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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. B. WEEKS, Hawthorne, Fla.	H. C. PARKER, LaCrosse, Fla.
• C. A. WILLIAMS, Alachua, Fla.	L. H. BENNETT, Fairbanks, Fla.
L. PRICE, Melrose, Fla.	

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order.
3. Reading letters and enrolling 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.
George T. Leitner.....	<i>Leesbury</i> Hawthorne, Fla.
W. T. Hundley.....	Gainesville, Fla.
H. M. King.....	Gainesville, Fla.
A. J. York.....	LaCrosse, Fla.
J. H. Crosby.....	South Carolina.
F. J. Fowler.....	Melrose, Fla.
E. A. Holt.....	Island Grove, Fla.

LICENTIATES.

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

MINUTES.

The Santa Fe River Baptist Association met today, October 18, with the Ochwilla Baptist Church, near McMeekin, Florida.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, in the absence of the regular appointee, from Matt. 8 : 5-13.

Association adjourned until 2 p.m.

Afternoon Session.

The Association was called to order. Prayer by R. W. Jones.

Letters from the churches called for and read by G. W. Riles and George T. Leitner, and the names of the following messengers enrolled :

- Campville—E. E. Stokes.
- Eliam—E. B. Perry, H. J. Fowler, L. Price, T. B. Lovelace, W. H. Lee, S. B. Merryman.
- Gainesville—W. H. Hundley, Mrs. M. E. Tinsley, Mrs. W. M. Daughtry.
- Hampton—By letter.
- Hawthorn—George T. Leitner, R. B. Weeks, Z. M. Sanders, F. F. Paulling, R. E. Johnson, G. W. Riles, Mrs. R. E. Johnson, T. R. Waits.
- LaCrosse—R. W. Jones, A. J. York, C. A. Barry.
- Ochwilla—J. R. Jerkens, J. A. Knight.
- Orange Creek—J. I. Ergles, J. Abstein, J. N. Hayman.
- Rochelle—J. F. Perry, L. W. Myers.
- Perseverance—R. J. Hadsock.
- Waldo—W. O. Dickinson.

New Hope—B. F. Minton
 Alachua—J. B. Strickland.
 Mounteocha—L. H. Bennett.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

Moderator—R. B. Weeks.

Clerk—George T. Leitner.

Treasurer—L. H. Bennett.

Correspondents called for by the Moderator, which call was responded to by Rev. W. Stones, of the St. John's River Association ; S. E. Timmons, of the St. John's River Association ; Brother E. A. Rennolds, of the Alachua Association ; B. R. Moseley, of the Beulah Association ; W. N. Chaudoin, corresponding secretary of the State Board of Missions ; J. C. Porter, of The Florida Baptist Witness.

The Moderator appointed the following committees :

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of Och-willa church, with R. E. Johnson.

On Nominations—L. Price, J. I. Ergles.

On Publications—W. O. Dickinson, R. W. Jones.

On Missions—W. T. Hundley, R. W. Jones.

On Woman's Work—G. W. Riles, J. W. Hayman, Mrs. R. E. Johnson.

On the Spiritual Condition of the Churches—J. B. Strickland, L. H. Bennett.

On Education—B. R. Moseley, E. B. Perry.

On Temperance—T. B. Lovelace, B. F. Minton.

On Sunday Schools—A. J. York, Z. M. Sanders, R. J. Hadsock.

On Finance—F. F. Paulling, L. Price, T. B. Lovelace.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—W. H. Lee, J. Abstein, R. E. Johnson.

On Letters and Queries—J. A. Knight, C. A. Barry, J. R. Jerkens.

On Ministers' Assurance Association—George T. Leitner.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported Geo. T. Leitner to preach at 7 p.m.; Rev. W. Stones tomorrow at 11 a.m.

Prayer by R. W. Jones.

By request J. C. Porter preached from Isa. 28 : 20.

Wednesday Morning Session.

The Association called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by J. C. Porter.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications submit the following report : That the public press is a great power both for good and evil. Therefore we deem it the duty of parents and leaders in our churches and Sunday schools to carefully examine all literature reaching our homes and Sunday schools. And we take pleasure in recommending the following literature : The Florida Baptist Witness, The Foreign Mission Journal, The Home Field, the American Baptist Publication Society's and the Southern Baptist Convention's periodicals and publications. We believe them sound in doctrine. Therefore we urge that they receive a liberal patronage and be carefully read

W. O. DICKINSON.

R. W. JONES.

The report, being discussed by W. N. Chaudoin and J. C. Porter, was adopted.

REPORT ON THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

Your committee would respectfully submit the following : The letters from the churches report a state of good feeling and harmony among their members. There have been forty-one baptisms during the year, every church but one reporting baptism. One church is without a pastor and one without a Sunday school. Nearly all report contributions to missions. The report of last year urged that the churches pray more earnestly for the power of the Holy Spirit. This has been observed. Your committee would observe that the same necessity exists now. Pray, brethren, for this power. May the Master bless the work more abundantly than ever.

J. B. STRICKLAND.

L. H. BENNETT.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Education means "leading out." And so we need to take the little children by the hand and lead them out from ignorance to knowledge, and as far as we can out of sin to Christ, the great Physician for sinners. We commend for this noblest purpose unceasing vigilance and untiring efforts. We need not say that all must be educated, but they ought to be, and the time has come when they may.

For higher education we recommend our own John B. Stetson University. For the highest and best development of citizens for earth and dwellers in heaven, we recommend Bibles, good mothers and Sunday schools.

B. R. MOSELEY.

The report, after being discussed by B. R. Moseley, W. N. Chaudoin, and W. T. Hundley, was adopted.

The hour for preaching having arrived, W. Stones preached from John 19:14, after which a collection for missions was taken up, amounting to \$11.63. The committee reported W. T. Hundley to preach at 7 p.m.

Afternoon Session.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by R. W. Jones.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

	For Minutes.	Missions.
Campville	\$ 1 00	.....
Elliam	4 00	.....
Gainesville	2 50	.....
Hampton .....	.....	.....
Hawthorne	6 00	.....
LaCross	6 10	.....
Ochwilla	2 25	.....
Orange Creek	1 00	.....
Rochelle	1 46	.....
Perseverance	1 00	.....
Waldo	1 40	.....
New Hope	1 62	.....
Alachua	2 50	.....
Mounteocha	3 00	.....
Collection .....	.....	\$11 63
Totals	\$34 46	\$11 63

Respectfully submitted,

F. F. PAULLING.
T. B. LOVELACE.
L. PRICE.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Among all the forces operating in this age of Christian activity none excels and few equal the Christian woman. In every department of life her influence is felt and recognized. In literature she holds no mean place. In politics she is the silent factor that rules empires, moulds republics and shapes destinies. In the social realm she is the universal and acknowledged queen, giving purity of tone and beauty of character to every social circle. In the home she is best. It is here that her Maker meant for her to ascend highest and shine brightest. Let us never lose sight of the importance of woman as a home-maker. And while in the churches she has a place peculiarly her own, yet it is none the less a high and holy one. Just as literature would degenerate into obscenity, and governments into despotism, and society into brawls, and homes into hovels, without her influence, so the churches would fall into destitution without her work. We heartily commend our noble women for the grand work accomplished, and bid them God speed in their beloved work along the same lines heretofore pursued and in any new lines (within Scripture limitations) that their hearts may suggest. We would urge upon all the churches the necessity of organizing and maintaining a Woman's Missionary Society.

Your committee,

G. W. RILES.
MRS. R. E. JOHNSON.
J. N. HAYMAN.

Discussed by W. N. Chaudoin and W. Stones. Report adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The day of mere sentiment on the subject of missions has long since passed away. Emotions awakened by the recital of harrowing experiences of persecution and martyrdom have been supplemented by the stern philosophy of the fact that the indifferentism of this age of toleration is more to be feared than open antagonism which results in persecution and death. With the opening of doors to the knock of the gospel, opportunities have been multiplied for evangelizing the nations, and with the multiplied opportunities the churches of Jesus Christ must assume multiplied responsibilities. Civilization and science, the handmaidens of Christianity, have aided in the opening of every door on the globe to the entrance of the truth. God has ever used

the wrath of man for the furtherance of his purpose of grace, and is overruling war and the political schemes of men towards facilitating the consummating of his wondrous plans. The day-dawn of the millennium is breaking fast on the longing gaze of a waiting Zion. It behooves us, as one of the bands in the vast army of Christian soldiers, to do more and more towards hastening the fulness of that day when

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journey run.

Respectfully,
W. T. HUNDLEY,
R. W. JONES.

Discussed by W. T. Hundley and W. N. Chaudoin.
Report adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee recommend that George T. Leitner preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Association, and that the next Association be held with the Eliah Church Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1899. Respectfully submitted.

L. PRICE,
J. I. EGGLESE.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

Your committee find that there are no queries presented for discussion at this meeting, and that all the churches composing this Association are enjoying harmony and fellowship.

J. A. KNIGHT,
J. R. JERKENS,
G. A. BARRY.

Report adopted.

The following delegates were elected:

To the Southern Baptist Convention—W. T. Hundley;
Frank J. Fowler, alternate.

To State Convention—George T. Leitner, W. T. Hundley, R. W. Jones, G. W. Riles, R. B. Weeks.

The following brethren were elected as Executive Committee: R. B. Weeks, H. C. Parker, C. A. Williams, L. H. Bennett, L. Price.

Association adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow. Prayer by G. W. Riles.

Preaching by W. T. Hundley at 7 p.m. from John 5:6.

Third Day — Morning Session.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.
Prayer by A. J. York.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

L. H. Bennett, in account with the Santa Fe River Association.

1898		DE.		
May	22	By Cash received from T. W. Thompson		\$ 21 46
	30	Cash sent to Convention from churches		21 18
	30	Cash collected		6 84
	30	Cash collected on field by R. W. Jones		23 15
July	31	Sent to Convention		21 55
	31	Collection		5 70
	31	Collection on field by R. W. Jones		19 10
Oct.	18	Sent to Association for missions		22 40
	18	To Association, for expenses of Association		31 46
	18	Collection at Association		11 63
	18	Collection by R. W. Jones on field		17 90
		ON.		
May	30	To Cash paid R. W. Jones		\$ 66 67
July	31	" " "		35 33
Oct.	18	" " "		56 00
	18	Balance on hand		55 37
				\$205 87
Balance due Association				\$205 87

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. BENNETT.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools are highly gratified to know that nearly all of the churches report Sunday schools. We trust the time is at hand when every man, woman and child in the bounds of this Association will be Sunday school scholars and co-workers with the Savior for the good of the souls of men.

A. J. YORK.

Report discussed by A. J. York, R. W. Jones, R. B. Weeks, B. R. Moseley. Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

In considering intemperance we believe that each man is responsible for his own deeds. We are too apt to try to lay the blame of our intemperance on the temptations around us. Temptation hurts no man unless he yields to its baneful influence. All Christians should be temperate in everything. "Whether we eat or whether we drink, do all to the glory of God." Whisky is a manufactured article, and hurts but few people unless they drink it. But the intemperate use of it is what destroys the souls and bodies of men. Brethren, we should consider intemperance a per-

sonal matter, examine ourselves to see if we are temperate, study the Scriptures daily to learn what God would have us do. Then we will be better fitted to help those who may be more easily tempted than ourselves. "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."

Respectfully submitted.

T. B. LOVELACE,
T. R. WAITE,
Committee.

Report discussed by T. B. Lovelace and W. N. Chaudoin. Report adopted.

Brother E. A. Rennolds made a statement as Historical Secretary as to his work. A collection to assist him was taken up, amounting to \$3.07.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We, your committee, beg to report that our Heavenly Father has removed from our midst since our last meeting the following brethren: Rev. George S. Crosby, of Alachua, a true and faithful minister of our Lord Jesus Christ, steadfast and immovable in his convictions. Also Brother T. W. Thompson, the senior deacon of Eliam Church, who was a friend to the old and young. These brethren purchased for themselves a good degree and great boldness in the faith. To know them was to love them, for which cause their memories will be cherished by all who knew them. We would recommend that a blank page of the minutes be devoted to their memories.

W. H. LEE,
J. ABSTEIN,
R. E. JOHNSON,
Committee.

Report adopted.

BAPTIST MINISTERS' ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

The Association during its existence has carried rays of sunshine and help into several homes of brethren who have fallen at the post of duty without much of this world's goods. During the present year two beneficiary members have died, whose families will secure some help. We would urge upon all who can to become members, to assist in this laudable enterprise.

GEO. T. LEITNER.

Report discussed by W. N. Chaudoin and George T. Leitner. Report adopted.

Rev. George S. Crosby.

Born November, 1857.

Died August, 1898.

"Asleep in Jesus! Blessed sleep!
From which none ever wake to weep!"

T. W. Thompson,

Senior Deacon of Eliam Church.

"I have fought a good fight; I have kept the
faith."

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Complete report of R. W. Jones, Missionary for the Santa Fe River Association, for the year 1898 :

Miles traveled	2,466
Families visited	84
Sermons preached	127
Prayer services	81
Baptized	15
Restored	2
Received by letter	2
Sunday schools organized	3

Collected on the field\$107 09
 Collected for State Board of Missions..... 2 50

R. W. JONES, Missionary.

Report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

1. That the Executive Committee employ a missionary in the Association during the next associational year.
2. That the Clerk have the usual number of minutes published, and that he be allowed fourteen dollars for his services, and that the Treasurer pay for the same.
3. That any brother of this Association attending any other sister Association be requested to act as correspondent.
4. That we advise our brethren to refuse to allow Mormons admission to their homes, or to use their church houses, and that they decline to attend any of their services.
5. That the thanks of this Association be extended to the Ochwilla church and community, and especially to the ladies, for their kindness and hospitality to us during our stay among them.

The hour for preaching having arrived, George T. Leitner preached from Ezra 7 : 22, after which the Association adjourned to meet with the Eham Church, near Melrose, Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1899. Parting hand given. Prayer by W. N. Chaudoin, and the Santa Fe River Association stood adjourned.

R. B. WEEKS, Moderator.

GEO. T. LEITNER, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.	CLERKS AND OFFICERS.	DELEGATES.	When Constituted.	Number Last Year.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dead.	Present Membership.
Chapville, G. W. Riles	E. E. Stokes, Campville	E. E. Stokes	1882	56	1	1	1	1	1	2	60
Elm, H. M. King	L. B. Lane, Putham Hall	E. B. Perry, H. J. Fowler, L. Price, T. B. Lovelace, W. H. Lee, S. B. Merryman, H. M. King	1879	167	8	7	1	1	1	2	162
Gainesville, W. T. Hundley	Jos. E. Waugh, Gainesville	W. T. Hundley, Mrs. M. E. Thinsley, Mrs. W. M. Daughtry	1870	133	6	11	1	1	3	4	133
Hampton, W. F. Malphurs	A. M. Williams, Hampton	Geo. T. Leitner, R. B. Weeks, F. F. Paulin, E. E. Johnson, G. W. Riles, Mrs. R. E. Johnson, Z. M. Sanders, T. E. Walls	1883	160	9	2	1	2	1	1	163
Hawthorne, J. D. Geiger	R. E. Johnson, Hawthorne	R. W. Jones, A. J. York, C. A. Barry	1885	82	4	2	1	2	1	1	79
LaCrosse, R. F. Rogers	C. A. Barry, LaCrosse	J. I. Ergles, J. H. Abat in, J. N. Hayman	1872	46	1	1	1	1	1	1	47
Ochwilla, B. E. Mosely	Jos. Hampton, McMeekin	J. R. Jenkins, J. A. Kullicht	1894	68	1	1	1	1	1	1	66
Orange Creek, R. W. Jones	F. I. Ergles, Lochgoosa	L. W. Myers, J. F. Perry	1860	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	18
Rochelle, B. B. Clark	A. J. Jones, Rochebe	R. W. Myers, J. F. Perry	1896	63	1	1	1	1	1	1	52
Perseverance, L. W. Kiehlter	R. J. Hadsock, Alachua	B. W. O. Dickson	1873	63	1	1	1	1	1	1	59
Waldo, J. C. Porter	L. C. Doane, Waldo	W. O. Dickson	1873	117	1	1	1	1	1	1	91
New Hope, R. W. Jones	B. F. Minton, Windsor	J. B. Minton	1891	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	21
Alachua, Z. A. Crumpton	C. A. Williams, Alachua	J. B. Strickland	1897	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	21
Mountcocha, E. W. Jones	Geo. W. Vanlandingham, Mountcocha	L. H. Bennett	1897	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	21
Totals			953	4704	140	6	10	15	945		

FINANCIAL REPORT.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	Printing Minutes.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Bible Work.	Total.	Value of Church Property.	Church Expenses.
Campville, Alachua	G. W. Riles, McMeekin, Fla.	\$1 00	7 18	\$10 00	\$ 16 48				\$11 00	\$1,000	25 00
Elliam, Putnam	H. M. King, Gainesville, Fla.	4 08	22 21	10 30	25 80	23 82			24 69	1,000	120 00
Gainesville, Alachua	W. T. Hurlley, Gainesville, Fla.	2 50							84 55	1,000	664 98
Hampton, Bradford	W. F. Murphy, Starks, Fla.	6 00	31 13	32 50	5 00		5 00		76 03	400	25 00
Hawthorne, Alachua	L. D. Goggin, Apuka, Fla.	6 10		19 50	25 00	7 94		1 50	50 60	2,000	275 00
LaCrosse, Alachua	B. F. Rogers, Lake City, Fla.	2 25		6 00	9 25				50 60	800	250 00
Ochwilla, Putnam	B. W. Jones, McMeekin, Fla.	1 00		48 50					26 94	800	60 00
Orange Creek, Alachua	E. B. Clark, High Springs, Fla.	1 46	4 55		3 42				49 50	500	60 00
Rochelle, Alachua	L. W. Kiehlter, Starks, Fla.	1 50							0 01	500	60 00
Waldo, Alachua	L. C. Porter, Ocala, Fla.	1 02		4 57					4 92	600	75 00
New Hope, Alachua	E. W. Jones, LaCrosse, Fla.	2 50		6 40					1 40	600	108 30
Alachua, Alachua	Z. A. Grumpton, Fellowship, Fla.	3 00							6 19	600	100 00
Mounteocha, Alachua	E. W. Jones, LaCrosse, Fla.								2 50	50	40 50
Totals		\$34 46	\$65 07	\$137 67	\$81 58	\$31 76	\$5 00	\$1 50	\$314 31	\$17,450	\$1,893 88

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.						Contributed for Expenses.	Contributed for Missions.
		Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Pupils.	Total Enrollment.	Number Baptized.	Volumes in Library.		
Campville	E. E. Stokes, Campville, Fla.	1	4	84	36				
Elliam	W. H. Lee, H. B. Mizelle, Melrose, Fla.	2	14	100	114	150	24 00	1 00	
Gainesville	J. F. Bunch, Gainesville, Fla.	1	15	120	135		38 02		
Hawthorne	J. J. Godwin, Hawthorne, Fla.	1	13	65	78		26 37		
Hampton	A. M. Williams, Hampton, Fla.	1	4	40	40		5 00		
Ochwilla	E. R. Simmons, McMeekin, Fla.	1	6	20	26			6 00	
LaCrosse	H. C. Parker, LaCrosse, Fla.	1	11	91		18	48 00		
Orange Creek	J. N. Hayman, Island Grove	1	6	40	46				
Rochelle	A. J. Jones, Rochelle, Fla.	1	5	35	35	3	6 00		
Perseverance	H. T. Murphy, Alachua, Fla.	1	5	30	35		15 00	2 40	
Waldo	J. T. Weeks, Waldo, Fla.	1	3	22	27	12			
New Hope	J. Link, Windsor, Fla.	1	5	35	40				
Mounteocha	H. A. Fisher, Mounteocha, Fla.	1	5	35	40				
Totals		14	91	672	763	183	\$158 59	\$9 50	

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 dismission 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.

