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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 Invite Visiting Brethren to Seats.
- 7 Letters of Correspondence.
- 8 Appointment of Committees.
- 9 Reports of Committees.
- 10 Appointment of Messengers to State Convention and other Associations.
- 11 Miscellaneous Business.
- 12 Adjournment.

MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

L. J. Burton	Melrose, Fla.
W. N. Chaudoin	
J. F. Eden	
G. W, Halt	
С. С. Нііі	
B. I. Hull	Grahamville, Fla.
B. R. Moseley	
Robt. McClellan	
W. S. Perry	Rochelle, Fla.
F. W. A. Rankin	Jacksonville, Fla
G. W. Riles	McMeekin Fla
J. P. Smith	La Crosse, Fla.
S. T. Stanaland	
C. V. Waugh	Gainesville Fla
G. W. S. Ware	Providence Fla
S. S. Proctor	Providence, Fla.
J. R. Sloan, licensed	La Cross, Fla.
	La Uross, Fla.

MINUTES.

PHILLIPI, Oct. 26, 1887.

The Santa Fe River Baptist Association met this day with the Phillipi Baptist church at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Exercises opened by singing the 503d hymn.

In the absence of the appointees for preaching the introductory sermon, Rev. K. Chambers, one of the constituent members of the Association being present, by request preached from John, 11th chap, and 25th verse.

In the absence of the Moderator, the Association was called to order by the Clerk, and Bro. W. T. Weeks, of Providence, was elected

Moderator pro tem.

The letters from the churches were then read by Bros. B. R. Moseley and J. F. Eden, and the Delegates names enrolled, after which the Association adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association convened and opened with prayer by Rev. W. S.

The election of officers was proceeded with, which resulted in the election of W. T. Weeks for Moderator, I. J. Halsted for Clerk and R. B. Weeks for Treasurer.

Rev. J. F. Eden moved that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a Constitution for the Association.

The Moderator appointed Rev's. J. F. Eden, B. R. Moseley and Bro. H. R. Williams as such Committee.

The order of business of last year was adopted.

Visiting brethern were invited to seats, which was accepted by Revs. J. A. Moseley, of Paran; K. Chambers, of Beulah; Bro. S. A. Burnett, of New River, and Bro. Wm. Smith, of New Hope, DeSoto County.

Called for correspondence and names enrolled as follows:

BEULAH ASSOCIATION.—Revs. G. T. Leitner, K. Chambers, J. G. Taylor, P. C. Drew, Bros. G. B. Ellis, F. B. Moodie and T. W. Getzen.

Rev. P. C. Drew also appeared as representing the Florida Witness.

The appointment of Committees being in order, the Moderator made the announcements as follows:

PREACHING AND NOMINATIONS.—Rev. G.T. Leitner and Messengers of

Phillipi Church.

FINANCE.—Bros. James S. Weeks, W. H. Lee, E. C. Pound. Missions.—Rev. J. F. Eden, Bros. R B. Weeks, K. D. Edge.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS. - Rev. W. S. Perry, Bros. R. S. Hogarth, T. C. Hooper.

PUBLICATIONS -Rev. B. R. Moseley, Bros. J. T. Earl, W. C. Johnson.

WOMAN'S MISSION WORK .- Rev. S. S. Proctor, Bros. B. W. Waits. J. R. Sloan.

TEMPERANCE.-Rev. G. W. S. Ware, Bros. J. A. Carroll, J. H. Crosby.

EDUCATION.—Revs. J. F. Eden, B. R. Moseley, G. W. S. Ware.

LETTERS AND QUERIES .- Bros. H. R. Williams, I. J. Halsted, I. R.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Rev. S. S. Proctor, Bros. W. H. Lee. R. S.

The appointment of Messengers to the State Convention and corres-

ponding bodies were made as follows:

STATE CONVENTION.—Revs. J. F. Eden. B. R. Moseley, S. S. Proctor, G. W. Hall, G. W. Riles, W. N. Chaudoin and Bros. W. H. Lee, R. B. Weeks, I. J. Halsted, W. T. Weeks.

ST. JOHNS RIVER ASSOCIATION - Rev. B. R. Moseley, Bros. R. S.

Hogarth W. M. Thomas,

MARION .- Revs J. F. Eden W. S. Perry, Bros. R. B. Weeks, E. C. Pound, I. J. Halsted.

NEW RIVER -- Revs. B. R. Moseley' S. S Proctor, J. F. Eden, Bros.

J. H. Crosby, J. R. Sloan, H. C. Parker, J. S. Weeks.

HARMONY.-Bros. T. C. Hooper, F. M. Pinkston, Rev. G. W. Hall. BEULAH. - Revs. J. F. Eden, S. S. Proctor, Bros. J. W. Cone, H. R. Williams. R. H. Clyatt, W. T. Weeks.

ST MARYS .- Revs. G. W. Hall, S. S. Proctor, J. F. Eden,

The Treasurer's report was read and on motion, refered to Finance Committee.

The Committee on Preaching reported in part: That Rev. J. F. den preach the Doctrinal sermon at 11 o'clock on Thursday, and Rev. P. C. Drew preach this evening.

On motion, the representatives of the State Board of Missions were invited to seats with the body, which were accepted by all presnt, -

By request and motion, Rev. P. C. Drew was made chairman of the Temperance Committee.

On moton, adjourned to 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

Prayer by Rev. P. C. Drew.

THURSDAY, OCT. 27th.

Reports of Committees being in order, the report of the Committee on Letters and Queries was read, and after remarks by Bros. Eden and Moseley, was adoped as follows. .

Your Committee on Letters and Queries find no questions in the letters calling for answers. We find in most of the letters reports of spiritual growth. We find on examining the Statistics that the net increase in our body is one hundred and eleven. All the churches are represented but three. There are three requests for this body to meet with them next year. We recommend the request of LaCrosse be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
H. R. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Publications was read and discussed by Bros. Drew, Halsted, Eden, Taylor, Sloan, Edge and Moodie, which was adopted as follows:

Your committee find the need of their first recommendation to be that some of our people do read some religious literature.

It is a maxim of the ancients, "He lives most, who thinks most, feels most, lives the noblest, acts the best.'

What an immense influence it must have upon our lives, character and conduct to have our minds regaled, refreshed and instructed with the noble maxims, pious resolves, heavenly sentiments, holy examples and wise sayings of the best men of all ages and something like this we see in every issue of the religious paper. Our chief hopes, if not our only ones towards persuading our people to use religious books and papers, lie in our pastors.

Dear brethren, persuade them privately and publicly as you shall have opportunity, and from "house to house." And for your exceeding great reward, remember that for every jewel of virtuous thought you shall thus put in the mind of another, you will have a corresponding jewel in your own crown of rejoicing in the great day of award.

We earnestly recommend first, our own Florida Witness, and that it be considered as the organ of the State; next, our nearest neighbor, the wise old Christian Index, of Atlanta, Ga. The Religious Herald, the Battle Flag, the Alabama Baptist, the Tennessee Baptist, Ford's Christian Repository and the New York Examiner, are all excellent papers.

We earnestly recommend to our brethren to use Baptist publications only, in their Sunday Schools.

If they will only take the pains to compare them carefully with all others, they will be perfectly satisfied to use our own publications. And this includes prices as well; for Baptist publications are as cheap as the cheapest of the same style.

And then when we remember that the subtle poison of error must surely be expected in publications antagonistic to proper views of gospel truth, then even the cheap Sunday School papers are dear at any price, if they contain error.

We recommend Kind Words series, Atlanta Ga., and all of the publications of the American Baptist Pub. Soc., Philadelphia, Pa., and the publications of Graves

R. B. MOSELEY, Chairman. and Makeffey, Memphis, Tennessee.

On motion, adjourned until 2 p. m.

After adjournment, Rev. J. F. Eden preached the Missionary sermon instead of the Doctrinal sermon, from Matt, 10th chap., 8th verse, after which a collection was taken up for Missions, amounting to \$23.

1 The Committee on Preaching announced that Rev. J. P. Smith would preach in the evening, and Rev. P. C. Drew to preach at II o'clock on Friday.

Association convened and opened with prayer by Bro. S. S. Proctor. The Finance Committee made their report which was adopted.

The Committee to prepare a Constitution, made their report which was adopted without discussion.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Santa Fe River Baptist Association. ART. 2 This Association shall be composed of messengers from Baptist Churches of which they are members, maintaining Gospel Discipline.

ART. 3. The object of this Association shall be the reunion of the churches, the promotion of the true Gospel, and the dissemination of the Bible truth by all laudable means. ART 4. This Association shall meet annually, on the first day of which meeting it

shall be elected, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

ART. 5. All churches shall be entitled to two delegates only, unless they shall exceed fifty in membership, and then they shall be entitled to one additional delegate for every twenty-five after the first fifty.

ART. 6. The delegates shall produce to the Association letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment as delegates containing a statement of the condition of the church, and such other information as may be deemed important to the Association.

ART. 7. This Association shall be deemed an Advisory ('ounsel, and shall treat the churches comprising it as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall at no time interfere with their rights.

ART. 8. This Association admits the right of any one of the churches comprising it to withdraw at any time from the body, without assigning any reason for so doing, and claims the power to withdraw from and disown all churches which depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

ART, 9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse funds at the discretion of the Association, and render an account of the same.

ART. 10. Any church in good standing in the Baptist connection may become a mem-

ber of this Association by petition.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of twothirds of the members present, providing a notice of the same had been given at the preceeding meeting.

> JNO. F. EDEN B. R. MOSELEY, Committee. H. R. WILLIAMS.

The Committee on Temperance made their report and was discussed by Bres. Drew, Eden and Taylor, and was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

It is with profound gratitude to God that your committee would record the success of the Temperance cause within the bounds of this association as well as in other sections of the State whose elections have been held under local option, provided for by the 19th article of our State constitution. This law is a God given blessing, and the people's opportunity to free them from an evil second to none in its baneful effects upon the wealth, morals and society of our people But this opportunity to free us from the bondage of strong drink will avail nothing without a healthy moral sentiment constantly enforced on the part of ministers and churches. As in the past, the gospel must be the great power for reform in the future; and since Temperance was a theme of the gospel in apostolic times, and since the subject has lost none of its moral force through the ages that have elapsed, we would

1st. That our ministers keep this subject before the minds of their congregations, so that moral sentiment shall be educated and stimulated.

2nd. That our churches maintain discipline against the evil, in keeping with the

spirit and letter of the gospel

3rd. That the young be indoctrinated in Sabbath Schools and othe wise, on the good of Temperance, and the evil of Intemperance

4th. That our ladies recognize their influence for good in the Temperance cause, and exert it in the work of the Lord and for the salvation of the country.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. C. DREW Chairman.

The Committee on Woman's Work read their report and addresses were made by Bros. Eden and Proctor, and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Woman's Mission Work recognize the importance of this department of Christian service in the great field which we now occupy. We rejoice in the fact that the recognition of their gifts and talents as missonary workers is the rule and no longer the exception. We feel that our sisters in this their mission work, ought to have the active sympathy of their brethren in the churches; and that pastors on their respective fields ought to encourage the organization of these societies where they are not organized. and carefully foster them where they are and to do all they can to make them more efficient. We take pleasure in recommending to the sisters Mrs. L. B Telford, of DeLand, Florida, Corresponding Secretary of Woman's Mission Work in Florida, who will gladly give any information or render any assistance needed.

Respectfully Submitted.

S. PROCTOR, Chairman.

The Committee on Nominations made their final report which was adopted as follows:

That Rev. S. S. Proctor preach the Introductory sermon at the next session, Rev. B. R. Moseley preach the Missionary sermon, and Rev. C. V. Waugh preach the Doctrinal

The Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons made their report, which was adopted, and prayer offered by Bro. B. R. Moseley.

Report is as follows:

Your Committee have heard of the death of none of our Ministers for which we feel in duty bound to return our thanks to the Great Preserver of his servants. We have to report the death of two Deacons, viz. Bros T. J. Rowe, of Providence church, who has served his time for over twenty years in that church as such, faithfully, and from which he has been called from labor to his reward. Also Bro. James Burney, Beulah church, who had been a faithful servant for fifteen years or more, who has also been called to rest. He died in peace as a child goes to sleep. We would tender our sincere condolence to the bereaved families and churches as well as to the Association to which they belonged We suggest that a prayer of thauks be offered to God for the preservation of his Ministers.

W. S. PERRY, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Education was read, and after an address on the report by Rev. J. F. Eden, the Association adjourned until Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. G. W. S. Ware.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment, and in the absence of the Moderator, was called to order by the Clerk. Opened with prayer by Rev. J. P. Smith.

On motion, Rev. W. S. Perry was chosen Moderator pro tem. Min-

utes of the previous day were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Education was discussed by Bros. Drew, Proetor, Smith, Moseley and Lee, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

This term implies to lead out, as from darkness to light. One of its best illustrations may be found in the old-timed spelling books, where the frontispiece was a picture of a mother leading her child by the hand and showing him the temple of fame in the distance. It includes as its brightest and best meaning, moral and religious culture. But your

committee feel confined to its common meaning of secular education.

Education is the hand-maid of religion. It is the part of true religion to love instruction, and consequently enlightened religious nations soon fill their land with schools and colleges. Your committee feel it their privilege to compliment our present wise and useful system of public instruction, which is not perfect, but is looking in that direction.

But we are not to sit idly and compliment the State on her provision tor her children. As Baptists, as religious people we must be awake to the tremendous influence of education. A school of learning is called by its graduates their alma mater, or nourishing mother; and well is the name given, for as the mother moulds the mind of the child so do these institu-

tions do much in moulding the characters of their pupils.

Sectarian institutions were once decided as being necessarily hot beds of bigots. But not so now. The Baptists owe more than can be easily told to the influence of their many first-class colleges which teach the truths of our denominational principles. We recommend every good Baptist school, but especially the one which we have adopted as a daughter and named after our own name in our own State of Florida, at DeLand.

This college is said by competent judges, to be of high grade, a grade prepared expressly to keep pace with the colleges of older States, and thus to give visitors from them the same advantages in our new State, which they had among the older efforts of civilization.

We appeal to our pastors to recommend DeLand, and point inquirers to its classic halls, Shall we not bless our own Baptist college, when it is the best way to bless ourselves?

Brethren who wish to prepare for the ministry we earnestly advise to go to Mercer, at Macon, Ga., or the seminary at Louisville, Ky. INO. F. EDEN, Chairman.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made their report, and after discussion, was adopted as follows:

Your Committe on Sunday Schools note with pleasure the fact that most of the churches report Sunday Schools, and we recommend.

First. That all of our churches organize and maintain a Sunday School, for the church

that neglects the Sunday School neglects one of the greatest agencies for good.

Second. That as churches, we use our own denominational literature, for with such books and help as come to us through the American Baptist Publication Society, Kind Words and other periodicals published under the direction of the Southern Bantist Convention, we have the truth, the whole truth, and to turn aside to others is a sacrifice that we, as Baptists, cannot afford, and remain the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Third. That all of our Sunday Schools adopt the system of weekly contributions. Respectfully submitted,

S. S. PROCTOR, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read and discussed by Bros. Proctor, Halsted, Smith, Edge, Drew and Moseley, and adopted as follows:

MISSIONS.

Never in the history of the church of Christ have our opportunities for evangelizing the world been greater; never have the doors for our entering in to bring the nations to Christ been wider open; never have the calls for help been louder and more distressing than now. Language fails to meet the demands of the case. Both near and tar, in our own State and beyond, the call is for instant and great effort.

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Brethren, we are resting upon our oars, we are sleeping while souls are being lost without the privileges of the gospel. We deplore the lack of Mission spirit in our churches and believe this lack may be supplied by a more thorough acquaintance with the condition

We would, therefore, urge upon our brethren to obtain all the information they can possibly procure on this line and we are confident that if this be done, our reports in the

future will be more encouraging.

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Let us pray that more laborers may be sent out to do the work, and as we pray let us contribute for the support of

Missions—sent of God, sent of the churches—prepared by God, supported by the churches Sent to win the world to Christ. High calling to lead souls from darkness into light-blessed privilege to send the gospel to the 'dwellers in darkness,"

Dear brethren, are we doing all we can to save the world? God help us to cut loose from covetousness and give the cause of Christ the pre-eminence in all our work and sympathies. JNO. F. EDEN, Chairman.

On motion, the Clerk was authorized to procure a sufficient number of minutes, and that the Clerk be allowed \$12.50 for his services, and to draw on the Treasurer for amount.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to remit all money on hand after printing the Minutes, to Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, with instruction to divide among the various objects as he may deem most worthy.

Rev. P. C. Drew offered the usual resolution of thanks to the Phillipi church and entire community for their hospitality during our stay

among them.

Rev. P. C Drew preached from John, 12th chap., and 26th verse, and after singing the 640th hymn, the parting hand was given, and Bro. B. R. Moseley led in prayer, and the Association stood adjourned to meet at La Crosse on the 4th Wednesday in October, 1888.

W. T. WEEKS, MODERATOR.

I. J. HALSTED, Clerk.

Note -The delay in publishing these Minutes was caused by the failure of L. B. Plummer of the Florida Witness, to comply with his contract, and the amount of work in the Record office before they received the work. I. J. HALSTED, Clerk,

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

	October 29th, 1886.
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Received from Finance Committee	95 51
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Paid W. N. Chaudoin, State Missions Home Missions Foreign Missions Ministerial Education Paid Clerk.	5 00 16 02 12 50 40 00
Balance	G. W. HALL, Treasurer,

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENT.	Nc. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	Total Number Enrolled.	Av. Attendance.	No. Baptized.	Vols in Library.	Contributions,
Gainesville La Crosse New Prospect Phillipi Hawthorn Providence S	T. C. Hooper P. D. Vinzant	1 1 1	11	71 64 53 25 81	82 74 60 31	50 65 30 20	27 9 4 8	166 75	\$1.50
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Beulah, Blue Pond, Campville, Cedar Key, Hickory Head, Saluda, Tabernacle and Yulee made no reports. Only two report were correctly made out.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

	Cash Sent to Association.								Cash received by S Board during the											
CHURCHES.		Minutes.	General	Purposes.	Ministerial	Education.	State	Missions.		Total.	State	Missions.	Church Ed-	ifice Fund.	Foreign	Missions.	Ministerial	Education,	Thefal	Total.
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STATISTICAL REPORT.

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PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	MESSENGERS PRESENT.	When	Membership Last Year.	Baptised.	Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Present Membership
Joseph Brooker. Blue Pond	B. F. Camp		1850	16	5	1	5	5	14	2	-	1 40
Cedar Key	Cornelius Ott	Rev. J. P. Smith	1884		3	15						
H. F. King	E. B. Lane	W. H. Lee	1859	178	24	4		2	14	3		1 190
J. F. Eden	J. E Waugh Gainesville	J. F. Eden E. C. Pound	1870	80	38	34	4		14	2	1	138
Hickory Head B. I. Hull	Jas. N. Chalker	I. J. Halsted	1892	18							1	18
	J. H. Crosby	J. R. Sloan	1885	33	9							42
New Prospect I W. S. Perry	F. M Pinkston	J. D. Futch J. T. Earl F. M. Pinkston	1886	28	7	6		1	3	10		29
Phillipi S. S. Proctor	R. C. Martin Mikesville	J. W. Cone John A. Carrell	1877	75				1	11	11	1	52
G. T. Leitner	J. J. Godwin Hawthorn	H. R. Williams, sr R. B. Weeks. W. C. Johnson B. W. Waits Miss Dora Weeks B. R. Moseley	1853	95	16	5 1	7	-	14	2 1	3	105
Providence J B. R. Moseley	Providence	Miss Dora Weeks. B. R. Moseley S. S. Proctor G. W. S. Ware W. D. Edge	1852	137	5	5		2	9	3	3	134
Rochelle C	Clem Hampton	u. I. weeks	1886	7	7	5	1	1	1			19
No Pastor	. A W. Thomas	None present	1850	37	1	1	1			1		33
G. W. Riles	. Y. Bryan	R. S. Hogarth	1886	23	4	1	1	1	1	1		26
No Paster	V. Walker		1	134					1	1		134
	V. H. Donaldson	James S. Weeks	1876	39	4	4			9	1		38
Vindsor	Windson	None.	886	26	1	1	1	1	9			18
W. S. Perry	S. Goode Fairbanks	1	886	15	3	1	1.	1	4			15

Net Increase, 77.

