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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1st. Introductory Sermon.
- 2d. Association Called to Order by Moderator.
- 3d. Reading Letters and Enrolling Names of Delegates.
- 4th. Call for Petitionary Letters.
- 5th. Election of Officers, (Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.
- 6th. Visiting Brethren Invited to Seats.
- 7th. Letters of Correspondence.
- 8th. Appointment of Committees.
- 9th. Reading Circular Letter.
- 10th. Reports of Committees.
- 11th. Appointment of Messengers to State Convention,
and other Associations.
- 12th. Miscellaneous Business.
- 13th. Adjournment.

OFFICERS:

J. G. TAYLOR, Moderator Mount Tabor, Fla.
T. W. GETZEN, Clerk Lake City, Fla.
K. D. EDGE, Treasurer Lake City, Fla.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

J. G. TAYLOR, T. W. GETZEN, K. D. EDGE.

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR
POST-OFFICES:

K. CHAMBERS Lake City, Fla.
S. FRENCH, Lake City, Fla.
G. W. HALL Banana, Fla.
H. M. KING Gainesville, Fla.
W. C. LEE Lake City, Fla.
H. B. McCALLUM Jacksonville, Fla.
W. J. MARTIN Old Town, Fla.
W. S. PERRY Gainesville, Fla.
S. SHEFFIELD Wacassassa, Fla.
JAS. K. SHEFFIELD Wacassassa, Fla.
J. H. TOWNSEND Wacassassa, Fla.
J. G. TAYLOR Mount Tabor, Fla.
C. V. WAUGH Gainesville, Fla.
B. R. MOSELEY Lake City, Fla.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

ELIM CHURCH, COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLA., }
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1879. }

In accordance with appointment, the Santa Fe River Baptist Association met with Elim Church, in its twenty-third annual session, Saturday October 11, 1879.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. G. Taylor, from 1st Corinthians, 16th chapter, 10th verse.

The Association adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion, Elder J. G. Taylor was requested to act as Moderator *pro tem.* and Bro. A. J. Cone Clerk.

Received and read letters from churches and recorded names of delegates, as follows:

- Pine Grove*—S. Sheffield, K. Sheffield and N. T. King.
- Jonesville*—T. M. Kirby.
- Bethlehem*—K. D. Edge, J. W. Bryant.
- Lake City*—E. P. Hickson, T. S. Chalker.
- Concord*—S. H. Worthington, M. A. Beck.
- Elim*—T. W. Getzen, S. E. Collins and A. J. Cone.
- Sahuda*—John F. Donaldson.
- Ebenezer*—J. S. Turner, Ira J. Carter.
- Elizabeth*—C. Faircloth, J. P. Faircloth.
- Eliam*—E. B. Perry, Leonard Baldwin.
- Providence*—J. G. Taylor, B. C. Gay and M. Bailey.
- Frankland*—F. M. Polk.
- Phillippi*—Jno. W. Cone, and R. C. Martin.

On motion, the Association proceeded to the election of officers, when Elder J. G. Taylor was elected Moderator, and Bro. T. W. Getzen Clerk.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats.

Elder W. N. Chaudoin, Missionary of Home Mission Board, and Corresponding Editor of *Christian Index*, presented himself, and was received by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

Elder J. M. Caldwell and Elder R. F. Rodgers were received as Corresponding Messengers from the Suwannee Association.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Preaching—J. S. Turner, delegates and deacons of Elim Church.

On Letters and Queries—E. P. Hickson, K. D. Edge, Ira J. Carter, S. H. Worthington and S. Sheffield.

On Finance—T. S. Chalker, Robert Martin, J. W. Cone, S. E. Collins and F. M. Polk.

On Sunday Schools—S. E. Collins, T. M. Kirby, N. T. King, J. K. Sheffield and M. A. Beck.

On Religious Periodicals—A. J. Cone, Ira J. Carter, M. Bailey, J. W. Bryant and John Donaldson.

On Missions—K. D. Edge, S. Sheffield, R. C. Martin.

On Nominations—L. Baldwin, C. Faircloth, B. C. Gay, E. P. Hickson.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. Sheffield, K. D. Edge, T. S. Chalker, S. Sheffield.

On motion, J. G. Taylor was added to the committee as chairman.

On motion, the following Committee was appointed to nominate the Executive Committee, viz: Elder K. Chambers, Robert Martin and S. H. Worthington.

By request of Moderator, Elder K. Chambers preached to the congregation in the church on Saturday evening.

The following report was received and adopted from the Committee on Preaching:

Elder S. D. Everett to preach Saturday night at the Church.

Elder W. N. Chaudoin to preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday at the Church. Elder S. Sheffield at the same hour at the Academy.

Elder R. F. Rodgers at 3 o'clock, P. M., at the Church. Elder W. N. Chaudoin, at the same hour at the Academy, to the children, and Elder J. M. Caldwell at night in the Church.
J. S. TURNER, Chairman.

A prayer-meeting was appointed for Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

Adjourned, to meet Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

SUNDAY, October 12, 1879.

The Association met according to adjournment. Religious exercises from 9:50 to 10:50 P. M.

Elder W. N. Chaudoin preached the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock, from Isaiah, 49:13. After which a collection, amounting to \$25.05, was taken up for missions. Elder S. Sheffield preached, at the same hour, at the Academy. Elder R. F. Rodgers preached at 3 o'clock P. M., in the Church. Elder W. N. Chaudoin preached at the same hour, in the Academy, to the children.

Night services at the Church, by Elder J. W. Caldwell.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY, October 13, 1879.

The Association met, according to adjournment, at 9 o'clock, A. M. After prayer the Association proceeded to business.

The minutes were read and approved.

On the call for messengers from corresponding Associations, Bro. Samuel H. Burnett, from New River; Bro. Whitfield Walker, from Alachua, and Elder B. R. Moseley, from Suwannee, presented themselves and were received.

Bro. W. Walker stated that he had received a letter from Bro. McCallum, to the Association, which he had lost or

mislaid. He presented the claims of Bro. McCallum's paper to the brethren of the Association, and said Bro. McCallum would have been present himself if he had not been prevented by serious illness.

Bro. K. D. Edge was elected Treasurer.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That each Church of this Association be entitled to representation as follows: Two delegates for organization; three delegates for fifty members, and one delegate for every additional twenty-five members.

On motion of Bro. Ira J. Carter, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to Bro. James K. Sheffield, for his very liberal donation of \$32.00, balance due him by the Association for services as missionary, and also to Bro. S. Sheffield, for donation of \$9.00 due him.

On motion of A. J. Cone, it was

Resolved, That Sunday's collection be equally divided between the Associational purposes, and Indian and Foreign Missions.

On motion of the Clerk, it was

Resolved, That Churches of this Association, not represented by letter or delegates, have till the first of November to send their reports and contributions.

The following brethren were appointed as messengers to sister Associations:

To the Suwannee Association—Elder J. G. Taylor, J. W. Bedenbaugh, W. C. Lee and E. P. Hickson.

To the New River Association—J. G. Taylor, K. Chambers, J. K. Sheffield, J. W. Bedenbaugh.

To the Alachua Association—S. Sheffield, J. G. Taylor, Ira J. Carter, T. M. Kirby, James S. Turner, C. Faircloth and T. Tillis.

To the North St. Johns Association—W. S. Perry, H. M. King, C. V. Waugh.

To the State Convention—K. Chambers, J. G. Taylor, S. Sheffield, J. S. Turner and Ira J. Carter.

A letter from Bro. A. J. Huchingson, containing a contribution of \$5.00 was read by Bro. K. Chambers.

On motion of Ira J. Carter, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the members of Elim Church and citizens of the vicinity, for their uniform courtesy and kindness to us during the session of this body.

On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk of the Association be instructed to have one thousand copies of minutes printed, and that he make the best contract possible for the printing and distribution of the same, and that he be allowed the sum of \$25.00 for his services.

On motion, the selection of a place for the next meeting of this Association, was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The reports of Committees were received and adopted.

J. G. TAYLOR, Moderator.

T. W. GETZEN, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

Your Committee on Letters and Queries report that they have carefully examined the letters from the different Churches, and queries. We respectfully recommend that the request for letters from this Association, made by the following named Churches, to-wit: Pine Grove, Ebenezer, Elizabeth, Frankland, Concord, Jonesville and Saluda, be granted. The request of the Jonesville Church, in regard to calling a Sunday School Convention, is left with you for consideration. While we earnestly commend the Sunday School work to the Association, yet the Church having called for a letter, it will be the appropriate work of the new Association to consider the request.

Respectfully submitted,

IRA J. CARTER, Chairman.

Letters were granted to the above named Churches.

ON FINANCE.

We, the Committee on Finance, make the following report:

RECEIVED FROM THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Associational Purposes.	Minutes.	Ministers Relief Fund.	Home Mission Board S. B. Convention.
Bethlehem.....	\$5 00	.....	.....	.....
Concord.....	3 25	.....	.....	.....
Elim.....	7 05	.....	.....	.....
Eliam.....	8 09	.....	.....	.....
Elizabeth.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....
Ebenezer.....	5 50	.....	.....	.....
Frankland.....	2 55	.....	.....	.....
Jonesville.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....
Lake City.....	4 25	.....	.....	.....
Phillippi.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....
Pine Grove.....	3 28	.....	.....	.....
Providence.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....
Saluda.....	7 00	.50	.....	.....
Gainesville.....	9 50	.....	\$3 25	\$3 25
A. J. Huchingson..	5 00	.....	.....	.....
H. B. McCallum...	5 00	.....	\$5 00	.....
K. Chambers.....	.....	.25	.....	.....
Totals.....	\$83 17	.75	\$8 25	\$3 25—\$95 42

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. CHALKER, Chairman.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report as follows:

We find gratifying reports from the different Churches as to Sabbath Schools in the bounds of our Association. The number of teachers are sixty-six, the number of scholars four hundred and fifty-eight, total number of teachers and scholars five hundred and twenty-four. We are glad to find that there has been a goodly number of conversions in the Sunday Schools reported, which shows the fruit of a good work. Brethren, we beg you to press onward in the good work; let your watchword be onward and upward.

S. E. COLLINS, Chairman.

ON RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS.

We, the Committee on Religious Periodicals, make the following report: As a faithful and able exponent of Baptist tenets, as a medium through which the Baptists of Florida may keep posted in the progress of our denomination, not only in our State, but through the whole South, we unhesitatingly recommend the *Christian Index*. When the means of our enlightenment are in every hand so full and complete, costing us little more than the time spent in reading, we cannot excuse the want of information among our brethren. Brethren, read more, take our denominational paper and read it; one copy being worth more than the subscription price. Encourage your children to read it, that they may be better prepared to fill their places, which some of us must soon vacate. *Kind Words* and the *Little Gem*, both published at Macon, Ga., are admirably adapted to the capacities of the children as an auxiliary in Sunday School work.

A. J. CONE, Chairman.

ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions respectfully report: That there is so much destitution in the bounds of our Association that it may be properly declared one missionary field. We would, however, especially call the attention of this body to the great destitution which is now and has been existing in the northern portion of Columbia county. While the Churches of Columbia county have contributed regularly for the employment of missionaries for twenty-three years, in the northern part of said county there has been no Baptist preaching for seventeen years, till only a few months past. Within the past few months the Columbia Union has, to the best of her

ability, supplied this destitution, but now their means are exhausted, and we would urge upon the Association the importance of supplying this destitution at once.

K. D. EDGE, Chairman.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, report: That it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our beloved Bro. F. M. Weeks, and Bro. A. E. Smith. Bro. Weeks was born October, 1843, was baptized August, 1866, was ordained to the office of Deacon 1877, and died in Alachua county, Fla., April 11, 1879. Bro. Weeks was a faithful Deacon and an efficient Sunday School worker. He gave promise of great usefulness as an ambassador of Christ, but that Providence which doeth all things well, has called him to come up higher. In the death of Bro. Weeks the community has lost a good citizen, the poor a sympathizing and charitable friend, the Church an efficient worker, and his family—their loss cannot be estimated; and we would ask to mingle a brother's tears and offer a brother's sympathy in their great grief. Bro. A. E. Smith was born in the State of Ohio, and had been laboring in the ministry about six years, at the time of his death, which occurred in April, 1879. He was a member of Eliam Church. Bro. Smith was an efficient worker in the Master's vineyard, and was instrumental in winning souls to Christ. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss, but their loss is his gain.

J. G. TAYLOR, Chairman.

ON NOMINATIONS.

We, the Committee on Nominations, submit the following report:

First—We recommend that the next session of this body be held with Providence Church, Bradford county, Fla., on Saturday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1880.

Second—That Elder H. M. King preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder G. W. Hall, alternate.

Third—That Elder J. G. Taylor preach the Missionary Sermon; Elder H. B. McCallum, alternate.

E. P. HICKSON, Chairman.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee to whom was referred the selection of an Executive Committee, report the names of T. W. Get-

zen, J. G. Taylor and K. D. Edge, as the Executive Committee.

K. CHAMBERS, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received after the adjournment of the Association.

T. B. ELLIS, Treasurer,

In Account with Santa Fe River Association,

1878. DR.
 Oct. 14, To bal. on report rendered this day... \$ 10.32
 " " To am't rec'd from Finance Com. . . 114.28
 " " " " " " private contrib'n. . . 25
 " 26, " " " " Jonesville Church . . . 95
 Nov 4, " " " " Mrs H E Timmons . . . 5.00
 " " " " " " Concord Church.. . 2.00
 " " " " " " Orange C'k Union . 1.35—\$134.15

1878. CR.
 Oct. 14, By am't paid C. V. Waugh, for printing and distributing minutes and charges as Clerk..... \$60.00
 " " By am't paid Bro. B. W. Becks..... 15.07
 " " " " " " G. W. Hall..... 7.07
 " " " " " " J. K. Sheffield..... 21.39
 " " " " " " S. Sheffield..... 21.39
 " " " " " " S. Sheffield, from Concord Church.. . 2.00—\$126.92

1879.
 Oct. 11, To balance in treasury, this date.... \$7.23
 Respectfully tendered with vouchers.
 T. B. ELLIS, Treasurer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Conversions.
Concord...	S. H. Worthington.	Otter Creek.	3 15 18	...
Elim.....	T. W. Getzen.....	Lake City..	7 35 42	...
Eliam.....	S. B. Forlay.....	Banana....	12 70 82	...
Eliam.....	T. W. Thompson..	Banana....	12 70 82	...
Frankland..	F. W. Polk.....	Frankland..	4 35 39	...
Gainesville..	C. V. Waugh.....	Gainesville..	15 80 96	11
Jonesville..	T. M. Kirby.....	Archer.....	12 50 62	...
Phillippi..	W. H. L. Townsend.	Mikesville .	8 40 48	...
Pine Grove..	Jacob Dupree.....	Wacassassa.	7 25 32	...
Lake City..	E. E. Cleaveland..	Lake City..	13 112 125	1

Totals 25 12

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICE.	PAS. OR.	CLERK.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received By Letter.	Restored.	Dismiss'd By Letter.	Excluded	Dead.	Total.
*Bap. Tabernacle	Jack-sonville			No delegate.							.58
*Bethlehem	Lake City	W C Lee	S K O Quinn	K D Edge, J W Bryant		.15	.5	.3	.2		.75
*Beulah	Stars	L W Kickliter	Jesse Tuomas	No delegates.							.42
*Baldwin	Baldwin		G W Ford								.14
Concord	Otter Creek	S Sheffield	B C Pratt	S H Worthington, M A Beck		.17	.2	.1	.5	.2	.72
*Corinth	Wacassassa		D S Walker	Not represented							.25
Elim	Lake City	J G Taylor	T W Geitzen	T W Geitzen, A J Cone and S E C Collins							.94
Elizabeth	Baldwin	H N King	O H Parker	L Baldwin, J B Perry							.61
*Ephesus	Joppa	Z A Crompton	C L Slaughter	C Faircloth, J B Faircloth		.11	.2	.5	.1	.3	.30
*Ebenzer	Frankland	Z A Crompton	W Haddock	Not represented							.118
*Galnesville	Frankland	S Sheffield	W Haddock	J S Turner, Ira S (arlet		.4	.6	.3			.22
Frankland	Frankland	S Sheffield	F W Polk	Not represented		.6	.6				.17
Jonesville	Cher	J K Sheffield	T B Ellis	T M King, F Hunt		.4	.6	.3	.3	.1	.76
Lake City	Lake City	C V W. King	H A Pickett	E P Hickson, T S Chalker							.32
*Mt. Foreb	Lake City	H M King	J S Chalker	No delegates							.37
*New Providence	Wacassassa	S Sheffield	J D Johnson								.18
Phillippi	Gitter Creek	S Sheffield	J L Beach								.62
Pine Grove	Wacassassa	S French	Allen Roberts	R Martin, J W Cone							.10
Pleasant Grove	Morrison's Mill	S Sheffield	R C Martin	S Sheffield, N T Ing							.35
Providence	M. Tabor	G W Hall	R Tucker	No delegates		.8	.2	.5	.1	.2	.82
Saunders	Wacassassa	J G Taylor	E O Lamb	J G Taylor, B C Gay and W Bailey							.85
*Spring Grove	Lake Town	A Crosby	W H Donaldson	John Donaldson		.2	.1	.3	.6		.106
Total			J W Fritcher	No delegate							.31
					83	63	4	50	23	11	1415

* These marked * are taken from old minutes.

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