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OFFICERS:

W. N. CHAUDOIN, *Moderator*, - - - - - Jacksonville.
N. A. BAILEY, *Clerk*, - - - - - Micanopy.
G. W. HALL, *Treasurer*, - - - - - Melrose.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order by Moderator.
3. Reading Letters 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 Circular Letters.
10. Report of Committees.
11. Appointment of Messengers to State Convention, and other Associations.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Adjournment.

OFFICERS.

W. N. Chaudoin, Moderator.....Jacksonville, Fla.
N. A. Bailey, Clerk.....Micanopy, Fla.
G. W. Hall, Treasurer.....Melrose, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

H. M. King, G. W. Hall, Robert McClellan.

MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

G. W. Hall.....Melrose, Fla.
H. M. King.....Gainesville, Fla.
C. V. Waugh.....Gainesville, Fla.
H. B. McCallum.....Jacksonville, Fla.
W. N. Chaudoin.....Jacksonville, Fla.
W. S. Perry.....Gainesville, Fla.
B. M. Pack.....Melrose, Fla.
N. A. Bailey.....Micanopy, Fla.

MINUTES.

ELIAM CHURCH, Saturday, November 19, 1881.

The Santa Fe River Baptist Association met this day at 11 o'clock, A. M., when, on motion of Elder H. M. King, the appointee, Elder J. H. Breaker, of Missouri, preached the Introductory Sermon, from 2 Peter, 3:16. An intermission of one hour was then had, for the purpose of partaking of refreshments.

At 2 o'clock P. M. the messengers Assembled in the house. The former Moderator and Clerk being both absent, Elder W. N. Chaudoin was chosen temporary Moderator, and Elder N. A. Bailey temporary Clerk.

The letters from the churches were then read, and the names of the messengers enrolled. A petitionary letter was then read from Spring Hill church, and on motion of brother King, the church was received as a constituent of the body, and the hand of fellowship extended to the messengers by the Moderator. The following is the list of messengers comprising the present session:

Eliam.—G. W. Hall, T. W. Thompson, E. B. Lane.
Pleasant Grove.—H. M. King, W. S. Perry, G. W. Riles.
Gainesville.—T. C. Ellis, R. McClellan.
Beulah.—R. S. Hogarth, J. E. Thomas.
Phillipi.—H. R. Williams, T. C. Carroll.
Providence.—W. M. Swilley, James Bielling.
Micanopy.—N. A. Bailey, W. H. Harrison.
Tabernacle.—W. N. Chaudoin, B. M. Pack.
Spring Hill.—J. W. Deveneau, S. W. Stevens.

On motion of brother G. W. Hall, brethren Chaudoin and Bailey were elected permanent Moderator and Clerk by acclamation.

On motion of brother Deveneau, Elder G. W. Hall was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

The order of business of last year's session was adopted for the present session.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats, and the invitation was accepted by Elder W. B. Hare, of Alabama; Elder J. H. Breaker, of Missouri; Elder S. Woodberry, of Massachusetts; and brethren W. T. Ryan, of Santa Fe Pond church; Elder A. Crosby, and W. H. Donaldson, of Saluda church.

Correspondents called for from sister Associations and responded to as follows:

St. Johns River.—Elders B. W. Becks, E. B. Timmons, and brethren J. T. Cauthen, M. Seigler, S. E. Timmons.
Alachua.—Elders Wm. Johnson, W. T. Carlton, H. Steele, Z. A. Crumpton, and brethren J. A. Carlton, John McQuaig, W. V. Peacock, J. C. Barrington, S. J. Edwards, Julius Webb.

Appointed committees as follows:

On Preaching.—H. M. King, G. W. Hall, H. R. Williams.
On Letters and Queries.—J. W. Deveneau, T. C. Ellis, W. M. Swilley.
On Finance.—R. McClellan, W. H. Harrison, E. B. Lane.
On Sabbath-Schools.—B. M. Pack, E. B. Lane, S. W. Stevens.
On Religious Periodicals.—H. M. King, G. W. Hall, T. W. Thompson.
On Missions.—N. A. Bailey, T. C. Carroll, Jas. Bielling.
On Nominations.—G. W. Riles, R. S. Hogarth, T. W. Thompson.
On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.—W. S. Perry, G. W. Hall, J. E. Thomas.
On Temperance.—H. M. King, R. McClellan, W. H. Harrison.

The Committee on Preaching reported services for the Sabbath, as follows:

10 o'clock A. M., Sunday school Mass Meeting, to be conducted by Elder B. M. Pack, Missionary Agent of the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia.
11 A. M., Missionary Sermon by Elder N. A. Bailey.
2 P. M., Elder J. H. Breaker, of Mo.
7:30 P. M., Elder J. W. Deveneau.

On motion of H. M. King, adjourned until 9 A. M. Monday. Prayer by Elder S. Woodburry, of Mass.

SABBATH SERVICES.

10 A. M. Bro. Pack addressed the Sunday school meeting, followed by Bro. Crumpton.

A collection for Sunday-school work was taken amounting to \$9.03.

11 A. M. Bro. Bailey preached the Missionary Sermon from Luke 4:18, "To preach deliverance to the captives." A collection was taken amounting to \$37.51.

2:30 P. M. Bro. Breaker preached from 1st Peter 1:11: The sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow.

7:30 P. M. Bro. Deveneau preached from Mark 10:49, "Be of good comfort, rise; He calleth thee."

The sermons were marked by earnestness and spiritual fervor, and doubtless good was done for the Master.

MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

9 A. M., the Association met and was opened with singing and prayer, by Bro. Hare, of Alabama.

Minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats, and the invitation was accepted by Elder W. T. Gordon, of Indiana, and Prof. C. C. Hill, of Melrose High School.

On motion of Bro. Hall, the Clerk was instructed to prepare the following letter for the Minutes:

To the Associations in Correspondence with us during the present Session:

DEAR BRETHREN—We take this method of expressing our great gratification at the pleasure afforded us by the presence and counsel of so large a number of corresponding messengers from your bodies. You have given us no little joy, by thus indicating so strongly your fellowship with us. We thank you for your expressed esteem, and we earnestly hope you will send a like goodly number to meet with us at our next annual gathering.

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read and after an earnest prayer of thanksgiving, led by brother King, the report was adopted, as follows:

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

Your Committee beg leave to report: That while death has been abroad in the land, and a number of our beloved brethren of other Associations have been taken away, our Ministers and Deacons have all been spared. Let us feel grateful to our dear Heavenly Father that we have thus been blessed; and let us pray for our Ministers and Deacons, that their labors may be abundantly blessed among us, that, at last, when they are called, they may all be prepared to hear the Master say, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."

W. S. PERRY,
G. W. HALL,
J. E. THOMAS.

Committee.

The Report on Letters and Queries read and adopted:

On Letters and Queries.

Your Committee on Letters and Queries have but little to report, as there are no queries sent up by any of the churches.

There seems to have been but little revival or ingathering in the churches of this Association. Brethren, we should feel troubled that we have not been more faithful and prayerful, and have not felt more interest in the souls of dying men around us. Let us remember that, to us, "the time is short," in which to win souls to Christ.

J. W. DEVENEAU,
T. C. ELLIS,
W. M. SWILLEY.

Committee.

Report on Temperance was read, and after addresses were made on the subject by brethren King, Timmons, Hall and Bailey the report was adopted:

On Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report: There is no influence opposing our church work in this State so disastrous in its tendency, as that of the inordinate use of alcoholic drinks. Its sad results are manifest in the thickening of drunkard's graves, in the tattered garments of orphan children and in the lamentations of grief-stricken mothers. It is an evil that grows with our growth and strengthens with our strength. How can we stop its onward march of ruin and death? is a question that lives in the heart of the philanthropist and the Christian. About every ten years of our history some new plan is discovered that promises to hold in check this monstrous evil. In many individual cases those plans have succeeded; but they have all been found inadequate to accomplish their desired end. Holy men and women have inquired for the cause of the failure of these plans. Whatever answer may be given, your Committee are sensibly impressed with the conviction that this temperance work is peculiarly a church work, and one that demands immediate, earnest and consecrated effort. We therefore recommend that the pastors of the churches of this Association, the Sunday-school Superintendents and teachers urge the importance of this work, by exalting the standard of personal piety among the people, and thus cultivate a healthy sentiment in favor of prohibition.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. KING,
R. McCLELLAN,
W. H. HARRISON.
Committee.

The report on Missions was read and discussed by the chairman of the Committee. The hour for preaching having arrived, the body adjourned and listened to an interesting and instructive sermon by brother Gordon, of Indiana.

2 P. M.—Opened with singing, and prayer by brother Deveneau. The order of business was suspended and the report of Committee on Nominations read and adopted:

On Nominations.

We, the Committee on Nominations, would recommend that the next session of this body be held with Pleasant Grove church, at Hawthorne, Fla. We also nominate brother W. N. Chaudoin to preach the Introductory Sermon, and brother G. W. Hall, alternate. Brother N. A. Bailey to preach the Missionary Sermon and brother H. M. King alternate.

G. W. RILES,
R. S. HOGARTH,
T. W. THOMPSON,
Committee.

The time for the meeting of the Association was fixed for Friday before the third Sunday in November, 1882.

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Report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted:

Report of Finance Committee.

CHURCHES.	Associational purposes	Contributed during year			Total.
		State Mission.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	
Beulah	\$3 40				\$3 40
Elim	13 00	\$14 43			27 43
Gainesville	3 00	7 75	\$10 50	\$11 50	32 75
Tabernacle	5 00	41 95	25	50	47 70
Micanopy	3 00		8 00	13 45	24 45
Philippi	4 25				4 25
Pleasant Grove	7 20	90			8 10
Providence	6 00				6 00
Spring Hill	50	35			85
Sunday collection					37 51
	\$45 35	\$65 38	\$48 75	\$25 45	\$192 44

Respectfully submitted,

R. McCLELLAN,
Chairman.

The Order of business was resumed, being the discussion of the report on missions, by brethren King, Beeks, Bailey and Hall, and the report was adopted, after being amended, as follows:

Report on Missions.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to make the following report:

The subject assigned us is a large one, and as important as it is large. It embraces the work of missions in all its departments, Associational, State, Home and Foreign. Let us look for a moment at these four divisions of the one great work, for it is one.

It appears from former Minutes of the body, that the first department of this great work, (Associational missions,) has been entirely neglected, at least for the past two years. There are several important points within our bounds that ought to be occupied at once. Able ministers to labor at these destitute places are greatly needed, but this need could be easily supplied if we had the means to support the laborers. Whether this body is able of itself to put one or more missionaries in the field, is a question that ought to claim the immediate attention of our churches and the Executive Committee. This work is near our homes, and ought to be near our hearts. Brethren, let us "rise up and build" these waste places of our Zion.

The last meeting of the State Convention appointed a State Board of Missions to look after the work of supplying, at least for the present, the important points in the State needing aid. Of this Board your honored Moderator is the Corresponding Secre-

tary. From him we are gratified to learn that there have been during the year, six missionaries under appointment, and supported in whole or in part by this Board. At the last meeting of the Board, they were able to settle in full with all the missionaries with a surplus in the treasury. This was far better than the most sanguine of the friends of this movement had hoped for, and we now feel that we have every reason to "thank God and take courage" for the success attending this new effort to enlarge the activities of our people. We cannot too strongly urge upon the churches the importance, yea, the necessity of giving this Board our hearty and practical support.

Of the work of the Home Board, located at Marion, Alabama, and of which your Moderator is a missionary for the State at large, we can mention only one or two points of special interest to ourselves, to-wit:

First, this Board has been giving more attention to this State, and has had under commission more Missionaries in it, than in any other State within its jurisdiction. The tide of immigration into our borders within the last year or two, has impressed the Board with the importance of supplying the State with the pure gospel and building up the churches of Christ as the foundations of the truth.

Second, The work among the Indians of the West has been greatly blessed. Especially would we make mention of the fact that the Levering School, the long cherished scheme of our veteran Missionary, Dr. H. F. Buckner, is a grand success. This school is under the control of, and belongs to, the Home Mission Board.

We would also be delighted to dwell upon the bright prospects opening up for Catholic New Orleans, but we have not the space. Suffice it to say, that the work of this Board has strong claims upon our prayers, sympathies and contributions. Let us meet our obligations as Christians.

The Foreign Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention is constantly enlarging, thereby calling on us for enlarged gratitude to the God of Missions as well as enlarged contributions to meet the growing work. New fields are being occupied, and new missionaries are being sent out. China, with its teeming millions, has claimed our attention for years, and God has signally blessed the work there. Africa has likewise stretched out her hands to us for the gospel, and our response has received the benedictions of heaven. For a few years past our thoughts and offerings have been given to Italy, Catholic Italy, and God has smiled upon the work. Brazil is now occupied by the Board, and brother Bagly and his wife are laboring in that empire to lift the dark curtain of ignorance and superstition Roman Catholicism has fastened upon that people. Mexico, too, has one or more missionaries within her borders. But while the work is growing, has grown, upon our hands, how much remains yet to be done? "To us is committed the word of reconciliation," not to keep back, but to give to others who have it not. Have we filled, as the stewards of God, the measure of our responsibility in this respect? Heretofore, this State has contributed about one hundred dollars annually to the foreign work. We ought the coming year to double that amount at least. As a child grows it becomes necessary to enlarge its

clothing. So in missions, as the fields open and new laborers are called of God, and qualified to occupy them, new drafts are made upon us by Him who is Lord of all, for enlarged contributions to meet the exigencies.

A new department of mission work among the heathen, is now claiming our attention, namely the sending of female missionaries as physicians. This gives them an influence over heathen women which they could not otherwise have. Male missionaries, though skillful physicians, cannot have access to heathen families, while female physicians are readily admitted. It becomes us as Christians, to lay every available means under tribute, to bring the lost to the knowledge of the Son of God. Let us obey the call He makes on us, and rejoice that He counts us worthy, putting us in position whereby we may serve and honor Him with our substance as well as with our hearts.

Respectfully submitted by N. A. Bailey, T. C. Carroll, James Bielling.

The Report of the Committee on Sunday-schools was read, and after addresses by brethren Pack, Timmons, Perry and Gordon, was adopted:

Report of Committee on Sunday-Schools.

Your Committee on Sunday-schools beg leave to make the following report:

First, That we are glad to say that the majority of the churches are sustaining Sunday-schools, and that from their reports there is a progressive interest manifested.

Second, That as we deem the Sunday-school as being the greatest agency the church can employ for bringing the young unto a knowledge of the Lord, and as the prosperity of the church depends greatly upon the interest it sustains in the Sunday school, we would recommend that those churches which have not hitherto sustained Sunday-schools, enter without delay into such organizations.

Third, That for a lack of proper information on the part of our Sunday-school officers and teachers, and the want of a general organization in this and all the other Associations of the State, our Sunday-school cause is at a low ebb.

We recommend that the Sunday-schools and churches of this Association appoint delegates to meet at Micanopy, on Friday before the third Sunday in February, for the purpose of organizing an Associational Sunday-school Convention.

We would heartily recommend the Sunday-school periodicals of the American Baptist Publishing Society and *Kind Words*, to all our Sunday-schools.

We also promise our hearty co-operation with brother Pack, our Sunday-school Missionary, in the glorious work he represents.

Respectfully submitted,

B. M. PACK, *Chairman.*

Report of Committee on Religious Periodicals was read, and after an able discussion of the subject by brother King, was adopted:

On Religious Periodicals.

Your Committee on Religious Periodicals, in making their report, would mention two facts, and call the attention of our brethren to their significance.

1. The general diffusion of education. There is a new and quickened interest in education among our people. In Florida, as in the entire South, indeed, formerly it was the more wealthy of the whites who were educated, while our colored people, then our servants, were thought to be better without it; but now, in the new order of things, the blacks are being educated, and the whites are more generally and better instructed.

2. The position and influence of the public press. Every interest and every enterprise is represented and advocated in some department of the secular press. The slang of the tramp, and the inaugural of the President, the wit of the clown and the speech of the senator, are given to our people and children in its daily issues. Now, if our people become a reading people, the question for us is, what shall they read? Shall we not see to it that our Religious Periodicals furnish religious reading and instruction.

Your Committee heartily recommend THE CHRISTIAN INDEX, of Atlanta; and *Kind Words*, of Macon, Ga.; but your Committee cannot close this report without urging the imperative necessity of a State paper.

H. M. KING,
G. W. HALL,
T. W. THOMPSON.
Committee.

The following brethren were elected delegates to the State Convention, to meet in Ocala on the 8th of December: G. W. Hall, J. W. Deveneau, N. A. Bailey, E. M. Pack, H. M. King, S. W. Stevens, G. W. A. McRae, G. W. Riles, C. V. Waugh, W. S. Perry.

Correspondents to sister Associations were appointed as follows:
St. John's River.—To meet with Paran church on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1882, G. W. Hall, E. B. Lane, Lee, B. M. Pack.

Alachua.—To meet with Ocala church, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1882, G. W. Hall, J. W. Deveneau, S. W. Stevens, Hinson, N. A. Bailey, B. M. Pack, W. N. Chaudoin.

Harmony.—To meet with Jonesville church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in November, 1882, B. M. Pack.

New River.—To meet with Santa Fe Pond church on Saturday before the second Sunday in November, 1882, J. E. Thomas, E. B. Timmons, R. S. Hogarth, W. S. Perry, Hinson.

Beulah.—To meet with Elim church Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1882, H. R. Williams, T. C. Carroll, W. N. Chaudoin.

On motion of Bro. Hall, the collection on Sabbath was divided as follows: One-third for Associational Missions, one-third for State Board of Missions, one-sixth to Home Board, and one-sixth to the Foreign Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have 500 copies of the Minutes printed, and was allowed \$15 for his services.

The following brethren were elected an Executive Committee: H. M. King, G. W. Hall, and Robert McClellan.

The following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the members of Eliam church, and the citizens of this community, for their generous hospitality, and also to the railroads for the courtesies extended to delegates and visitors.

A collection was taken for Sister Tomkies, amounting to \$5.89.

After singing the hymn, "Blessed be the tie that binds," and extending the parting hand, the Association adjourned *sine die* after prayer by Bro. King.

W. N. CHAUDOIN *Moderator*

N A BAILEY, *Clerk.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICE.	PASTORS.	CLERK.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Restored.	Dism'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Days of Preaching.
Liam.....	Ranana.....	H. M. King.....	E. B. Lane.....	G. W. Hall, T. W. Thompson, E. B. Lane.....	5	12	1	3	1	115	4
Picassant Grove.....	Hawthorne.....	H. M. King.....	T. B. Ellis.....	H. M. King, W. S. Perry, G. W. Riles.....	12	1	2	2	1	94	3
Gainesville.....	Gainesville.....	C. V. Wangh.....	J. E. Thomas.....	J. C. Riles, Robert McClellan.....	4	3	1	1	74	1,2,3,4	
Beniah.....	Wilderness.....	L. W. Ricklighter.....	R. C. Martin.....	R. S. Hogarth, J. E. Thomas.....	4	7	2	1	23	1,2,3,4	
Phillipi.....	Mt. Tabor.....	G. T. Lettner.....	E. C. Lamb.....	R. S. Williams, J. C. G. Thomas.....	4	7	2	1	61	3	
Providence.....	Micanopy.....	B. M. Mosley.....	J. D. Johnson.....	W. M. Smalley, J. H. Harrison.....	10	2	9	2	92	2	
Micanopy.....	Jacksonville.....	N. A. Bailey.....	J. M. Deveneau.....	V. A. Ralley, W. H. Harrison.....	12	10	4	1	19	1,3	
Tabernacle.....	Ocala.....	J. W. Deveneau.....	J. M. Deveneau.....	V. N. Chandon, B. M. Pack.....	12	10	4	1	60	4	
Spring Hill.....				J. W. Deveneau, S. W. Stevens.....	30	40	5	15	6	549	4
Total.....					30	40	5	15	6	549	4

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