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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. Report of Committees.
10. Appointment of Messengers to State Convention, and other Associations. 11. Miscellaneous Business.

12. Adjournment.

OFFICERS.

W. N. Chaudoin Moderator	
N. A. Bailey, Clerk. G. W. Hall, Treasures	Jackson III- Tu
N. A. Bailey, Clerk. G. W. Hall, Treasurer.	Micanopy Fla.
G. W. Hall, Treasurer.	Melrose, Fla

MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POST G W T 11

G. W. Hall	
H. M. King	
H. B McCallum	Grinose, Fla.
W. N. Chandai	Gainesville, Fla.
W S Parra	Meirose, Fla. Gainesville, Fla. Jacksonville, Fla. Jacksonville, Fla. Gainesville, Fla.
R M D	Jacksonville, Fla
N. M. Pack	Jacksonville, Fla. Gainesville, Fla. Campville, Fla.
N. A. Bailey	
G. K. Allen	Micanony File.
J. S. Wharton	
	Claire Fla.
	Gainesville, Fla.

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FIRST DAY.

HAWTHORNE, FLA., November 17th, 1882.

The Santa Fe River Association convened this day with the Pleasant Grove church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, at 11 o'clock, A. M., from Psalms, 97:1, 2.

After an intermission of one hour, the messengers re-assembled, Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, the former Moderator, in the chair, and former Clerk at the the table.

Singing and prayers having been offered by brethren S. T. Stanaland and B. M. Pack, letters from the following churches were read and messengers names enrolled:

Pleasant Grove—H. M. King, A. W. Hinson, R. B. Weeks. Micanopy—N. A. Bailey. Phillipi—H. R. Williams, John Vinzant.

Beulah—R. S. Hogarth. Eliam—G. W. Hall, T. W. Thompson, G. W. A. McRhea.

Tabernacle-W. N. Chaudoin, F. B. Moodie, B. M. Pack, J. D.

Providence—F. N. Vinzant, G. W. S. Ware, E. D. DuBose. Gainesville—R. McClellan, G. A. M. Rains.

Petitionary letters were read from the following churches, and the hand of fellowship extended to their messengers by the Moderator:

First Church, Campville-Sammy Woodland, Wm. T. Ryan.

Hickory Head—S. T. Stanaland. Saluda—W. H. Donaldson.

On motion of B. M. Pack, the former officers were elected by acclamation, namely: W. N. Chaudoin, Moderator; N. A. Bailey, Clerk; G. W. Hall, Treasurer.

The order of business of last session was adopted for the present

Visiting brethren were invited to seats, but there were none present

Correspondents were called for and responded to from

Alachua Association-John Cordero, Wm. Johnson, J. A. Carlton, C. Hammondtree, Matthew Hinson.

The following committees were appointed: On Preaching—Pastor and messengers of Pleasant Grove church,

and J. D. McKinley.
On Temperance—T. W. Thompson, G. W. Hall, R. S. Hogarth.
On Missions—B M. Pack, John Vinzaut, Wm. Paul.

On Letters and Queries-G. W. Hall, S. T. Stanaland, W. H. Don-

On Finance-R. B. Weeks, H. R. Williams, W. T. Ryan.

On Sunday-Schools—H. M. King, F. N. Vinzant, G. W. S. Ware. On Periodicals—G. W. Hall, F. B. Moodie, H. R. Williams. On Nominations—R. McClellan, Lott Allen, John Vinzant.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons-N. A. Bailey, R. McClellan,

Committee on Preaching reported N. A. Bailey to preach to-night, and G. W. Hall to-morrow at 11, A. M.

After an address of welcome by the pastor of Pleasant Grove church, H. M. King, which was responded to by N. A. Bailey, by request of the Moderator, the Association adjourned until 9:30 o'clock, Saturday morning. Prayer by Moderator.

At night brother Bailey preached from Songs of Solomon, 8:5. Theme: The Bride of Christ.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, 9:30, A.M.

G. W. HALL, Treasurer.

Singing and prayer by J. W. Thomas

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes of Friday's session read and approved.

Renewed the call for petitionary letters, and one received from Blue Pond church. The petition was granted and the hand of fellowship given to the following messengers: Lott Allen, Wm. Paul,

Invitation to visiting brethren to seats, renewed and accepted by Rev. J. A. Elliott, of Minnesota.

Renewed call for correspondents and the following brethren reported

themselves: From St. John's River Association—B. W. Becks, J. W. Thomas.

Alachua-Paul Willis.

The Treasurer's report was read and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Treasurer's Report.

G. W. Hall in account with Santa Fe River Association: 1881. Dr.	
Nov. 21. To amount received from Finance Committee. Cr.	\$87.86
Nov. 21. By cash paid Clerk for his services\$15.00 For printing Minntes	
Nov. 21. By cash paid W. N. Chaudoin for State Miss'ns. 12.50 Foreign Missions. 6.25 Home Missions. 6.25	
Nov. 17, 1882. Balance on hand	
	\$87.86

Report of Committee on Letters and Queries read and adopted.

Report on Letters and Queries.

Your Committee beg leave to report that there are no queries appearing in any of the letters or reports from the churches. We are glad to report that there have been revivals and ingatherings in most of the churches; and we rejoice to note that three churches have been constituted during the year, and received into our number and one that

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had been dismissed has returned to us, making an addition of four to our little number, which has been depleted so frequently by withdrawals to form other Associations.

G. W. HALL, S. T. STANALAND, W. H. DONALDSON, Committee.

The report on Temperance was read, and after remarks by brethren Bailey and King, the hour for preaching arrived and the body adjourned to 2 P.M.

Brother Hall preached an interesting sermon from John, 13:34, 35. Theme: Brotherly Love.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 o'clock.

Opened with prayer by brother King. The discussion of the report on Temperance was resumed, brethren Becks, Thomas, Stanaland, H. C. Martin, Hall, Hogarth and Moodie speaking. After which the report was adopted by a rising vote.

Report on Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following: Every advocate of temperance principles has abundant cause to rejoice that temperance workers are gaining ground every day, and cheering reports are brought to us from many States and sections of our country that prohibition sentiments are spreading; and many fair spots of our loved country, where this drink curse had thrown its withering blight, now rejoice in freedom from its scourge of destruction. We have still to lament, however, that some of our churches are still troubled with this evil in having members who drink, and in some instances, we fear, the churches do not use proper discipline in this matter.

We would earnestly recommend to our pastors the importance of preaching to their churches on the subject of temperance, faithfully pointing out the evils and dangers that result even from the moderate

use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

We recommend to his Association the importance of presenting a petition to the Florida Legislature at its next session, asking that body to pass what is known as the local option law, or to make some legislative enactment that will allow the people the privilege of freeing themselves from ithe dangers and annoyances that result from the traffic in ardent spirits.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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

The names of the following brethren were enrolled as correspondents: H. C. Martin and Hiram Steele, of the Alachua Association, and S. E. Timmons, of the St. John's River Association.

Report on Sunday-schools was read, and after remarks by brethren Willis, Martin, Bailey, Pack, King and McClellan, it was adopted as follows:

Report on Sunday Schools.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following: On careful inquiry we find that our brethren and sisters throughout the country all heartily approve of Sunday-schools. There seems to be no difficulty at all on this score. Every one is convinced of the real importance of the work, lacking only suitable methods, and many suit-

We find again that all have not that systematic procedure in Sunday-school work calculated to win the hearts of non-members, and impart strength and efficiency in the work of teaching and training those already members. System—well defined system, both as to time and manner of conducting Sunday-schools, is one of the felt necessities of this age. Without it, it is little wonder that so little is accomplished in this department of Christian labor. Open and close the schools at the proper time; have variety and spice in all the exercises, and let the children know and feel that you have a special interest in them, and the work will certainly prosper more, and greater efficiency

We would respectfully urge the importance, the real necessity, of using, in all our Sunday-schools, strictly Baptistic literature. If we would have our children grow up in the principles which were dear to the hearts of our fathers and mothers, and are dear to our own hearts, we must teach those principles and Scripture truths to them, praying God to apply them to their hearts and consciences. As good, sound, Baptistic literature, we take pleasure in recommending Kind Words and the accompanying Quarterlies, together with the periodicals of the American Baptist Publication Society, which are represented by our beloved and faithful brother, Basil M. Pack, with whom we pledge ourselves to heartily co-operate in the good work he is doing in H. M. KING, Chairman.

On motion of brother King, a committee of three was appointed to memorialize the next Legislature on the subject of temperance, and ask that body to pass a local option law. Said committee consists of brethren King, Bailey and Hall,

The report on missions was read.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Association adjourned to Monday morning 9:30 o'clock. Prayer by brother Moodie.

Rev. B. W. Becks preached an interesting sermon at night from Matt. 11:28. After the sermon the claims of the Board of Ministerial Education of the State Convention were presented by brethren Bailey and Chaudoin, and a collection taken amounting to \$11.02.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

At 10:30 Sabbath morning, the Missionary Sermon was preached by the appointee, N. A. Bailey, from Psalm 72:16. At the same hour Paul Willis preached in the Academy building. The collections of the morning amounted to \$27.55.

At 2 P. M. a mass meeting in the interest of Sunday-schools was held. Brethren Bailey, Pack and Chaudoin made addresses, and a collection was taken amounting to \$11.06.

At 3 P. M. a mass meeting in the interest of Ladies' Mission Societies was held. An essay written by Mrs. N. A. Bailey was read, and brother Paul Willis made an interesting address.

At 7 P. M. brother P. Willis preached again, from Exodus 14:15. It is believed that much good will result from this day's labor.

THIRD DAY.

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MONDAY, 9:30 A. M.

The Association met, and after singing, brother B. W. Becks led

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved. The report on Missions was taken up, and after some very interesting remarks by Rev. P. Willis, it was adopted as follows:

Report on Missions.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to offer the following report: Our State Mission field is large, important and inviting. We are gratified to state that a more lively interest has been manifested on the part of our Florida Baptists in this direction during the last year than at any former period. But the claims for a more extended work in our State are increasing and pressing. Shall we allow any part of this work to go undone for a lack of appreciation or exertion on our part?

We are pleased to note the interest manifested on the part of our sisters in the mission work. At our last State Convention sister N. A. Bailey was appointed State Secretary of Woman's Mission Work. At that time there was but one Society in the State. Since that meeting there have been twenty-four Societies organized, which have entered upon their work. We would urge the importance of this work upon our sisters in all our churches, and recommend that our pastors use their influence in organizing societies in the churches to which they

We invite the attention of the brethren of the Association to the fact that very little, if anything, is being done in Associational mission work. There is much destitution in our territory, but many of these destitute points are too obscure to be reached by the work of our State Board, therefore, should not our attention be excited in this di-

The work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is extensive and continues to increase. We need more laborers in the field, but as the Lord of the harvest has ordained money as one of the constituent elements upon which is based the commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," should we not arouse ourselves and survey the responsibilities that devolve upon us, on which the execution of this commission depends? Shall the harvest go unoccupied, or shall we as individuals see to it that the demands upon us in this feature of the work are met?

THE FOREIGN WORK .- There are millions of souls in heathen lands yet to convert. The vast Empire of China is open, and we have but few laborers there compared with the number we should have. The workers there have been reinforced lately by the appointment of brethren Walker, Pruitt and others. Encouraging news comes from that field of destitution, as well as from the others

Brother Eubanks has arrived in Africa, with Mrs. Eubanks, to help the missionaries in that field The work in Italy is moving on nicely under the leadership of brother Taylor, assisted by brother John H. Eager and Mrs. Eager. Nearly whole islands of the sea have been converted to Christ. India has hundreds of Christians now where it had ten a few years ago. And so on we might continue, but time and space will not allow.

Respectfully submitted.

B. M. PACK. JOHN VINZANT, WM. PAUL,

The report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read and adopted as follows:

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

Your Committee beg leave to offer the following: It is with profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we are able to record the fact that not one of our ministering brethren has been called from service to rest, and only one deacon has been removed since our last annual gathering Brother Wm. Swilley, deacon of Providence church, passed away sometime in August last, from the effect of a snake bite. Brother Swilley was about thirty-five years of age, and had been deacon about two years. He leaves behind a wife and six children, with a sorrowing church, to mourn his departure. We have not sufficient information to write a more extended notice of our de-

In view of God's gracious preserving care of our brethren, we would ask the body to engage in a prayer of thanksgiving, and ask a continuance of His blessing upon our churches.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. A. BAILEY, G. A. M. RAINS. R. McCLELLAN,

Committee.

According to the suggestion in the above report, the Association was led in prayer by brother G. W. Hall.

Report on Finance.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted as follows:

	CONTRIBUTED DURING THE YEAR.										
CHURCHES,	Associational purposes.	Indian missions.	State Board.	Home Board.	Foreign Board.	Ministerial Board.	Theological Seminary.	Total.			
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Respectfully submitted,

R. B. WEEKS, Chairman.

Note—The average amount contributed for all purposes is nearly 71 cents per member. The highest average is Micanopy, \$2.53 per member: the lowest is 7 cents per member, the church not named. Will not each church give one dollar per member for missions during the next year and report it in the letter to the Association? Can we be Christians and do less?—CLERK.

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Report on Nominations read and, after amendment adopted as follows:

Report on Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations offer the following: Rev. N. A. Bailey to preach the next Introductory Sermon, alternate, Rev. J. S. Wharton. Rev. W. N. Chaudoin to preach the Missionary Sermon, alternate Rev. H. M. King. Respectfully submitted.

R. McCLELLAN. LOTT ALLEN. JOHN VINZANT. Committee.

The Report on Periodicals was read, and after remarks by brethren Hall, Bailey, Chaudoin, Willis, Pack and Becks, it was amended and adopted, as follows:

Report on Periodicals.

Your Committee on Periodicals submit the following: We would cheerfully and gladly place upon record, that the Baptists of Florida are in the front rank and ahead of our denomination in some States, in that they have more subscribers to THE CHRISTIAN INDEX than Baptists have to their religious periodicals in other States, and more than take the Christian Index in Georgia, according to number, although it is published in their midst. But still there is room for improvement, and we hope that pastors and others who are interested in this good work, will continue their efforts until every family where there are Baptist members take and read that sound, sterling Ad journal, THE CHRISTIAN INDEX, published at Atlanta. We would recommend for our children, Kind Words, and the Child's Gem, published at Macon, Georgia, and the Young Reaper and Our Little Ones, published by the American Baptist Publication Society, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. And to our young men and young ladies we would recommend Our Young People and The Home Circle, published by the same society. We would recommend to all our churches, the Foreign Mission Journal published by our Foreign Mission Board, at Richmond Va. The Heathen Helper, published by Woman's Mission to Woman Societies, Louisville, Ky.

Thus every member of our families from the little child to mature manhood, is provided with good, sound, wholesome, mental and spiritual instruction to aid them in understanding the Holy Scriptures, and every department of Christian work in which we engage, has its organ of instruction and communication. Brethren and sisters of the Santa Fe River Association, avail yourselves of the indispensable help these periodicals will give you, no other investment will pay so well, will be so valuable to yourselves and your children, as the money you may expend to furnish yourselves with these.

All of these periodicals can be obtained. Those of the American Baptist Publication Society, by addressing our Sunday-School Missionary, Rev. B. M. Pack, Jacksonville, Florida, and the others from Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, Jacksonville, Florida.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. HALL, F. B. MOODIE, H. R. WILLIAMS, Committee. The hour for adjournment to hear preaching arrived, and on motion,

the order for adjournment was discharged.

The following brethren were elected delegates to the State Convention: W. N. Chaudoin, N. A. Bailey, G. W. Hall, H. R. Williams, B. M. Pack, J. D. McKinley, G. K. Allen, F. B. Moodie, J. S. Wharton and H. M. King.

On motion, the delegation was authorized to fill vacancies if any

should occur.

Correspondents were appointed to sister Associations as follows: Alachua-At Ochlawaha Bridge, Saturday before 4th Sunday in October-G. W. Hall, J. W. Deveneau, B. M. Pack, W. N. Chaudoin, S.

St. John's River-At Peniel, Saturday before 3rd Sunday in October-N. A. Bailey, B. M. Pack, G. W. Hall, W. N. Chaudoin, J. D. McKinley, G. A. M. Rains, R. B. Weeks, Sanders W. S. Grimes.

New River—At ——, Saturday before 2nd Sunday in November—R. S. Hogarth, E. D. DuBose, W. N. Chaudoin, B. M. Pack.

Beulah—At Mt. Pleasant. Saturday before 3rd Sunday in October— H. R. Williams, G. A. M. Rains, B. M. Pack, W. N. Chaudoin.

Harmony - At Rock Sink church, LaFayette county, Friday before 1st Sunday in November-John Vinzant, B. M. Pack, W. N. Chaudoin, G. W. Hall

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the members of Pleasant Grove church, and citizens of Hawthorn, for their princely hospitality during its sessions, and to the railroads and steamboats for courtesies extended.

Resolved, That the time of meeting of next session be Tuesday before the 3rd Sunday in November, 1883.

Resolved, That the next session of the Association be held with the Philippi church.

Resolved, That the Clerk have six hundred copies of the Minutes

printed, and he be allowed fifteen dollars for his services.

On motion, the collection on Sabbath and balance in the treasury was divided equally between the Foreign, Home and State Boards, the portion for the Home Board to be divided between the general work and the Indian department.

On motion, the Executive Committee was dispensed with.

On motion, the funds in the hands of the Treasurer for Associational missions were paid to Rev. G. W. Hall for missionary work done during the past year.

After some remarks by the Moderator, and singing of hymn "Blest be the tie that binds," and prayer by brother F. B. Moodie, the Association adjourned sine die.

W. N. CHAUDOIN, Moderator.

N. A. BAILEY, Clerk.



SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

The following table is an exhibit of the Sunday-schools as shown in the letters from the churches:

Churches.	Officers.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Remarks.
Pleasant Grove® Eliam®. Gainesville.				No school reported.
Beulah Philippi	1	2		No school reported.
Providence. Micanopy*. Tabernacle*	4	4	45	No school reported. No statistics.
Saluda Campville	1	4	25	No school reported.
Hickory Head Blue Pond.*		1::		No statistics.

Churches marked thus * have la lies' mission societies.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

-	Sundays of Meeting.	66 18t, ad, 3d,4th. 13,4th. 110,2d. 127,1st and 3d. 127,1st and 3d.
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	Dism'd by letter.	
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	Baptized. Rec'd by letter.	:: 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 6 8 6 : :
	DELEGATES.	J. D. McKinly, F. B. Moodie, W. N. Chaudoin, B. B. M. Pack. G. M. Raines, R. McClellan, G. W. Hall, T. W. Thompson, G. W. A. McRae., F. N. Vinzant, E. D. DuBose, G. W. S. Ware, H. M. King, A. W. Hinson, R. B. Weeks, H. R. Williams, John Vinzant, R. S. Hogarth, R. S. Hogarth, W. T. Ryan, Lott Allen, Wm. Paul.
	PASTORS.	G. K. Allen N. A. Bailey N. A. Bailey B. R. Mosely H. M. King G. T. Leitner Jaa. Hickey H. M. Hing G. W. Hall W. Devenau V. S. Perry
	POST-OFFICE, PASTORS.	Jacksonville. Gainesville. Banana Micanopy Hawthorne Widerness. Campville Interlachen Grahanville.
	CLERKS.	W. Walker. T. B. Eilis E. B. Farner J. B. Farner J. A. Turnere G. W. Riles R. C. Martin F. M. Johnas, F. M. Johnas, Lort Allen B. I. Hall W. H. Donaldson,
	CHURCHES.	Tabernacle Gainesville Eliam Micanopy Providence Pleasant Grove Philippi Beulah Glampy Highor Halle Rampoville Halle Highory Head

