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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY

PLEASANT GROVE, ALACHUA CO., FLA.,
 SATURDAY, October 12, 1878.

1. In accordance with appointment, the Santa Fe River Baptist Association assembled this day, in its twenty-second annual session with the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.
2. The Introductory sermon was delivered at 12 o'clock M., by Elder K. Chambers, from Daniel vii: 18: "But the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 12, 1878.

3. In the absence of the Moderator of last year, Elder H. B. McCallum, Elder K. Chambers called the body to order.
4. On motion, Elder J. G. Taylor was elected Moderator *pro tempore*.
5. On motion, Elder C. V. Waugh was elected Clerk *pro tempore*.
6. The Moderator took his seat and the body joined in singing, after which was led in prayer by Elder E. B. Timmons.
7. The letters from the various churches were read by brethren M. M. Wamboldt and F. M. Weeks, and the following roll of delegates was called by the Clerk:
Providence, Baptist Church.—Elder J. G. Taylor, Wm. Swilley, J. W. Beadenbaugh,
Bethlehem Church.—Elder K. Chambers, S. R. O'Quinn.

Pleasant Grove Church.—Elder W. S. Perry, Elder S. D. Everett, C. Waits.

Gainesville Church.—Elder C. V. Waugh, T. B. Ellis, J. H. Goss.

Micanopy Church.—J. H. Hagood.

Ebenezer.—J. S. Turner, Thos. Folks.

✓ *Saluda.*—W. H. Donaldson, Wm. Adams.

Elim.—Geo. B. Ellis, T. G. Carroll.

Pine Grove.—Elders S. Sheffield and J. K. Sheffield.

Eliam.—Elder G. W. Hall, Elder A. E. Smith.

Philippi.—R. C. Martin, J. R. Williams.

Frankland.—F. M. Weeks.

Baptist Tabernacle, Jacksonville.—Elder M. M. Wamboldt. Jacob Wamboldt.

Elizabeth.—No Delegates sent.

8. On motion, the regular order of business was suspended and petitionary letters were called for, and one presented by Brother F. M. Weeks, in behalf of the Frankland Baptist Church. Having declared in her letter that she adopted "the articles of faith," published in our minutes, she was, upon motion, unanimously received into the Association. The right hand of fellowship and a cordial welcome were given her delegate, F. M. Weeks, by the Moderator.

9. Elder M. M. Wamboldt stated that he, Brother Jacob Wamboldt and Elder H. B. McCallum had been appointed delegates to the Association by the Jacksonville Church; that Bro. McCallum, who had the church letter and money for the Association, had from some cause or other failed to get to the Association; and begged the privilege of being enrolled as delegates from the Jacksonville Church.

On motion, Brother Wamboldt's statement was accepted, and he and Brother Jacob Wamboldt were allowed to enroll their names as delegates from "The Baptist Tabernacle."

10. The regular order of business was resumed, and the body proceeded to the election of permanent officers, which resulted in the election of Hon. F. M. Weeks as Moderator, Elder C. V. Waugh as Clerk, and T. Benton Ellis as Treasurer. Brother Weeks expressed thanks for the honor conferred and trust imposed, and took his seat as Moderator.

11. Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the Association, whereupon Brother Walter Gwinn, of Talahassee, reported.

12. The question was raised as to what is meant by "Art. VI of Order of Business"; and, on motion, was interpreted as follows: By "*visiting brethren*," we mean any brother minister or brother who may be in attendance on the meetings of the Association, *not as a delegate, nor as a corresponding messenger*. By inviting them "to seats," we give them all the privileges of the house except voting and offering resolutions.

13. The Moderator appointed the following

COMMITTEE ON PREACHING:

G. B. Ellis, J. S. Turner, and Pastor and Deacons of Pleasant Grove Church.

14. Moderator announced that Elder S. Sheffield would preach at the stand in a few minutes.

15. *Letters of Correspondence* were called for, and Elder W. F. Malphuss, from the New River Association, and Elders E. B. Timmons and B. W. Becks, of the North St. Johns' River Association, presented letters and were, on motion, welcomed as corresponding messengers.

16. The following committees were appointed:

Letters and Queries—C. V. Waugh, K. Chambers, J. H. Hagood, S. R. O'Quinn.

Finance—G. B. Ellis, W. S. Perry, J. H. Goss, Wm. Adams.

Sunday Schools—K. Chambers, J. G. Taylor, M. M. Wamboldt.

Religious Periodicals—J. G. Taylor, C. Waits, S. Sheffield.

Missions—Jacob Wamboldt, J. S. Turner, J. K. Sheffield.

Nominations—T. Benton Ellis, R. C. Martin, T. C. Carroll, J. S. Turner.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—K. Chambers, A. E. Smith, M. M. Wamboldt.

17. The circular letter was called for; Elder J. G. Taylor responded. He stated that he had had only a year to prepare the letter, and not having finished it, craved further time, which, on motion, was granted.

18. Elder M. M. Wamboldt was, on motion, requested to preach in the church at 7½, P. M.

19. On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet Sunday morning, at 9 o'clock, for religious exercises; at 11, A. M., to hear the missionary sermon; at 2, P. M., to hear preaching, at 7, P. M., to hear preaching; and on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock, for transaction of business.

Prayer by Elder E. B. Timmons.

SECOND DAY.

SUNDAY, October 13, 1878.

20. The Association met according to adjournment. The Moderator conducted the religious exercises, who read John III. Brethren C. V. Waugh, K. Chambers, — Beadenbaugh, W. Gwinn and E. B. Timmons participated in the exercises. Bro. Gwinn made a little address about the Church at Talahassee.

At 11 o'clock Elder M. M. Wamboldt preached the missionary sermon, from Acts VII, 38 and 39, "For if this counsel or work be of men, it will come to naught; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it." After the sermon a collection, amounting to \$17.17, was taken up for missionary purposes.

At 2 o'clock, Elder C. V. Waugh preached from Matthew 26:45: "Sleep on now and take your rest."

At 7½, P. M., Elder J. G. Taylor preached.

After which an invitation was given for prayer, and a goodly number craved an interest in the supplications of God's people.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY, October 14, 1878.

21. The Association assembled at 9 o'clock; Moderator in the chair. After singing the hymn, "Come, holy Spirit," and

engaging in prayer, led by Elder B. W. Recks, the Association was called to order. The minutes were read and adopted.

RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS.

22. Elder J. G. Taylor read the following report on Religious Periodicals. After remarks by Dr. S. D. Everett and Elder G. W. Hall—was adopted:

"Your Committee is highly pleased to see that Bro. H. B. McCallum has made arrangements with the *Christian Index and Baptist*, of Georgia, by which we are to have a Florida department in that paper. We heartily commend Bro. McCallum's course, and recommend that so many of the brethren and sisters of the Association as can, subscribe for that paper, and thus secure the weekly visits of a sound, first-class religious journal. This paper has been the means by which a great deal of good has been accomplished in our denomination in the Southern States; and is destined, we think, to do yet a great deal more good.

We would urge our brethren to write for the paper, so that our brethren in the State, as well as elsewhere, may know what we are doing for the Master.

We would furthermore commend the *Baptist Teacher*, published at Philadelphia, as an excellent, sound periodical, and an invaluable aid to all Sunday-school workers.

Kind Words, edited by S. Boykin, at Macon, Ga., is a good, cheap, "Child's Paper," and has no superior. Every family should have it. Every child should read it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. TAYLOR."

23. The committee of *Letters and Queries* presented a report, but, owing to an omission, was recommitted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

24. The Sunday-school work was introduced by the reading of the following report by Elder K. Chambers—and after remarks by Elders Wm. Johnson, C. V. Waugh and Dr. S. D. Everett, was adopted:

"Your Committee deplore the fact that so many of our churches send up such meagre accounts of their Sunday-school work. In some instances no mention at all is made of a Sunday-school. We are left in the dark as to whether or not they have any school. Owing to this failure on the part of the Churches, we cannot make a satisfactory report of what is done. As an agency for good, the Sunday-school readily

commends itself to us. We would therefore *urge* all the Churches to maintain a Sunday-school, and send up full accounts of them along with the Church letters.

We would urge the propriety of supplying our schools with the best Baptist books and papers, that our little ones may *know* "the way our fathers went," and learn, like them, to 'contend earnestly for *the faith* once delivered to the Saints.'

Respectfully submitted,

K. CHAMBERS."

25. Bro. Chambers offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to publish, along with the Minutes, a *Statistical Table* of Sunday-schools.

MISSIONS.

26. The Committee on Missions submitted the following through their chairman, Elder S. Sheffield:

"The Macedonian cry is raised from all quarters of the world. Great destitution prevails everywhere. Asia, Africa, Italy, the Isles of the Sea—all cry loudly for help! Men are dying everywhere without Jesus and his salvation. But at our doors great is our destitution! Feeble churches are growing weaker from a lack of the Gospel! New fields are opening all around us, but there is no one to enter! By us but little was done last year for the foreign fields; by us little done for our home fields. It is true that there were two men in the Levy County Mission, but, then, there are numerous other points to which our missionaries should go—points at which we should plant our faith.

Your Committee would *suggest* that we aid the new and weak churches in securing preaching at least once a month; that we urge the pastors, who can do more missionary work; that we call upon all the Churches to bestir themselves to greater liberality in their contributions for supplying the great destitution that now prevails within the bowels of our Association; that we also do more for the Foreign field now crying for the Gospel.

When we imbibe more of the missionary spirit—the spirit which actuated our Lord—then will our waste places "rejoice and blossom as a rose."

Respectfully submitted,

S. SHEFFIELD."

27. Elder J. G. Taylor moved that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a suitable form for uniform church letter, to be filled out and sent up to the Association by each

Church. The Moderator appointed as the committee: Elders Taylors, Waugh and Chambers. After discussion, participated in by J. G. Taylor, C. V. Waugh, J. S. Turner and S. Sheffield, the motion was adopted.

28. *Corresponding Messages* were called for, and Brother Wm. Johnson, from the Alachua Association; presented himself and was welcomed by the Moderator.

29. On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, Inasmuch as no church sent a request for the next meeting of the Association, that the Committee on Nominations be instructed to name the place.

30. Elder C. V. Waugh introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That we generate a fund, to be known as the "Ministers' Relief Fund," to be devoted to the relief of needy, disabled ministers, and deceased ministers' widows and orphans; and that the churches be urged to contribute to it.

He presented the resolution with a speech, and was followed by Elders S. Sheffield and Dr. Everett.

Dr. Everett amended the resolution so as to read:

Resolved, That the Association generate a fund, to be known as "The Ministers' Relief Fund," to be devoted to the relief of the needy disabled ministers and deceased ministers' widows and orphans in our Association; that the Churches be urged to contribute to this fund; that all contributions to this end be sent to the Treasurer of the Association, to be held by him subject to the order of a Board of Managers, consisting of *three* brethren, to be appointed annually, who shall make full reports to the Association, at each annual meeting, of all funds received for *that* purpose, and of how appropriated.

After some feeling remarks by Brethren Wm. Johnson, M. M. Wamboldt and E. B. Timmons, the motion was unanimously adopted, amended and as a whole.

The Moderator appointed as a Board of Managers Elder C. V. Waugh, J. S. Turner and Elder J. G. Taylor.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

31. In behalf of the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, Elder A. E. Smith presented the following report, which was adopted:

"In the ministry and among the deacons of our Association there has occurred but one death since our last convocation, that of Rev. John Henry Tomkies, of Gainesville. On the 15th of August last, God our Father signed his release from the sufferings which, for several years, had made his life an ordeal. His eminent christian character and faithful services within the bounds of our Association are too well known to need any encomiums from us. The Association has indeed sustained a great loss in his death; but who can help rejoicing, when we can feel so well assured that he has gone home, to enter into a full possession of that treasure laid up by him in heaven, during a well spent life with us here below.

Respectfully submitted,
 A. E. SMITH,
 In behalf of Committee.

NOMINATIONS.

32. The Committee on Nominations submitted the following, which was adopted:

1. The committee recommend that the next Association be held with Elim Baptist Church, Columbia county, on Saturday, before the second Sunday in October, 1879.
2. That Elder J. G. Taylor preach the introductory sermon, Elder H. B. McCallum alternate.
3. That Elder H. M. King preach the missionary sermon, with Elder M. M. Wamboldt as alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
 T. B. ELLIS.

33. It was resolved that all Churches not represented be allowed from now until the 1st of November to send their letters and contributions to the Clerk.

34. In behalf of the committee to draft a suitable form of associated letter, to be filled up by each Church clerk and sent to the Association, Bro. J. G. Taylor presented a form which was adopted, and can be found at the end of this pamphlet.

35. Bro. M. M. Wamboldt offered the following resolution, which, after discussion by brethren Walter Gwinn, Taylor, Turner and Waugh, was adopted. Bro. Waugh solicited a contribution for Tallahassee Church and raised \$8.50. The following are the names of those who contributed:

SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

C. V. Waugh, paid.....	\$1 00
G. B. Ellis, paid.....	1 00
R. C. Martin, paid.....	1 00
J. H. Goss, paid.....	1 00
W. H. Sanders, paid.....	25
T. C. Carroll, paid.....	25

Total,.....\$4 50

G. W. Hall, subscribed.....	\$1 00
J. G. Taylor subscribed.....	1 00
K. Chambers, subscribed.....	1 00
A. J. Hutchings, subscribed.....	1 00

Total,.....\$4 00

Bro. Waugh collected and gave Bro. Gwinn \$4.50.
 Those who subscribed are requested to pay to either Bro. Waugh or the Treasurer.

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Association, through a messenger from Tallahassee Baptist Church, that said Church, which was, through the calamities of the late war, so reduced in membership by deaths and removals that its existence had almost ceased; whereas, the few remaining members are now making earnest efforts to revive their organization and repair their house of worship; therefore be it

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with her in her efforts; that we believe it to be of great importance to our denomination to have a good active Church at our State Capital; that we commend to all the Churches of our Association the effort of these brethren to revive the Church at Tallahassee as a worthy object upon which to implore the blessings of our Heavenly Father; that we lend them a helping hand in their efforts to refit their house of worship; that we invite our sister Associations to give her a helping hand also.

36. On motion of Bro. Taylor, articles 4 and 5 of the old Order of Business were interchanged.

37. On motion of Bro. Taylor, article 12 was added to Order of Business.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee reported the following through their Chairman, Bro. G. B. Ellis, which was, on motion, adopted:

RECEIVED FROM THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Associational purposes.	Minutes.
Bethlehem.....	\$ 8 00	.....
Providence.....	13 05	\$2 00
Ebenezer.....	7 00	.....
Elizabeth.....	.....	1 00
Pine Grove.....	75	1 00
Pleasant Grove.....	6 75	.....
Eliam.....	3 50	.....
Gainesville.....	9 57	.....
Micanopy.....	1 20	1 50
Saluda.....	8 00	2 00
Elim.....	8 61	.....
Philippi.....	8 00	.....
Brother A. J. Hutchingson.....	5 00	.....
Columbia Union.....	5 18	.....
Sunday Collection.....	17 17	.....
Frankland Church.....	10 00	.....
Total.....	\$106 78	\$7 50
Received for Minutes.....	\$ 7 50	.....
Received for Associational purposes.....	106 78	.....
Total receipts.....	\$114 28	.....

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. ELLIS.

39. The following brethren were appointed delegates to sister Associations:

Alachua.—Dr. S. D. Everett, Elder G. W. Hall, Elder W. S. Perry, W. H. Donaldson.

New River.—Elders J. K. Sheffield, J. G. Taylor, G. W. Hall, W. S. Perry.

North St. John's River.—Elders K. Chambers, W. S. Perry, A. E. Smith, H. M. King, and Dr. S. D. Everett.

Suwannee.—J. W. Beadenbaugh, F. M. Weeks, and Elder S. Sheffield.

Florida.—Elder H. B. McCallum, Elder M. M. Wamboldt, Dr. M. M. T. Hutcherson.

Florida Baptist State Convention, [at Tallahassee, Friday before the third Sunday in January, 1879.]—Dr. S. D. Everett, G. W. Hall, K. Chambers, J. H. Goss, R. C. Martin, S. Sheffield, W. S. Perry, G. W. Getzen, W. H. L. Townsend, T. B. Ellis, M. M. Wamboldt, Dr. J. T. McMillan.

40. On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have 500 copies of Minutes published, and be paid \$60.00 for printing and distributing Minutes and his services as Clerk, and that the remaining funds in the Treasury be used in paying off the debts of the Association.

41. The Treasurer made his report, which was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. Benton Ellis, Treasurer, in account with Santa Fe River Association.

Received of Eliam Church, to be paid on missionary debt last year...	\$ 10 09
" " Pine Grove Church, " " " "	3 65
" " Pleasant Grove Church, " " " "	4 75
" " Saluda Church, " " " "	2 70
" " Concord Church, " " " "	1 20
" " Gainesville Church, " " " "	4 66
" " Bethlehem Church, " " " "	4 57
" " Penial Church, by receipt of Bro. B. W. Becks.....	5 77
" " Hickory Grove Church, by receipt of Bro. B. W. Becks..	2 79
" " Lake City Church.....	4 60
" " Ebenezer Church.....	55
" " Columbia Union.....	4 00
" " Orange Creek Union.....	2 15
" " Saluda Church.....	3 52
" " Orange Creek Union.....	2 38
" " Eliam Church.....	7 50
" " Pleasant Grove Church.....	1 00
Total receipts.....	\$65 88

CR.

Paid Brethren B. W. Becks and G. W. Hall, by order Ex. Board.....	\$38 50
Paid Brother B. W. Becks,	5 77
Paid Brother B. W. Becks.....	2 79
Paid Brother G. W. Hall.....	8 55
Total disbursements.....	\$55 61
Total receipts.....	\$65 88
Total disbursements.....	55 61
Amount in Treasury.....	\$10 27

T. B. ELLIS.

42. Bro. G. W. Hall made a talk about the efforts of the Church at Micanopy to build a house of worship, and begged the brethren to render some help. Brethren J. S. Turner and Walter Gwinn gave him \$2.00 for that object.

43. The Moderator announced the following brethren as the Executive Board: C. V. Waugh, J. H. Goss, T. B. Ellis, Dr. J. T. McMillan, W. S. Perry.

44. The Committee on Letters and Queries again presented their report, which was adopted.

LETTERS AND QUERIES.

We rejoice to report that, from the letters sent up by the various Churches of the Association, we learn that the Great Head of the Church has been blessing his people and adding numbers to the Churches.

There being no queries sent up by any of the Churches, we have nothing to report on that subject.

Respectfully submitted,

HALL, CHAMBERS, WAUGH.

45. On motion of Elder C. V. Waugh, a vote of thanks was given to the Pleasant Grove Church and community for the hospitable manner in which the Association had been entertained.

46. Bro. Weeks asked help for the Frankland Church, and the brethren gave him \$4.25 for that object.

47. There being no further business, the Association united in singing, "Blest be the tie that binds us," during which the parting hand was given. After prayer by Elder Wm. Johnson, the Association, on motion, adjourned to meet with Elim Church, Columbia county, on Saturday before the second Lord's Day in October, 1879.

G. V. WAUGH, *Clerk.* F. M. WEEKS, *Moderator.*

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Executive Board begs leave to submit the following report:

After leaving an appointment, we held our first meeting October 22d, 1877, and addressed a circular letter to all the Churches, informing them of their *per capita* of the past debt,

and urged them to pay up promptly. At our third meeting, (January 17th, 1878,) letters were read from Brethren S. Sheffield and Jas. K. Sheffield, indicating their willingness to serve on the Levy County Mission and set forth their plans. After some discussion it was decided to appoint these two brethren to the Levy County Mission with instructions to serve such weak Churches as needed their help, and establish and maintain preaching at such stations as, in their judgment, seemed to promise most good. The Board promised them each \$100.00 for the year.

At a meeting held April 5th, 1878, the Board decided to write to the Home Mission Board of S. B. Convention, requesting the appointment of Rev. H. M. King as missionary to work on the A. G. & W. I. T. R. Road line, and asking them to pay him therefor two or three hundred dollars. This petition was granted, but owing to Bro. Tomkie's death, we were unable to learn the particulars.

We are glad to be able to report that we have settled with Brethren B. W. Becks and G. W. Hall for past missionary work.

There is great destitution within the bounds of our Association, and we would urge the Churches to enlarged contributions.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I must confess that I am at a loss to know what subject to choose for my letter, so numerous and important being the number from which I am called to make a selection. Yielding, however, to the request of some of my brethren, I have chosen as my subject "*Affiliation.*" Of course, I cannot write a lengthy article, but shall consider it briefly, as practiced by the ministry and by our lay brethren.

Let us consider first affiliation as practiced by the ministry—"pulpit affiliation" as it is called. To affiliate is to *adopt*. Then for us to invite ministers of other denominations into our pulpits is to *adopt* their views. Their views of baptism are different from ours, which we contend to be the New Testament doctrine. As Baptists, we can never acknowledge anything as New Testament baptism except the immersion of a *professed believer* in Christ; in water, by a regularly baptized and ordained minister of the gospel. We do not believe that Christ has sent any unbaptized preachers of *his* gospel. All unbaptized persons, notwithstanding their piety and zeal, *are of the world*. To invite them into our pulpits is to accept, adopt them as ministers of the gospel. To affiliate with them, then, is to adopt their perversion of the divine command. Do we affiliate with any worldling, even though he hold our views, yet not having submitted to baptism, so far as to invite him into our pulpits? By no means.

Affiliation encourages the errorist in his error, and so strengthens the cause of error and weakens ours. Our aim is to bring men to the truth—to convert men from their error. To do that we must adopt a rule and live by it, which rule is mildly but *firmly* to refuse to affiliate with the errorist, only so far as he adopts our views. It is our duty, both by precept and example, to strive to convert men from their error, and to win them to truth, to Christ. To affiliate with them is to neglect duty, to countenance their error, and to bid them God-speed therein. Please read 2nd Epistle of John, verses 9, 10 and 11; also Romans xii, v. 2; also James 1st v. to 7.

Affiliation is not only practiced by brethren in the ministry, but also by the lay brethren; of this we wish now to write.

In general Christian work we should not affiliate with those who do not believe and practice what we do. We cannot do so without making a sacrifice altogether too great for us to make. The distinctive principles for which we contend have to be kept in the background. This sacrifice we should not and *cannot* make. To affiliate with them is to adopt their views; their views of baptism are different from ours, so we adopt what is contrary to our views. It is well known that the Baptists are the only denomination in this country that *does not* attach undue importance to baptism. Should we then affiliate? For consistency's sake, we should not.

We should not affiliate in Sunday-school work. To work successfully the school must have literature. Sunday-school literature must be from its very nature a comment on the Bible. Now if they adopt our literature they will be Baptists; if we adopt their's we will be what they are. If we adopt these *union works*, we dispense with some of the great truths of Jesus. Can we do that? No. Then what shall we do? Shall we obey the commandments of men or of Christ?

What may be the enormity of the sin of affiliation, we are unable to answer; but it is full of wrong tendencies and false courtesy. We would admonish our brethren to abandon all affiliation with other denominations. For the sake of peace and uniformity in our ranks, we urge all to abandon it. Any brother who practices affiliation may rest assured that he wounds the feelings of some of his brethren. Whose feelings shall we regard, the brethren's or the world's?

Our conclusion is, that affiliation at the Lord's Table is as much authorized by God as pulpit or Sunday-school affiliation, inasmuch as the affiliation described does virtually recognize infant sprinkling as New Testament baptism. This is untrue and a great sin, for New Testament baptism depends upon the character of the applicant; proper qualifications of the administrator and proper performance of the act. All are necessary to entitle to the Lord's Supper, and certainly so for a *teacher* of Christ.

J. G. TAYLOR.

MISSIONARIES' REPORTS FOR 1877-'78.

REPORT OF REV. B. SHEFFIELD.	REPORT OF REV. JAS. K. SHEFFIELD.
Miles traveled.....1,365	Days of service..... 60
Days of service..... 92	Miles traveled.....1,106
Sermons delivered..... 92	Sermons delivered..... 62
Addresses..... 8	Deacons ordained..... 1
Baptized..... 5	Churches constituted..... 2
Received by experience..... 1	Addresses delivered..... 10
New churches constituted..... 2	Baptized..... 8
Deacons ordained..... 1	
<i>Dollars rec'd in contributions and pledges</i>	
New Providence Church..... \$ 25 00	Wacassassa Union..... \$ 1 75
Corinth Church..... 17 00	Jonesville Church..... 1 60
Pine Grove Church..... 2 85	Sister Florence Ricks..... 10
Wacassassa Union..... 2 70	Total receipts..... \$ 3 45
Hines' School House..... 3 00	Rec'd of Treasurer at associat'n... 21 39
Harde's School House..... 14 75	Total receipts..... \$24 84
Clyatt's School House..... 2 00	Am't of salary as missionary..... \$100 00
Total receipts..... \$ 67 30	Amount received..... 24 84
Rec'd of Treasurer at Associat'n... 21 39	Amount now due..... \$ 75 16
Total receipts..... \$ 88 69	
Am't of salary as Missionary..... \$100 00	
Amount received..... 88 69	
Amount now due..... \$ 11 31	

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

[Only those are given that are reported in the letters.]

NAME.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POST-OFFICE.	Officers and Teachers.		Total.	Conversions
			Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		
Elm.....	T. W. Getzen	Mikesville	6	35	41	
Elam.....	School but no report.					
Frankland.....	F. M. Weeks	Leno				
Gainesville.....	C. V. Waugh	Gainesville	13	70	83	3
Pine Grove.....	R. S. Tucker	Wacassassa	4	10	14	
Lake City.....	E. E. Cleveland	Lake City	12	85	97	
Jonesville.....	T. M. Kirby	Jonesville	9	40	49	
Bethlehem.....	S. K. O'Quinn	Lake City	6	30	36	
Totals.....			50	366	328	3

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR 1878.

CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICE.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	DELEGATES.	ACCESSIONS.		DIMINUTIONS.		Total Member-ship.
					Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	By Letter.		Exclusion.	Death.
Baptist Tabernacle.....	Jacksonville.	M. M. Wamboldt.	T. J. Mott.	M. M. Wamboldt, Jacob Wamboldt.	1	1	1	1	58
Bethlehem.....	Lake City.	K. Chambers.	S. R. O'Quinn.	K. Chambers, S. R. O'Quinn.	1	1	1	1	59
*Beulah.....	Stark.	L. W. Kiecklifer.	Lesse Thomas.	None.	1	1	1	1	42
*Baldwin.....	Baldwin.	G. W. Ford.	G. W. Ford.	None.	1	1	1	1	14
Concord.....	Other Creek.	S. Sheffield.	J. B. Lamb.	None.	6	6	1	1	63
*Corinth.....	Wacassassa.	J. G. Taylor.	J. D. S. Walker.	None.	18	2	2	4	25
Elm.....	Mikesville.	T. W. Getzen.	T. W. Getzen.	G. B. Ellis, I. Carroll.	2	4	4	4	96
Elm.....	Banana.	J. G. Taylor.	T. W. Thompson.	G. W. Hall, A. Smith, Isaac I. Weston.	4	4	4	4	101
*Enon.....	Palaika.	F. W. Beck.	T. W. Thompson.	None.	4	4	4	4	12
*Elizabeth.....	Joppa.	J. K. Sheffield.	C. L. Slaughter.	None.	5	5	5	5	47
*Ephesus.....	King's Ferry.	Z. A. Crumpton.	G. W. Haddock.	None.	11	3	3	3	30
*Ebenzer.....	Bronson.	None.	J. R. McGrath.	J. S. Turner, Thomas Folks.	1	1	1	1	111
Frankland.....	Leno, Columbia Co.	None.	F. W. Polk.	F. M. Weeks, T. B. Ellis, J. H. Goss.	8	12	4	3	62
Gainesville.....	Gainesville.	C. V. Waugh.	T. B. Ellis.	C. V. Waugh, T. B. Ellis, J. H. Goss.	12	13	1	1	28
Jonesville.....	Jonesville.	J. K. Sheffield.	H. A. Pickett.	None.	2	2	2	2	40
Lake City.....	Lake City.	Dr. L. H. Potter, (supply.)	T. S. Chalker.	F. H. Hagood.	3	4	1	1	62
*Micanopy.....	Micanopy.	H. M. King.	J. D. Johnson.	None.	1	1	1	1	10
*Mount Hope.....	Wacassassa.	None.	J. L. Beach.	None.	1	1	1	1	22
*New Hope.....	Lake City.	S. Sheffield.	B. U. Phillips.	None.	1	1	1	1	20
*New Providence.....	Other Creek.	None.	Allen Roberts.	None.	1	1	1	1	38
*Palaika.....	Palaika.	S. French.	R. G. Martin.	None.	6	6	6	6	88
*Phillips.....	Mikesville.	S. Sheffield.	R. C. Martin, J. R. Williams.	S. Sheffield, J. K. Sheffield.	1	1	1	1	63
Pine Grove.....	Wacassassa.	C. G. Hall.	R. S. Tucker.	W. S. Perry, S. D. Everett, C. Walls.	13	2	2	2	85
Plain Grove.....	Morrison's Mills.	J. G. Taylor.	T. R. Walls.	None.	4	4	4	4	123
Providence.....	Providence.	A. B. Brown.	A. B. Brown.	None.	5	5	5	5	31
Saluda.....	Waldo.	A. Crosby.	A. H. Donaldson.	W. H. Donaldson, Wm. Adams.	2	2	2	2	31
*Spring Grove.....	Old Town.	None.	J. W. Fletcher.	None.	1	1	1	1	37
Totals.....					114	14	45	36	1,290

* Those marked * are taken from old Minutes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order by Moderator.
3. Reading Letters from the Churches, and Enrolling Names of Delegates.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Election of Officers, (Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.)
6. Visiting Brethren invited to seats.
7. Letters of Correspondence.
8. Appointment of Committees.
9. Reading of Circular Letter.
10. Reports from Standing and other Committees.
11. Appointment of Messengers to State Convention, and other Associations.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Adjournment.