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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order by the 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,	Jacksonville, Fla.
N. A. BAILEY, Clerk,	Micanopy, Fla.
G. W. HALL, Treasurer,	Melrose, Fla.

MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

G. W. Hall,	Melrose, Fla.
H. M. King,	Gainesville, Fla.
W. N. Chaudoin,	Jacksonville, Fla.
W. S. Perry,	Gainesville, Fla.
N. A. Bailey,	Micanopy, Fla.
C. V. Waugh,	Gainesville, Fla.
B. H. Damon,	Waldo, Fla.
J. W. Devaneau,	Gainesville, Fla.
S. T. Stanaland,	Grahamville, Fla.
B. I. Hull,	Grahamville, Fla.

MINUTES.

PHILIPPI CHURCH, November 13, 1883.

The Santa Fe River Association convened this day with the Philippi Baptist church, Columbia county, Fla., at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the appointee, N. A. Bailey; text, Eph. ii: 10.

After an intermission of one hour the messengers were called together by W. N. Chaudoin, the former Moderator, and prayer was made by J. J. Clark.

Letters were read from the following churches and names of delegates enrolled:

Beulah—R. S. Hogarth, J. Thomas.

Blue Pond—Letter, but no delegate.

Campville—Letter, but no delegate.

Eliam—G. W. Hall.

Gainesville—C. V. Waugh, J. W. Devaneau.

Hickory Head—Letter, but no delegate.

Micanopy—N. A. Bailey.

Philippi—T. B. Ellis, J. A. Carroll, Robert Clyatt.

Pleasant Grove—R. B. Weeks, W. S. Perry, Z. M. Sanders, William Hammond, H. M. King.

Providence—J. A. Turner, L. F. Gay, G. W. Clyatt.

Saluda—Letter, but no delegate.

Tabernacle—W. N. Chaudoin, J. D. McKindlay, Miss Susie McKindlay.

Waldo—G. W. Hall was received on petitionary letter.

The Association proceeded to the permanent organization by re-electing, by acclamation, W. N. Chaudoin, Moderator; N. A. Bailey, Clerk; and G. W. Hall, Treasurer.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats and the invitation was accepted by Eld. A. P. Ashurst, of Lake City.

Correspondents were called for and responses made as follows:

Beulah Association—G. T. Leitner, B. R. Moseley, J. J. Peoples.

New River—H. C. Parker, J. J. Clark.

The order of business of last session was amended by adding to the permanent committees one on Woman's Mission work, and then adopted for the present session.

On motion, the Committee on Preaching was made the Committee on Nominations.

The following committees were announced:

Preaching and Nominations—G. T. Leitner, J. D. McKindlay, and delegates of Philippi church.

Finance—R. B. Weeks, J. A. Turner, Wm. Hammond.
Sunday Schools—J. W. Deaveneau, J. Thomas, L. F. Gay.
Letters and Queries—T. B. Ellis, Robt. Clyatt, Z. M. Sanders.
Missiops—H. M. King, W. S. Perry, J. A. Carroll.
Woman's Work—C. V. Waugh, J. D. McKindlay, J. W. Deveneau.
Publications—N. A. Bailey, H. M. King, G. W. Hall.
Deceased Ministers and Deacons—H. M. King, W. S. Perry,
 C. W. Clyatt.

Temperance—C. W. Hall, R. S. Hogarth, T. B. Ellis.

Delegates to the Florida Baptist Convention were appointed as follows: N. A. Bailey, G. W. Hall, J. W. Deveneau, J. D. McKindlay, H. M. King, G. W. Clyatt, C. V. Waugh, R. A. Clyatt, J. A. Turner, N. T. King, H. R. Williams, W. N. Chaudoin, Robert Martin, R. B. Weeks, W. T. Weeks.

Adjourned to 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Eld. A. P. Ashurst.

MORNING SESSION.

November 14, 1883.

Association called to order by the Chair; singing, and prayer by H. C. Parker.

Minutes of previous day's session read and approved.

Renewed the call for visiting brethren and correspondents.

Correspondents to sister associations were appointed as follows:

Beulah—meets Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1884; W. N. Chaudoin, G. W. Clyatt, G. W. Hall.

New River—meets Saturday before the second Sunday in November, 1884; R. A. Clyatt, W. S. Perry.

Harmony—meets Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1884; W. S. Perry, W. N. Chaudoin, N. T. King, Z. M. Sanders.

Florida—meets Thursday before first Sunday in October, 1884; N. A. Bailey.

St. John's River—meets Saturday before third Sunday in October, 1884; G. W. Hall, W. N. Chaudoin, J. D. McKindlay.

Alachua—meets Saturday before fourth Sunday in October, 1884; G. W. Hall, W. N. Chaudoin, N. A. Bailey, H. M. King, C. V. Waugh.

The Committee on Woman's Mission Work was read, and after remarks by brethren Waugh and Hall and the reading of an essay written by a sister, on "Woman's Work," and further remarks by brethren Chaudoin and Bailey, was adopted as follows:

WOMAN'S WORK.

That the women of the early churches realized that they were not mere ciphers, but had assigned them a work, is very presumable from the injunction of the apostle, "Help these women," etc.

To suppose that theirs is the narrow sphere designated by some, is to do

them and the cause which they might by their zeal and tact so materially assist, a great injustice. The demand of the age is that every agency and power in the church is to be utilized; that every integral part be made a factor in multiplying the possibly grand results accruing from nurturing and fostering the great aims of Christianity. Facts demonstrate that woman is susceptible of wielding an immense power for good which had, for long a while, lain dormant.

Moved by the same impulse which brought Mary to her Lord's feet, which caused some to ignore the bands of Jesus' incarcerated disciples and minister to their relief, in these last ages woman has arisen in her strength and wields an immense power for Christ's cause. Her willing efforts have augmented the sums of money which have poured into God's treasury for the support of those who labor among the destitute. In this enterprise she has evinced a zeal which might justly put to confusion the lethargy of the stronger sex. Since the tints of the first day-dawn of Christianity faded from the horizon of the moral field ready to the harvest, there has not been, as now, manifest so great a missionary spirit. Woman comes up in response to the cry of those destitute of the gospel, places herself in the van, and cries, "On to the rescue," and at her onward cry see how the moving ranks gather strength! Just think of the facts as they meet us in the Santa Fe River Association. A few years ago how empty was our missionary treasury. Now, comparatively, how full! Then, the men who contributed to the cause could be counted on your fingers, nearly; now, the contributions aspire to a plurality of hundreds. The work is but in its infancy, yet it seems to possess all the elements of a long life and effective power. With the command of Jesus, "Go ye," ringing in our ears, and the marshalling ranks of zealous women going forth to do battle, what church can refuse to hear and do?

The Santa Fe Association stands at the dawn of a day of grand results. Of the 13 churches composing her numbers, 8 have Ladies' Mission societies, and 3 have Children's Mission societies.

In this work what church can afford to be behind? Let us, therefore, resolve that we cease not our efforts until every church in our borders has a Ladies' Missionary Society.

That the pastors and delegates be earnestly solicited to urge the importance of the work, and thus extend cordial support to our secretary, sister Bailey, whose labors are so freely bestowed in this direction.

Respectfully submitted,

C. V. WAUGH,
 Chairman of Committee.

The Report on Missions was read.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the missionary sermon was preached by C. V. Waugh; text, 2 Cor., 2: 5. "For Jesus sake."

After the sermon a collection was lifted, amounting to \$16.97.

Adjourned till 2 p. m. Benediction by the Clerk.

EVENING SESSION.

The body met. Prayer by N. T. King.

The Report on Missions was taken up, and after remarks by brethren King, Chaudoin and Bailey, was adopted, as follows:

Report on Missions.

Your Committee on Missions, in making their report, will call your attention to the fact that our Associations are intended to, and ought to be re-

ally missionary bodies. Their first and most important purpose being the promotion of missions, in all their interests.

Of which Associational, or State, is nearest to us with its demands and responsibilities, and we think will be best advanced by continuing, as in the past year, to do our work through the State Board of Missions and in co-operation with them. This plan has made our Association largely a sharer in the quickened interest and rich results, which has so signally attended the work of that Board for the present year. Your committee would mention with proper appreciation the very liberal aid rendered us in our State work by the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. We would also present and urge upon our churches the interests and claims of the Foreign work, the comparatively new fields of Mexico and Brazil having special claims upon us. Your committee are pleased to mention the fact that the quickened interest in missions and increased contributions in our churches is, we believe, due to the activity and diligence of the sisters in their Ladies' Missionary Societies; and it is earnestly hoped that they will continue their efforts until every church in the Association will be blessed with a Ladies' Missionary Society.

Respectfully submitted.

H. M. KING,
W. S. PERRY,
J. A. CARROLL.

The Report on Sunday-schools was read and discussed by Bros. Deveneau, Hall, Mosely, Leitner and Waugh. The report was then adopted.

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. All seem to be convinced of the real importance of this great work. We are proud to say that all the churches in this Association have Sunday-schools, with two exceptions, and some have Children's Mission schools. All of which we respectfully submit.

J. W. DEVENEAU, Chairman.

The Report on Publications was read, and after discussion by brethren Bailey, Ashurst, Mosely, Hall, King, Leitner, Deveneau, Chaudoin, Weeks, and others, was adopted, as follows:

Report on Publications.

Your Committee beg leave to say that, in their opinion, the Religious Press is second only to the pulpit as an agency for good; and, therefore, we cannot too strongly urge upon the membership of our churches the importance of availing themselves of so valuable aids to devotion and religious development as good religious books and papers. We would, therefore, call the attention of all our brethren to the publications of the Am. Bapt. Pub. Society, especially its Sunday-school literature. We would also make mention of "Kind Words" and "Quarterly" published under the auspices of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as being eminently worthy of our patronage and as affording valuable aid to both teachers and pupils in the study of the Sunday-school lessons.

We must here record the valuable aid rendered our denomination in this State by the "Christian Index," of Atlanta, Ga., and we shall ever cherish with kindest feelings the noble men who conduct the publication of this excellent paper. Hitherto it has been the organ of our denomination in this

State, but the time has now come, in our judgment, when we should have a paper published in our own State. We therefore take pleasure in saying that God has, as we believe, put it into the heart of a brother to come into our State and enter upon this work, in connection with others. "THE FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS" will be published in Lake City, Fla., by Messrs. Ashurst & Co., the first number of which will appear about the 1st of January, 1884. We heartily recommend this new paper to our brethren, and would urge upon them with all the emphasis at our command the necessity of rendering to these brethren, undertaking this new enterprise, their cordial support and sympathy and patronage. We would suggest that some brother in each church solicit subscriptions and forward the same to the proprietor. The pastors of our churches can render efficient aid in making the enterprise a success, and we would respectfully suggest that they interest themselves in this direction. We would also call attention to the "Foreign Mission Journal," published at Richmond, Va.; and the "Heathen Helper," published at Louisville, Ky., in the interest of Woman's Mission Work, and hope that the brethren and sisters will avail themselves of these valuable sources of missionary information.

Respectfully submitted,

N. A. BAILEY,
H. M. KING,
G. W. HALL.

Adjourned to meet this evening after the sermon to hear the report on deceased ministers and deacons. Prayer by C. V. Waugh. H. M. King preached this evening from John 7: 37.

The report on deceased ministers and deacons was read and adopted, as follows, after addresses by brethren King, Bailey and Chaudoin:

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

Your Committee find it their painful duty to ask the Association to join with them in some suitable and affectionate expressions of esteem to the memory of our lamented brother and fellow-worker, the Rev. Hugh B. McCallum, who died at his home in Jacksonville, with the comfort and peace of a christian hope, on the 28th of January last. Bro. McCallum was a native of Tennessee, born in Knox county of that State, January 9th, 1837. He was raised, educated, converted, and entered the ministry in his native State. During the war, though volunteering as a private soldier, he was one of the most active and useful chaplains of Lee's army. After the war his first pastorate in South Carolina was characterized by energy, ability and success. His removal to Florida took place in 1867, where soon after he became pastor of Lake City church. As his energy and ability became known he was called by his brethren to positions of influence and responsibility. He is tenderly remembered by this Association as one of its former Moderators. He was also frequently chosen Chairman of our State Convention. But brother McCallum's most prominent service among us was as editor of the "Florida Baptist," where he evinced a high order of literary talent. In the capacity of editor he was prominent in the secular press of the State. In all these positions brother McCallum was a cause of pride and an object of esteem. Respectfully submitted.

H. M. KING,
W. S. PERRY,
G. W. CLYATT.

Report on Nominations read and amended by changing the day of meeting from Tuesday to Wednesday before the third Sunday in November, in 1884, and then adopted:

Report on Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations offer the following: — Rev. G. W. Hall to preach the next Introductory Sermon; alternate, Rev. C. V. Waugh. Rev. W. N. Chaudoin to preach Missionary Sermon; alternate, Rev. H. M. King. Next place of meeting, Eliam. Respectfully submitted.

G. T. LEITNER, T. B. ELLIS, J. D. McKINLEY, J. A. CARROLL, ROBT. CLYATT.

Report on Finance read and adopted:

Report on Finance.

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

Table with columns: CHURCHES, CASH SENT ASSOCIATION (Minutes, General Purposes, State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Total), AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED THROUGH STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS (State Missions, Church Edifice Fund, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Theological Seminary, Ministerial Education, Total). Rows include Beulah, Blue Pond, Campville, Eliam, Gainesville, Hickory Head, Miennopy, Philippi, Pleasant Grove, Providence, Saluda, Tabernacle, Waldo, Total, Collections.

Respectfully submitted.

R. B. WEEKS, J. A. TURNER, WM. HAMMOND.

Adjourned until 9 1/2 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by G. T. Leitner.

MORNING SESSION.

November 15, 1883.

9 1/2 o'clock. Association assembled, Moderator in the chair. Opened the session with prayer by Bro. Deveneau. The minutes of yesterday read and approved. Report on Letters and Queries was read and adopted as follows:

Report on Letters and Queries.

Your committee beg leave to report that there are no queries in any of

the letters. We are glad to report that some of the churches have had in-gatherings. And have manifested a better spirit in missionary interest than usual, which we are glad to note. We are glad also to notice that our number has been increased by the addition of one church; that at Waldo. Respectfully submitted,

T. B. ELLIS, R. A. CLYATT, Z. M. SANDERS, Committee.

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

Treasurer's Report.

Table with columns: 1882, Dr. (To Cash received from Finance Committee, Rec'd of K. D. Edge, former treasurer, Balance from 1881, Dec., 1882, Rec'd of G. T. Leitner), Cr. (Paid N. A. Bailey, Paid W. N. Chaudoin, Paid G. W. Hall, Balance in Treasury). Total: \$133 52.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HALL, Treasurer.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

Resolved, Our thanks are due and hereby tendered this church and community for their kindness and hospitality to us during this session of our body; and to the F. C. & W. R. R. for courtesies extended.

The surplus funds in the treasury, and the collection of yesterday now divided as follows: one-third to Foreign Missions; two-thirds to State Missions.

Ordered, that 500 copies of minutes be printed and the Clerk be allowed \$15 for his services.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is with great pleasure we learn that our beloved brother, Rev. C. W. Hall, proposes to devote himself to general missionary, temperance, Sunday school, and colporteurage work; that we heartily approve this work, and believe him eminently fitted for it; that we cordially commend him to the churches and communities he may visit; and that we will cheerfully aid him in whatever way we can in its prosecution.

The report on Temperance was read; after addresses by brother Hall, Perry and others, was adopted as follows:

Report on Temperance.

Your committee on Temperance are glad to be able to report that the

excellent Local Option Law passed by our last Legislature has been a grand success, wherever the people have aroused themselves to put it in execution. We therefore would recommend said Law to the churches of this association. And we would also recommend to the churches the importance of taking such action as will secure the thorough canvass of every district, taking the pledges of the voters against signing the petition of and one who proposes to obtain a license to sell intoxicating drinks.

And we furthermore recommend to the churches the necessity of dealing with every member who signs a liquor dealer's petition for a license. And in view of the growing interest among the people all over our country in behalf of temperance principles and the success that has attended the efforts of temperance workers, we should give thanks and gratitude to our Heavenly Father for all these great blessings of His love and mercy. And let us continue to go in prayer to the Giver of all good for His blessings upon and His help in the Temperance work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. HALL,
R. S. HOGARTH,
T. B. ELLIS,
Committee.

Appeals for aid in behalf of Starke and Hickory Head churches to finish their houses of worship and contributions were made as follows: For Starke, cash, \$9.25; pledges, \$3.50; total, \$12.75. For Hickory Head, cash, \$12.05; pledges, \$5.75; total, \$17.80.

After reading and approving the minutes of the morning session, and sermon by A. P. Ashurst, from John 16: 8, 9, and 10, the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds," &c., was sung, the parting hand given, when the gavel of the moderator fell and the Association was declared adjourned, *sine die*.

N. A. BAILEY, Clerk.

W. N. CHAUDOIN,
Moderator.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

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

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.			REMARKS.
	Officers.	Teachers.	Scholars.	
Eliam*	2	3	30	
Campville	2	4	28	
Pleasant Grove*	2	5	40	
Philippi*	1	3	40	
Saluda	1	4	25	
Micanopy*	3	3	45	
Blue Pond*	1	2	12	
Waldo	3	5	53	
Providence*	3	7	32	
Gainesville*	4	5	70	
Beulah				No school reported.
Tabernacle*				" "
Hickory Head*				" "

Churches marked thus (*), have Ladies' Mission Societies.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by letter.	Excluded.	Diad.	Present Mem- bership.	Sundays of Meeting.
Tavernack.	W. Walker.	Jacksonville.		W. N. Chaudoin, J. D. McKinley, Miss Surtie Mc- Kinley, G. V. Raugh, J. W. Devenerau	7	7	7	5	8	8	119	1st, 2d, 3d, 4th.
Gainesville.	T. B. Ellis	Gainesville	G. V. Raugh.	C. V. Raugh, J. W. Devenerau	7	7	7	5	2	2	49	1st, 2d, 3d, 4th.
Elizab.	E. B. Lane	Banana.	H. M. King.	G. W. Hall.	7	7	7	4	8	8	118	4th.
Micanopy.	D. B. Farmer.	Micanopy.	N. A. Bailey.	N. A. Bailey.	20	20	20	8	4	2	200	1st and 3d.
Providence.	J. A. Turner	Providence.	B. R. Mosely.	J. A. Turner, T. F. Gary, G. W. Clyatt	8	8	8	4	4	4	157	1st and 3d.
Pleasant Grove.	G. W. Riles	Hawthorne	H. M. King	K. D. Weeks, W. S. Perry, J. M. Senglers, Wm. Ham- mond, H. M. King	1	1	1	1	1	1	106	3d.
Phillipi	R. C. Martin.	Mikesville	G. T. Letner	T. B. Ellis, J. A. Carroll, Robt. Clyatt	1	1	1	1	1	1	66	3d.
Bentub	J. Thomas.	Wilderness	J. M. King	R. S. Hogarth, J. Thomas.	1	1	1	1	1	1	63	1st.
Campyville.	J. K. Evans	Campyville	H. H. Damm	Letter, but no delegates.	3	3	3	4	4	4	43	2d.
Blue Pond	Levi Allen	Interpachan.	C. W. Hall.	Letter, but no delegates.	3	3	3	1	1	1	22	1st.
Hickory Head	B. I. Hall	Grahamville	A. Crosby.	Letter, but no delegates.	4	4	4	1	1	1	13	3d.
Saltuda	W. A. Donaldson	Waldo	C. W. Hall.	C. W. Hall	8	8	8	1	1	1	56	3d.
Waldo.	J. T. Weeks.	Waldo	C. W. Hall.	C. W. Hall	4	4	4	1	1	1	20	
Total					47	47	47	28	11	12	771	

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