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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 POSTOFFICES.

L. J. Burton	Melrose, Fla.
P. W. Corr	Gainesville, Fla.
G. W. Hall	Melrose, Fla.
C. C. Hill	Melrose, Fla.
B. R. Moseley	Waldo, Fla.
Robt. McClellan	Jacksonville, Fla.
W. S. Perry	Rochelle, Fla.
F. W. A. Rankin	Jacksonville, Fla.
G. W. Ryalls	McMeekin, Fla.
J. P. Smith	La Crosse, Fla.
S. T. Stanaland	Grahamville, Fla.
G. W. S. Ware	Providence, Fla.
S. S. Proctor	Providence, Fla.
J. H. Crosby, } J. R. Sloan, }	La Crosse, Fla.

MINUTES.

LA CROSSE, FLA., December 12th, 1888.

The Santa Fe River Baptist Association met this day with the La Crosse Church at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Exercises opened with reading of scriptures and singing the 707th hymn. Prayer by Rev. G. T. Leitner.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. S. S. Proctor, from Text Psalm, 4th chapter and 5th verse.

In the absence of the Moderator the Association was called to order by the Clerk, and Rev. G. W. Hall was chosen Moderator *pro tem*.

Adjourned for one hour.

Association called to order at 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Rev. P. W. Corr.

The letters from the churches were called for and read by Bros. J. P. Smith and P. W. Coor, and the delegates names enrolled.

Proceeded to election of officers, and resulted in the choice of W. S. Perry, Moderator, J. H. Crosby Clerk, and R. B. Weeks Treasurer.

On call for Petitionary Letters Mount Sinai Church responded with letter and Messengers, and on motion, was received into the fellowship of the Association by the Moderator extending the right hand of Christian fellowship to the Messengers.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats, which was accepted by Rev. G. T. Leitner, of Beulah, Rev. J. R. Sheffield and R. W. Jones, of Harmony, Rev. J. J. Clark, Bros. J. H. Robuck and N. J. Barry, of New River Associations.

On motion of Rev. G. W. Hall, the Association adjourned to nine o'clock Thursday morning, in order that the Moderator appoint committees. After the appointment of the committee on Preaching and Nominations, which consisted of Rev. J. P. Smith, Bro. W. H. Lee, with Deacons of this church, (and the report of the same) that Rev. J. R. Sheffield preach this evening, the Association adjourned with prayer by Bro. G. W. Hall.

During the interval allotted, the following committees were appointed:

FINANCE—Bros. W. H. Lee, J. T. Weeks, L. W. Jackson.

MISSIONS—Revs. B. R. Moseley, S. S. Proctor, Bro. R. B. Weeks.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS—Rev. S. S. Proctor, Bro. F. M. Pinkston, T. W. Thompson.

PUBLICATIONS—Rev. P. W. Corr, G. W. S. Ware, Bro. J. M. Sparkman.

WOMAN'S MISSION WORK—Rev. G. W. Hall, J. P. Smith, Bro. I. J. Halsted.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. B. R. Moseley, Bros. W. H. Lee, Paschall Vinzant.

LETTERS AND QUERRIES—Bros. I. J. Halsted, G. D. Thomas, M. E. Weeks.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Revs. P. W. Corr, J. H. Crosby, Bro. J. T. Weeks.

EDUCATION—Rev. J. P. Smith, Bros. J. A. Turner, R. B. Weeks.

THURSDAY, December 13th, 1888—9 o'clock A. M.

The Association convened and opened with prayer by Rev. H. M. King. The appointment of Messengers to the State Convention and corresponding bodies were made as follows:

To the State Convention—Revs. S. S. Proctor, J. P. Smith, B. R. Mosely, W. S. Perry, J. H. Crosby, G. W. S. Ware, P. W. Corr, Bros. W. H. Lee, H. C. Parker, I. J. Halsted.

On motion of Rev. P. W. Corr, the Association proceeded to elect a Messenger to represent this Association in the Southern Baptist Convention. Result—Rev. G. W. Hall Messenger, and Rev. P. W. Corr, alternate.

Messengers to the Harmony Association are Revs. W. S. Perry, P. W. Corr, J. H. Crosby, S. S. Proctor, B. R. Mosely.

To the St. Johns River Association—Rev. G. W. Hall and B. R. Mosely.

To the Marion Association—Revs. G. W. Hall and W. S. Perry.

To the New River Association—Revs. S. S. Proctor, B. R. Mosely, J. H. Crosby, G. W. Hall.

To the Beulah Association—Revs. S. S. Proctor, P. W. Corr, G. W. Hall.

To the St. Mary's Association—Revs. G. W. Hall, W. S. Perry.

To the Alachua Association—Rev. G. W. Hall.

The report of committees being in order, the Treasurer's report was read, and on motion, referred to Finance Committee. The report of Committee on Publications was read and amended, and ably discussed by Revs. P. W. Corr, Sheffield, Hall and King, after which Bro. Hall requested the brethren to covenant together to work for the Baptist Witness. Adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Publications report as follows: We most heartily recommend the Florida Baptist Witness to the Baptist of this Association. The paper has had a checkered career, but is now safely planted in Ocala, and is doing good work for Baptist principles. We urge every pastor to canvass his church for the Witness. We furthermore commend to our Sunday Schools the use of Kind Words and Helps, and publications of the A. M. B. Society. Our own Sunday School Helps are not surpassed. We urge our schools not to use undenominational literature, for what is undenominational is anti-Baptist.

Respectfully Submitted.

P. W. CORR,  
G. W. S. WARE,  
J. M. SPARKMAN.

The Association adjourned for preaching.

The Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. B. R. Mosely, from text 16th chapter of Mark, 15th and 16th verses; after which a collection for Missions was taken up amounting to \$16.15. On motion adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

1:30 P. M.

Association convened and opened with prayer by Rev. G. W. S. Ware. The report of the Committee on Letters and Queries was read, and on motion amended by leaving the place of next meeting to be determined by the Association, and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Letters and Queries beg leave to report, that in examining the letters of the various churches that most of them report a spiritual growth. The statistics show that there have been added by baptism 69, and by letter 46, making additions in the aggregate of 115. We find no queries in any of the letters which need attention; we recommend that the request of Hickory Head church asking dismission from our body be granted; we regret that six of our churches are not represented either by Messenger or letter, but we presume that the

reason of this is the disarrangement of the time of meeting caused by the epidemic throughout our State.

Respectfully Submitted.

I. J. HALSTED,  
M. E. WEEKS,  
G. D. THOMAS.

The report of the Committee on Preaching announced that Rev. H. M. King would preach in the evening and Rev. P. W. Corr to preach at 11 o'clock a. m. on Friday.

The Finance Committee made their report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons made their report which was adopted, and prayer offered by Bro. G. W. Hall. Report is as follows:

We, your committee, report with pleasure, first: That none of our ministering brethren have died, but all have been spared through another associational year, for which we recommend that a few minutes be spent in devotional exercise in thanks to our Heavenly Father for his goodness in sparing the lives of our standard bearers. 2d. It becomes our sad duty to report the death of Deacon John Vinzant, of Phillipi church, and in the death of Bro. Vinzant the church loses a good and faithful Deacon, the Association and the cause of Christ a faithful Christian worker. Bro. Vinzant used the office of Deacon well, and purchased to himself a good degree of great boldness in the faith.

Respectfully,

S. S. PROCTOR,  
F. M. PINKSTON,  
T. W. THOMPSON,

The report of the Committee on Education was read and amended, and after addresses on the report by Revs. H. M. King, P. W. Corr, J. P. Smith, G. W. Hall and B. R. Mosely, was adopted as follows:

In making this report there is no necessity of giving the definition of education, nor to explain the importance of it, for these are sufficiently clear. We only have to compare intelligence to ignorance and strength to weakness, in order that we may see the claims of education. But there are a few facts connected with the subject that demands a special notice—how and where our children shall be trained? The wholesome efficiency of a mental training hinges upon the forces of both mind and morals—which suggests the importance of selecting men of moral fitness for teachers in our schools. It behooves us, therefore, to recommend those institutions of learning where the reputation of these advantages is good. These reflections induce us to advise caution in the selection of persons of supposed characters for the responsible position of teachers in our common schools. DeLand College, in our own State of Florida, is a school open to our patronage, and highly praiseworthy in point of facilities, intellect and morals; and the Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky., needs no words of commendation to court the favor of the Baptist brotherhood of Florida, and especially those who are alive to the general work of the denomination. We also heartily recommend Mercer University.

Respectfully,

J. P. SMITH,  
J. H. TURNER,  
R. B. WEEKS.

The Committee on Temperance made their report, which was discussed, corrected and adopted as follows:

We, the Committee on Temperance, respectfully report: That as Baptist, we still believe that we are to follow our forefathers and talk, and pray and write against that dreadful monster that is always devouring the sons and daughters of men. We do not believe our prayers are in vain; we have nothing new to say. It is the same old evil that injured Noah, disgraced Lot, beheaded John the Baptist, and has gone on destroying more and more every year. We recommend our brethren to use every means the good Lord shall put in their power to banish the use of intoxicants from our land; we only add that we beseech our brethren not to be discouraged by any ill timed efforts of our friends, or by words of discouragement from our enemies. Florida is to-day better off by thousands of dollars, and many lives of her sons, by the

efforts already made. Then forward, brethren! Freedom's battle once begun, though often lost, is ever won; let us take higher ground on the question until we are completely rid of this dreadful evil.

Respectfully,

B. R. MOSELY,  
W. H. LEE,  
PASCHAL VINZANT, ) Committee.

The Committee on Missions made their report and was read, and made the special occasion for ten o'clock Friday morning.

On motion, Woman's Mission Work was made the special occasion for the Association to-night after services.

A resolution offered by Rev. B. R. Mosely on Special Missions to the colored people was read, and on motion of Rev. P. W. Corr, adopted, and Rev. B. R. Mosely and S. S. Proctor appointed such committee. Report is as follows:

*Resolved*, That we request all our ministers to preach as they deem expedient to the colored people, and that we appoint two brethren to hold each, three or four institutes for them during the next associational year, and that we pay them for their time so employed twenty-five dollars each, inclusive of what may be collected from the colored churches or brethren so visited.

A request of Rev. P. W. Corr that the ministerial brethren to remain a short time after adjournment on important business. Adjourned to meet to-night after services. Prayer by Rev. B. R. Mosely.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT.

The Association convened and opened with prayer by Rev. R. B. Weeks.

The committee on Woman's Mission Work read their report and was addressed by Rev. G. W. Hall and adopted as follows:

"She hath done what she could," was said of woman by Him who spoke as never man spoke. Woman has ever been a most important factor in the evangelization of the world. Her woman affections, her loving tender heart, her faithful devotion to the upbuilding of all that is noble, pure and good, abundantly qualifies her to work in the vineyard of the Lord. The work of our sisters in Ladies Mission Societies in our Association and State, has not only been the means of much good in supporting our Mission work, both in the home and foreign field, but they have exercised an influence that has elevated the tone of piety and spirituality in our churches by not only imparting information and training the women in Mission work, but by enlisting the sympathy and contributions of the brethren, which has been of great spiritual benefit to them. We therefore earnestly urge every church that has no Ladies Mission Society to make faithful efforts to organize one as soon as practicable, and report the same to Mrs. L. B. Telford, DeLand, Fla., the corresponding secretary of Woman's Mission work in our State, whose good work and faithful services we recommend to all the churches of this Association.

Respectfully Submitted.

G. W. HALL, )  
J. P. SMITH, ) Committee.  
I. J. HALSTED, )

Rev. H. M. King addressed the Association on behalf of the St. Augustine church, and on motion of Bro. G. W. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the churches of this Association are earnestly requested to devote the Sabbath of their church meeting in January to an effort to raise a contribution for the Baptist church at St. Augustine to enable the said church to purchase a lot upon which to erect a house of worship, and to this end that the pastors of the churches are requested to bring this subject before their churches in a suitable address.

On motion of Rev. P. W. Corr, the clerk be instructed to draw on the treasurer for \$12.50 for his service, and the sum of \$25, with which to have 400 copies of the Minutes printed and the balance turned over to State Missions. After paying \$2.50 to Bro. I. J. Halsted for services rendered, adjourned to 9 o'clock Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 A. M.

The Association convened and opened with prayer by Bro. I. J. Halsted.

On motion of Bro. I. J. Halsted that when this Association adjourn, it adjourn to meet Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in October. Adopted.

On motion of Rev. P. W. Corr that we elect an executive committee to consist of five members. The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer being members ex-officio. Adopted.

*Notice*.—I hereby give notice that I shall move to amend article 4 of the Constitution at the next annual meeting of the Association. P. W. CORR.

On motion, Bro. Halsted, Revs. P. W. Corr and S. S. Proctor were elected members of the Executive Committee. Adopted.

The report of the committee on Missions was called at 10 o'clock a. m., read, discussed and adopted as follows:

That it is as necessary for a mother to nourish her child as it is for the child to receive nourishment. Her health will suffer if she neglects the child. So a church that neglects Missions will pine away. We believe this to be the grand question of the day. Our grandfathers and fathers prayed for the walls of opposition to fall down; their prayer is heard. The barriers are gone—nothing stands in the way; the world is ready to receive the gospel; all the trouble now is, our unwillingness or indifference; we cannot say inability. Like Joshua and Caleb, we must say that in view of the wealth which our people possess even in the hardest times, we are abundantly able to possess the kingdoms of this world if we will. But our people may not read this report, and we, therefore, urge that our pastors ring this grand question of Missions again and again. If this cause fall we may say the pastors are chiefly responsible. In view of the great destitution in the bounds of our Association we recommend particular attention to local Missions with the co-operation of the State board.

Respectfully Submitted.

B. R. MOSELY, )  
S. S. PROCTOR, ) Committee.  
R. B. WEEKS, )

Bro. I. J. Halsted offered the following resolution, which was adopted as follows:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body is hereby tendered to the church and citizens of La Crosse for the kindness extended to us in so bountifully providing for our entertainment while attending this session of the Santa Fe River Association.

On motion of Rev. B. R. Mosely, that one more be added to the resolution concerning "Institute" for colored people, and that Rev. P. W. Corr be the one so added. Adopted.

On motion the next meeting of this body be held with Ellam Church, Melrose, on Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in October, 1889. Adopted.

The committee on Nominations made their final report, that Revs. P. W. Corr preach the Introductory Sermon, and J. H. Crosby, alternate; S. S. Proctor preach the Missionary and G. W. S. Ware alternate; B. R. Mosely preach Doctrinal and G. W. Riles alternate. Adopted.

Rev. G. W. Hall offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

*Resolved*, That the churches of this Association are requested to send Messengers to convene with the church at Hawthorn on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1889, to form an Associational Union.

Rev. P. W. Corr preached from text 21st chapter of John, 15th, 16th and 17th verses; the 640th hymn was sung, and the parting hand was given, and prayer by Rev. J. A. Mosely, and the Santa Fe River Association stood adjourned to meet at Ellam church at Melrose, on Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1889.

J. H. CROSBY, CLERK.

W. S. PERRY, MODERATOR.

## 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 re-union of the church, 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 Counsel, 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 member of this Association by petition.

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

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

DECEMBER 14TH, 1888.

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Oct 27th, 1887.	To cash paid Clerk.....	\$35 00
Nov. 6th, "	" " " " W. N. Chaudoin.....	23 00
Dec. 15th, "	" " " " " " .....	20 50
" 16th, "	" " " " Clerk.....	5 00
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Oct. 27th.	By collector.....	\$23 00
" "	Cash sent by Delegates .....	67 00
Nov. 14th.	By G. W. Hall.....	2 50
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		\$92 50

R. B. WEEKS, TREASURER

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	MESSENGERS PRESENT.	INCREASE.					DECREASE.			Present Membership.	
			When Constituted.	Membership Last Year.	Baptized.	Letter. Leaver.	Expelled. Experience.	Restored. Letter.	Exclusion.	Deaths. Resurre.		
Gainesville .....	I. J. Halsted .....	P. W. Corr .....	1870									
P. W. Corr	Gainesville	I. J. Halsted .....		138	4			17		1	124	
		L. W. Jackson .....										
Ellam .....	E. B. Lane .....	G. W. Hall .....	1859	190	3		1	10	3	2	179	
L. J. Burton	Melrose	T. W. Thompson .....										
		W. H. Lee .....										
		M. E. Weeks .....										
Providence .....	J. A. Turner .....	B. R. Mosely .....	1852	134	24	5	2	3	6	1	151	
B. R. Mosely	Providence	S. S. Proctor .....										
		G. W. S. Ware .....										
		J. D. Turner .....										
La Crosse .....	J. H. Crosby .....	J. P. Smith .....	1885	42	7	4		4			49	
J. P. Smith	La Crosse	J. H. Crosby .....										
New Prospect .....	F. M. Pinkston .....	F. M. Pinkston .....	1886	29	3			2			28	
W. S. Perry	Fort White											
Phillipi .....	R. C. Martin .....	Paschal Vinsant .....	1877	52	4	3		1	3	1	54	
S. S. Proctor	Mikesville	T. R. Williams .....										
Waldo .....	W. H. Donaldson .....	J. M. Sparkman .....	1876	38	11	11		7	8		63	
G. T. Leitner	Waldo	J. T. Weeks .....	1876	38	11	11		7	8		63	
Saluda .....	C. A. W. Thomas .....	G. D. Thomas .....	1850	33						2	31	
G. W. Biles	Windsor											
Pleasant Grove .....	J. J. Godwin .....	R. B. Weeks .....	1853	105	9	16	1		2	1	128	
G. T. Leitner	Hawthorn											
Windsor .....	Robt. Nixon .....	None.	1886	18							18	
Blue Pond .....	No Report.			42							42	
Beulah .....	Jesse Thomas .....	No Messengers.	1850	33		1				1	33	
Jos. Brooker	Lake View											
Yulee .....	J. S. Goods .....	A. R. Scruggs .....	1886	19		1		8			12	
W. S. Perry	Fairbanks											
Mt. Sinai .....	W. W. Murhee .....	Berry Thomas .....						2	3		22	
W. S. Perry	Waldo	W. W. Murhee .....										
Rochelle .....	J. L. Myers .....	W. S. Perry .....	1886	19		1			1	1	17	
W. S. Perry	Rochelle	Oik Clerk.										
Campville .....	No Report.	B. F. Camp .....	1882	15							15	
		Campville										
Cedar Key .....	No Report.	Cornelius Ott .....	1884	18							18	
		Cedar Key										
Sharon .....	No Report.	L. G. Bryan .....	1886	26							26	
Tabernacle .....	W. Walker .....			134							134	
Jacksonville												
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