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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. B. WEEKS,.....Hawthorne, Fla.
E. E. STOKES,.....Campville, Fla.
C. A. WILLIAMS,.....Alachua, Fla.
H. C. PARKER,.....LaCrosse, Fla.
T. W. THOMPSON,.....Hope, Fla.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association Called to Order.
3. Reading Letters and Enrolling Names of Delegates.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Inviting Visiting Brethren to Seats.
7. Call for Correspondents.
8. Appointment of Committees.
9. Reports of Committees.
10. Election of Messengers to Southern Baptist and State Conventions.
11. Ministers' Relief Association.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Adjournment.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. W. Jones	LaCrosse, Fla.
G. W. Riles.....	McMeekin, Fla.
E. A. Holt.....	Island Grove, Fla.
N. T. King	Hampton, Fla.
Geo. T. Leitner.....	Hawthorne, Fla.
W. T. Hundley	Gainesville, Fla.
H. M. King.....	Gainesville, Fla.
J. M. Deveneau	Gainesville, Fla.
John Deveneau.....	Gainesville, Fla.
Geo. S. Crosby.....	Alachua, Fla.
J. H. Crosby.....	South Carolina
F. J. Fowler.....	Melrose, Fla.

LICENTIATES.

Robert McClellan	Gainesville, Fla.
H. T. Murphy.....	Alachua, Fla.
P. D. Cox.....	Hague, Fla.

MINUTES.

HAWTHORNE, FLA., October 19, 1897.

The Santa Fe River Baptist Association met to-day with the First Baptist Church, Hawthorne, Fla., at 11 A. M. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. H. M. King from Rev. 3:1-2. Association adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. L. Price. Letters from the churches were presented and read by Bro. G. S. Crosby and the names of the following messengers enrolled: LaCrosse, R. W. Jones, H. C. Parker, Miss Ida Parker; Ochwilla, W. E. Hammontry, Joseph Edenfield; Hawthorne, Revs. Geo. T. Leitner, G. W. Riles, R. B. Weeks, F. F. Paullin, W. H. Worldley, Mrs. R. E. Johnson; Rochelle, J. F. Perry; Perseverance, by letter; Hampton, by letter; Eliam, L. Baldwin, L. Price, T. B. Lovelace, Miss Lizzie McRea, Mrs. M. Lovelace; Gainesville, W. T. Hundley, A. R. Scruggs, J. F. Bunch; Waldo, W. O. Dickerson.

Petitionary letters were received from the following churches, and the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship; New Hope, J. Link, B. F. Minton; Alachua, Geo. S. Crosby; Munteocha, L. H. Bennett, H. A. Fisher.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in R. B. Weeks being elected Moderator, Geo. T. Leitner Clerk and T. W. Thompson Treasurer.

Correspondents were called for, but none responded.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Religious Exercises—Deacons of Hawthorne Church with F. F. Paullin, L. Price, L. H. Bennett.

On Nominations—W. O. Dickerson, T. F. Perry.

On Publications—G. S. Crosby, F. F. Paullin, L. H. Bennett.

On Missions—G. W. Riles, L. Link, L. Baldwin.

On Woman's Work—W. T. Hundley, Miss Lizzie McRea, Mrs. R. E. Johnson.

On the Spiritual Condition of the Churches—Geo. T. Leitner, J. F. Perry.

On Education—W. P. Riles, G. S. Crosby.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—L. Price, W. E. Hammontry.

On Temperance—H. C. Parker, W. H. Worldley, T. B. Lovelace.

On Sunday Schools—G. W. Riles, J. F. Perry, Jos. Edenfield.

On Finance—A. R. Scruggs, F. F. Paullin, T. B. Lovelace.

On Letters and Queries—H. A. Fisher, B. F. Minton, A. R. Scruggs.

On Ministers Relief Association—R. W. Jones, H. C. Parker.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported Rev. G. S. Crosby to preach at 7 P. M. He preached from Mark, fifth chapter. The Association then adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. M. King, to meet Wednesday at 9 A. M.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by W. T. Hundley. Correspondents being called for, J. C. Porter, representing the Baptist Witness, John B. Stetson University and the State Board of Missions, responded. The Association was led in a special prayer by G. S. Crosby in behalf of Bro. T. W. Thompson, Treasurer of the Association, who was reported very sick.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications begs to submit the following: It is a generally conceded fact that the public press is a wonderful power in our land, both for good and evil. Doubtless it has never sent forth greater quantities of pernicious literature to wield its baneful influence over the minds of all people, and especially the young of our

country, than it does to-day. Therefore, we deem it the imperative duty of all parents and all leaders in our churches and Sunday Schools to carefully and thoroughly examine, as much as possible, all literature reaching our homes and Sunday Schools. We take great pleasure in recommending the Florida Baptist Witness, the Foreign Missions Journal, the American Baptist Publication Society's literature and the Southern Baptist Convention's periodicals. We believe them to be sound in doctrine and strong in faith. Therefore we urge that they receive a liberal patronage from us, and be carefully read.

G. S. CROSBY,
L. H. BENNETT,
F. F. PAULLIN,
Committee.

The report, after being discussed by G. S. Crosby, G. W. Riles and J. C. Porter, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education made their report, which was discussed by J. C. Porter and W. T. Hundley:

By education is meant the development of power—intellectual, moral and spiritual power, and we are glad to report that our people are realizing the importance of this strength. All over our State the spirit of education is becoming more and more felt. What is most pleasing, we are glad to note the efforts which are being made, especially in our beloved university, to give a Bible knowledge and training. May God speed the day when we, as a whole, may be made to rejoice in a full knowledge of righteousness and religion as well as in an earthly knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. RILES,
G. S. CROSBY,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made the following report, which, after being discussed by G. W. Riles, H. C. Parker and Miss Lizzie McRae, was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools note with pleasure that the majority of the churches composing this Associa-

tion sustain Sunday Schools in the churches, and also in the surrounding neighborhoods as tributaries to the main school, which is commendable. And we pray that the Lord may so increase the zeal of every Christian, especially Baptists, in the Sunday School work until every man, woman and child shall be made thoroughly conversant with the word of God and be a co-worker with Christ for the salvation of souls, realizing that love begets love, through Him who so loved us as to give His life a sacrifice for us, that we might present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy unto Him, which is a reasonable service.

G. W. RILES.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported J. C. Porter to preach at 11 A. M., W. T. Hundley at 7 P. M. and L. D. Geiger next day at 11 A. M.

The hour for preaching having arrived, J. C. Porter preached from John 6:1-15. A collection was taken up for missions, amounting to \$16.47. The Association then adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by L. D. Geiger. The Moderator welcomed L. D. Geiger as Secretary and Treasurer of the Ministers' Assurance Society.

FINANCE REPORT.

	State Missions.	Asso. Missions.	Minutes.
New Hope.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 1 80
Gainesville.....	.....	.....	1 75
Mounteocha.....	.....	.....	2 70
Hawthorne.....	.....	8 29	6 00
Eliam.....	.....	.....	4 48
LaCrosse.....	.....	.....	7 85
Alachua.....	.....	.....	2 10
Waldo.....	.....	.....	60
Rochelle.....	6 70	.....	75
Perseverance.....	.....	.....	1 00
Hampton.....	.....	.....	1 22
Ochwilla.....	.....	.....	2 75
Collection.....	.....	16 47	.....
Totals.....	\$6 70	\$24 76	\$33 00

Report adopted.

F. F. PAULLIN.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. W. Thompson, Account With Santa Fe River Association.

1896.	Dr.		
Oct. 28.	To cash received from E. E. Stokes	\$ 5	12
Oct. 22.	To cash from Executive Committee	28	02
Oct. 22.	To cash from Orange Creek Church	1	05
Nov. —.	From Convention at Hawthorne	6	60
1897.			
Jan. 31.	From Convention at Ochwilla	1	76
May 30.	From Convention at Eliam	9	57
Aug. 29.	From Convention at LaCrosse ..	19	83
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		\$71	95
1896.	Cr.		
Oct. 22.	To G. T. Leitner	12	00
Nov. 24.	To J. C. Porter, printing minutes	20	10
1897.	To R. W. Jones, missionary	36	93
	Balance	2	92
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		\$71	95

Respectfully submitted,
T. W. THOMPSON, Treasurer.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that W. T. Hundley preach the Introductory Sermon at our next annual meeting; that the next Association be held with the Ochwilla Church Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, 1898.

W. O. DICKERSON,
I. F. PERRY,
Committee.

The Committee on Letters and Queries made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

Your Committee on Letters and Queries find that there are no queries presented for discussion at this meeting, and

that all the churches comprising this Association are enjoying harmony and fellowship.

H. A. FISHER,
B. F. MINTON,
Committee.

The Association elected the following Executive Committee: E. E. Stokes, R. B. Weeks, C. A. Williams, H. C. Parker, T. W. Thompson. To the Southern Baptist Convention, W. T. Hundley; G. S. Crosby, alternate. Delegates to State Convention, Geo. T. Leitner, G. W. Riles, W. T. Hundley, R. B. Weeks, G. S. Crosby, R. W. Jones, H. C. Parker, Leonard Baldwin, H. M. King, P. W. Corr.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee beg to make the following report: We have examined the letters and find that God has spared to us all of our standard bearers. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for sparing our brethren.

Respectfully submitted,
L. PRICE,
W. E. HAMMONTRY,
Committee.

The report on Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association was made a special order for the next day at 10:30 A. M.

The Committee on Temperance made the following report, which was discussed by H. C. Parker, H. H. Fisher, L. D. Geiger, Geo. T. Leitner, L. Baldwin, J. C. Porter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We are taught in the Scriptures to be temperate in all things. The Christian should get the mastery of all his passions, so that whether he eats or drinks, or whatsoever he does, he should do all to the glory of God. Extravagance in eating and dressing is to be avoided, also those people who live beyond their means and refuse to pay their just debts are guilty of the sin of intemperance. We urge that all our churches insist that their members refrain from drinking liquors as a beverage, or signing liquor petitions,

or in any other way aiding or encouraging the liquor traffic.
We advise all our brethren to vote as they pray.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. PARKER,
T. B. LOVELACE,
W. H. WORLDLEY,

Report adopted.

Committee.

The Association adjourned to meet next morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by J. C. Porter. Preaching at 7 P. M. by W. T. Hundley, from Isaiah, 43:2.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by R. W. Jones. The minutes were read and approved. The Committee on the Spiritual Condition of the Churches made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

Your committee find that the letters from the various churches bring cheer, not on account of the great ingathering during the year, but the churches seem to recognize their dependence upon our Heavenly Father, who hath said: "Draw near to God and He will draw near to thee." This spirit betokens great blessings in store for His people. We would urge upon our churches to pray more earnestly for the power of the spirit. Then the Lord of the harvest will most graciously remember His people. He hath also said: "I know the thoughts I think toward you, saith the Lord; thoughts of peace and not of evil." Trust in God and expect great things of Him.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. LEITNER,
J. F. PERRY,

Report adopted.

Committee.

The Committee on Woman's Work offered the following as their report, which was discussed by W. T. Hundley and Miss Lizzie McRae and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Many great and important movements, having for their purpose the improvement of all classes of people the wide world over, have arisen within the century now drawing to

a close. None of these is more grand and noble than woman's missionary work.

This movement among the women had its origin in this country in the year 1800, and all through the succeeding years, down to the present time, experience testifies that the most efficient missionary service is secured through the channel of organization. And so, everywhere throughout our broad land, east, west, north, south, Christian women have responded and are responding to the call of their Heavenly Father to labor in this especial way for the saving of lost souls throughout the world.

In 1888 the Baptist women of the South organized the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. This union now includes the missionary societies of fourteen States, the District of Columbia and the Oklahoma and Indian Territories. During these nine years the union has given into the Lord's treasury, through the boards of the Convention, \$233,451.66 for foreign missions and \$198,144.22 for home missions.

Florida's women have been identified with this union from the beginning of its existence, and have contributed of the above amounts, for foreign missions \$5,590.29, and for home missions \$9,109.18. But it was not until January, 1894, that a State Union, similar to those in other States, was formed, for not until then did circumstances and conditions warrant such organization. Prior to that date, the seeds of missionary love and zeal were for several years patiently and faithfully sown by two noble women, the late Sisters Bailey and Telford, who served successively as secretaries of Woman's Missionary Work under the appointment of the State Board of Missions.

The success of our Union has been marked. In 1894 there were 55 woman's societies and 33 children's bands. To-day there are 109 societies and 31 bands. Of this number there are in this Association seven societies and one band in the following named churches: Societies—Alachua, Gainesville, Hampton, Hawthorne, LaCrosse, Melrose, Waldo. Band—Melrose.

The beneficial results arising from the division of responsibility among our women, and the constant distribution of missionary literature are everywhere apparent. During 1896 our State Union gave for work at home and abroad \$1,618.89; \$79.16 of this amount was given by this Association. If so much good can be done by a small force of workers, why not increase the number until each church in

this Association knows the benefits of having a Woman's Missionary Society? It is the testimony of pastors where real live societies exist, that they are a blessing and only a blessing to the church. And in what better way can we train givers for the future than by teaching the children of to-day God's plan of salvation for the world, the history of missions, and each individual's responsibility to give the "glad tidings" to "every creature."

Brethren, will you give this movement your sympathy and co-operation, so that every church in this Association may have these sources of blessing to the church itself and to the world?

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. SPALDING,

Corresponding Secretary Executive Committee.

The hour for the special order of business having arrived, the report on the Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association was discussed by L. D. Geiger and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST MINISTERS' ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

We cannot speak too highly of the good work being done by the Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association. During the past year two of its beneficiary members, Elder J. P. Roberts, of Bristol, and Elder N. A. Bailey, of Leesburg, have died, and in both instances the families were greatly helped. The B. M. A. A. has about 150 members. It ought to have many times 150. We commend the Association to all of our people, both ministers and laymen.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. JONES,

H. C. PARKER.

The Committee on Missions made the following report, which was discussed by R. W. Jones and G. W. Riles, and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

We are fully aware that this is the all-important matter that urges every Christian, especially Baptists, to a greater effort to be put forth for the evangelization of the whole world for Christ. Missions! What they imply is to go forth into all the world and inform the lost souls that there is life everlasting for them to be had upon the simple terms of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, the work has been designated under three heads, known as the state,

home and foreign mission fields. The State Board, located at Ocala, has charge of all the State work. The Home Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., has charge of all the missions in the Southern States and Cuba. The Foreign Board, located in Richmond, Va., has charge of all the Foreign Work, and consecrated men of this age have forsaken home, kindred and friends and gone forth into these various fields, as Carey and Judson and others did of old; suffering privation, distress, anxiety and toil in order to evangelize the world for Christ. With such in view, it seems to us it ought to call forth our hearty co-operation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. RILES,

L. BALDWIN.

Report adopted.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Work done in the bounds of the Santa Fe River Association:

Miles traveled.....	740
Different families visited.....	49
Sermons preached.....	47
Prayer services.....	28
Baptized.....	8
Churches constituted.....	2
Money collected on field.....	\$17 79
Amount received from Executive Committee.....	37 83
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	\$55 62

R. W. JONES,

Missionary.

Resolved that the Executive Committee employ a missionary in the bounds of the Association, during this associational year.

The following resolutions were offered by W. T. Hundley. Discussed by W. T. Hundley.

ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Whereas, we believe that the organization known as the Baptist Young People's Union marks the beginning of a new era of development in the life of our churches and denomination; and

Whereas, we believe that it meets the needs and

demands of the age, and has the seal of divine approval upon it,

Therefore, be it resolved:

1st. That we give to the movement our most hearty endorsement.

2d. That we advise and urge the organization of local societies in every church within the bounds of our Association.

3d. That a committee be appointed to consider the propriety of organizing, at an early day, an Associational Union.

4th. That we recommend to the local societies the adoption of the Baptist Union, published in Chicago, as the official organ for information and courses of study.

5th. That we urge upon all local societies the importance and value of affiliation with the Florida Baptist State Union and the general organization of the B. Y. P. U. A. in its department of the south, with headquarters at Birmingham, Ala.

Respectfully,
W. T. HUNDLEY.

Resolutions adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committee in compliance with the above resolution: W. T. Hundley, J. F. Bunch and H. C. Parker.

Resolved, That any brother of this Association, attending any other sister Association, be requested to act as correspondent.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be extended to the Hawthorne church and community for their hospitality, also to the Methodist church for the use of their house of worship for the Woman's Missionary Society.

Resolved, That the Clerk have the usual number of minutes printed, the work to be done by the Witness, and the Clerk be allowed \$14 for his service, the Treasurer to pay same out of any funds in his possession.

Special collection taken for missionary, amounting to \$20.50 in cash and pledges.

Resolved, That the Association adjourn to meet with the Ochwilla church, near McMeekin, Fla., on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, 1898.

Hour for preaching arrived. Preaching by L. D. Geiger, from Luke 22 : 31-32.

The minutes read and approved.

The hymn, "God be with You till We Meet Again," sung; the parting hand given. Prayer by L. D. Geiger, and the Santa Fe River Association stood adjourned.

R. B. WEEKS,
Moderator.

GEO. T. LEITNER,
Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	DELEGATES.	When Constituted.	Number Last Year.	Baptized.	Dismissed by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dead.	Present Membership.
Campville	M. A. Clonts, Sr.	B. F. Camp, Campville, Fla.	1882	56						56
Elliam	H. M. King	E. E. Lane, Putnam Hall, Fla.	1856	166	6	5	2	2	2	167
Gainesville	W. T. Hundley	Robt. McClellan, Gainesville, Fla.	1870	131	1	1				133
Hampton	N. T. King	A. M. Williams, Hampton, Fla.	1871	75	1	4	1			55
Hawthorne	George T. Leitner	E. E. Johnson, Hawthorne, Fla.	1859	106	1	3	3	2	2	100
LaCrosse	R. F. Rogers	C. C. Parker, LaCrosse, Fla.	1884	69						63
Ochvilla	B. E. Moseley	Jos. Hammontry, McMeekin, Fla.	1890	21	1	1				20
Orange Creek	E. B. Clarke	J. D. Eagle, Lochloosa, Fla.	1876	55	5	7	1			63
Rochelle	S. S. Proctor	E. J. Jones, Rochelle, Fla.	1858	53	4	1	1			53
Perserverance	F. W. Corr	L. C. Doane, Waldo, Fla.	1878	53	5	1	1			46
Waldo	W. H. Minton	B. F. Minton, Waldo, Fla.	1897	21						20
New Hope	Z. A. Crumpton	C. A. Williams, New Hope, Fla.	1897	55	5	7	1			63
Alachua	P. W. Jones	G. W. V. Hauldingham, Mount- cocha, Fla.	1890	38						37
Mountcocha	P. W. Jones	G. W. V. Hauldingham, Mount- cocha, Fla.	1890	38						30
			1882	988	23	149	2	11	6	955

FINANCIAL REPORT.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	Printing minutes.	State missions.	Home missions.	Foreign missions.	Ministerial education.	Total	Total value of church property.	Church expenses.
Campville, Alachua.	A. M. Clonts, Jr., Orange Lake, Fla.	\$ 4 48	\$ 4 48	\$ 15 96	\$ 36 00	\$ 1000 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 1000 00	\$ 685 65
Elliam, Putnam, Alachua.	H. M. King, Gainesville, Fla.	1 60	1 60	20 25	20 25	7500 00	45 62	7500 00	58 00
Gainesville, Alachua.	W. T. Hundley, Gainesville, Fla.	1 22	3 70	8 30	30 00	5000 00	48 20	5000 00	105 00
Hampton, Bradford.	N. T. King, Hampton, Fla.	6 00	33 88	5 35	11 23	800 00	5 35	800 00	304 00
LaCrosse, Alachua.	Geo. T. Leitner, Hawthorne, Fla.	3 75	7 30	10 95	4 85	800 00	22 54	800 00	
Orange Creek, Alachua.	R. F. Rogers, Lake City, Fla.								
Rochelle, Alachua.	B. E. Moseley, Fort White, Fla.	75	8 75	9 50	1 88	700 00	4 88	700 00	80 00
Perserverance, Alachua.	S. S. Proctor, Lake Butler, Fla.	1 00	1 00	3 00	5 00	600 00	5 00	600 00	106 00
Waldo, Alachua.	F. W. Corr, Waldo, Fla.	80	80	2 00					
New Hope, Windsor.	W. H. Minton, Highland, Fla.	2 00	2 00	2 70					
Alachua, Alachua.	Z. A. Crumpton, Fellowship, Fla.	2 70	2 70						
Mountcocha, Mountcocha.	R. W. Jones, LaCrosse, Fla.								
		\$ 80 98	\$ 80 98	\$ 80 98	\$ 80 98	\$ 116 65	\$ 115 980 00	\$ 1 397 65	

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES.	No. schools.	No. officers and teachers.	No. pupils.	Total enrollment.	No. baptized.	Vol. in library.	Contributed to expenses.	For missions.
Campville,.....	E. Stokes, Campville, Fla.	1	4	52	56	56	.....	.....	.....
Ellam,.....	H. B. Mizelle, W. H. Lee, Melrose, Fla.	2	11	99	111	111	.....	40 00	.....
Gainesville,.....	J. F. Bunch, Gainesville, Fla.	1	8	70	78	78	.....	237 70	.....
Hawthorne,.....	J. M. Williams, W. C. Pearson, Hawthorne, Hope, Fla.	2	12	91	108	108	.....	5 00	25 40
Hampton,.....	T. E. Getzelle, Hampton, Fla.	1	4	40	44	44	25	56 67	.....
La Crosse,.....	H. B. Mizelle, La Crosse, Fla.	1	10	88	98	98	.....	9 00	.....
Ocnawilla,.....	H. B. Mizelle, Melrose, Fla.	1	6	30	36	36	100	6 00	.....
Oechelle,.....	A. J. Jones, Ochelle, Fla.	1	6	35	41	41	.....	.....	.....
Valdo,.....	H. I. Kendle, Waldo, Fla.	1	6	30	36	36	.....	.....	.....
Perseverance,.....	F. P. Thomas, Alachua, Fla.	1	5	25	30	30	.....	.....	.....
		12	72	540	638	638	125	\$ 141 06	\$ 25 40

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be called the Santa Fe River Baptist Association.
2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from Baptist churches, of which they must be members, maintaining the gospel discipline, and they must present letters from their respective churches certifying to their election as messengers.
3. The object of this Association shall be the reunion of the churches, the promotion of the true gospel, and the dissemination of Bible truth.
4. This Association shall meet annually, on the first day of which meeting it shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer.
5. Any Baptist church newly organized may become a member of this Association by a letter petitioning for membership and giving information concerning organization and presbytery and by whom organized. Any church coming from another Association may become a member of this Association by presenting petitionary letter, accompanied by a letter of dismissal from the Association from which it comes.
6. This admits the right of any one of the churches comprising it to withdraw by application for a letter without assigning any reason for so doing. At the same time, this Association claims the right to withdraw from any church which departs from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.
7. This Association shall be deemed an advisory council and shall treat the churches composing it as independent bodies in all matters of self-government, and shall at no time interfere with their rights.
8. This Association shall have an Executive Committee of five, of which the Treasurer shall be a member ex-officio. The other four members shall be elected annually by the Association, no two members being from the same church.

Three shall constitute a quorum for business. The Executive Committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary and shall have power to fill vacancies.

9. The Associational Mission Work shall be under the control and supervision of the Executive Committee, and all missionaries shall make quarterly reports to them whenever called upon to do so.

10. All churches shall be entitled to two messengers for the first fifty members and one additional messenger for each twenty-five members after the first fifty and for the major fraction thereof.

11. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds of the Association, but only by order of the Association or Executive Committee.

12. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association, by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present.