak Grove	2	1		1	1	1	66	75
Perry	7			3		1	131	138
Providence	15		2	2	1	3	187	198
Quincy		2		1	1	1	81	80
Sunny Dell	4	1		1			47	51
Sundown							23	23
Tallahassee	11	15		13		2	130	142
TOTALS	79	72	9	69	34	18	1927	1980

FINANCIAL TABLE.

This Table includes every Amount reported in the Church Letters.

CHURCHES	Value of Church Property	Pastor's Salary and Home Church Expense	S. School Expense and Contributions	Contributions from Woman's Societies	Minutes Association purposes and Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Aged Ministers	Ministerial Education	Orphanage	Other objects too numerous to specify	Totals.
Aenon	400	100			.50							29.50	130.00
Antioch													
Aaron	300	150			.75		5				1.15	5	100.90
Bristol													
Carrabelle	1500	485	15.70								.52		480.70
Chaires	600	94.78					.95	1.85					97.80
Concord	650	50	7.50		3.40							2	62.90
Concordia	500				12	2.50	2.50						17.40
Centreville													
Corinth (L)		17			3.50	.50		1					22.00
Corinth (T)													
Crawfordville	800	150	6		.50								156.50
Ebenezer (J)	450	32.75			3.00								38.75
Ebenezer (L)		5			.50								5.50
Elizabeth	600	598.03	6		12.35	1.50	1.50	1.50					620.85
Flat Creek		56	4		5.50	2.00	1	1.50			1		71.00
Fort Braiden													
Greenville	1200	129			6						85		220.00
Harmony	300	106.82			22.06		3	5.80			5.75	10	153.43
Indian Springs	300				14.50								14.50
Lake Ellen	300		3		2.45								5.45
Lake Mystic	200	30	5		1.50	8.10					5.50		50.10
Madison	5000	1366.90	71.52	172	2.50	119.65	31.63	31.62	6.50	25	25	5	1662.06
Monticello	2500	176.50	1		3.93	2.43	8.15	5.30					194.88
Moseley Hall	800				1.00		.50	.50					2.00
Mt. Bezer	100	63.65			2.00	1	1	1			1.25		69.90
Mt. Elon	103				1.00	1.35							105.35
Mt. Pleasant													
New Prospect													
Oak Grove	500												24.75
Perry	3500			1.75	23								50.40
Providence	500		7.62		22	6.10	5	8.38				1.30	861.84
Quincy	2500	861.84											10.50
Sunny Dell					5.50	1	1	2	1				30.92
Sundown	200	15.50			2.50		.45	.60			.87		26.50
Tallahassee	5000	1710	80.83	308.25									1818.43
Totals	18003	6178.77	214.15	408.25	158.54	139.03	64.37	66.05	7.50	25.87	40.17	164.20	7125.41

