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Baptist Association

HELD WITH
Cottdale Baptist Church
 Jackson Co., Florida
 October 13, 14, and 15, 1899

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SARAH ANN CAROLINE CALLOWAY.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1 Call for petitionary letters.
- 2 Inviting visiting brethren to seats.
- 3 Call for correspondents.
- 4 Appointment of Committees on Preaching, Nominations, Aged Ministers, Publications, Deceased Ministers, Sunday Schools, Missions, Documents, Temperance, Finance, Education Ministers' Assurance Association, Woman's Work.
- 5 Arrange for meeting and adjourning.
- 6 Appoint correspondents.
- 7 Elect Executive Committee and Treasurer.
- 8 Elect Delegates to State Convention.
- 9 Call for Reports of Committees: 1, Executive Committee; 2, Missions; 3, Finance; 4, Temperance; 5, Sunday-Schools; 6, Education.
- 10 Call for report of Missionaries.
- 11 Call for report of Treasurer.
- 12 Call for report on Documents.
- 13 Call for report on Publications.
- 14 Call for report on Deceased Ministers.
- 15 Call for report on Nominations.
- 16 Call for report on Ministerial Education.
- 17 Call for report on Ministers' Assurance Association.
- 18 Call for report on Woman's Work.
- 19 Call for report on Aged Ministers.
- 20 Appoint General Meeting.
- 21 Appoint time and place for next meeting.
- 22 Read and adopt minutes.
- 23 Adjournment.

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MINUTES.

COTTONDALE, FLA., OCT. 13, 1899.

The West Florida Baptist Association met this day in the Cottondale Baptist church. Divine services began by singing "What a Friend we Have in Jesus." Rev. S. L. Loudermilk then led in prayer.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. S. B. Rogers, text, Ps. 60:4, "Thou has given us a banner." Services were concluded with prayer by Rev. W. A. Bryant.

It was announced that dinner was prepared on the grounds and everybody invited to partake. At 2 P. M. the delegates were requested to meet for business.

AFTERNOON.

Promptly at 2 P. M. the messengers reassembled. Divine services conducted by Rev. W. A. Bryant, After singing "Alas and did my Savior Die," 1st Peter 2 was read by Moderator. Rev. S. B. Rodgers led in prayer.

The Moderator requested brethren M. F. Boone and E. N. Dekle to gather up the letters and they were read by Brethren M. L. Dekle, W. P. Lockey and W. T. Home.

The following churches and delegates were enrolled:

Appalachicola—By letter. Bethlehem—R. F. Brookins. W. A. Swearingin, S. W. Land. Bascom—H. L. Green. E. B. Smith, H. C. Neel. Bethel—W. P. Richardson, J. W. Richardson, H. F. Womble, Eli English. Bethany—W. Y. Tyler. J. B. O'Connor. Beulah—A. M. Wilcox, James Boswell. Cromaton—By letter. Cottondale—F. M. Grae, J. L. Massey. Campbellton—A. B. Hinson, J. W. Carter, J. W. White, C. R. Jones. Chipley—J. D. Forester. E. N. Dekle, W. C. Loekey, A. M. Mathews, J. C. McColskey. Damascus—A. J. Crutchfield, I. H. White, A. Philips, J. T. Carmichael. Ebenezer—John T. Carter, George F. Gainer. Econfina—By letter. Ephesus—James Brown, W. A. Christmas, Bryan Paulk. John Cook. Friend-

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ship—N. L. Hast, L. P. Lawrence, J. M. Stevens, S. Welloughby, J. L. Anderson.

Graceville—J. W. Johnson, Berry Yawn, E. O. Womble. Greenwood—Thos. A. Home, Thos. J. Boone, B. S. Franklin. Grassy Point—By letter. Hirkory Level—R. J. Foxworth, W. T. Pumphrey, S. Pumphrey. Marianna—M. L. Dekle, C. M. Messer, B. F. Morgan. Mt. Olive—S. C. Maund, W. R. Dees, H. H. Phillips. Macedonia—Westly Kent, T. G. Lock. Mt. Zion—By letter. New Salem—J. H. Coley. New Orange—W. T. Home. Orange Hill—W. B. Daniel, T. L. Daniel, J. H. Vickers. Oaky Ridge—B. V. Lee, W. T. Brock. Pilgrim's Rest—J. D. Shoupp, Jesse Philmore, J. J. Nichols. Piney Grove—M. R. Shores, J. D. Tharp, W. H. Creamer. Pleasant Hill—E. Singleton. St. Andrews—A. E. Register. Sneads—W. B. Bryan, C. N. Lenear. Unity—R. C. Crofton, L. M. Jones. Vernon—A. F. Register. Newahitchka—E. Z. Taylor, C. C. Bell. White Pond—J. M. Land, B. Kent.

Upon motion the messengers enrolled were made the body of the association.

The moderator announced that the body was now ready for organization.

Upon motion, the body proceeded to the election of its officers. As an amendment to the motion, the former officers were re-elected by acclamation. W. A. Bryant, moderator, W. M. Farrior, clerk.

After thanking the body for its continued confidence and the honor conferred upon him, the moderator proceeded with the business, appointing the following committee on preaching; A. F. Register, R. C. Jones, C. M. Messer and messengers of Cottondale church.

Call for Visitors—Columbia Association. Rev. J. D. Courtney.

Petitionary Letters—Lovedale, T. B. Weston, Jesse Moncrief, Samuel McGee.

Upon motion the body was to meet at 9 a. m. and adjourn at will.

The preaching committee announced that Rev. T. W. Johnson preach at 7 p. m. Adjourned until 9 a. m.

MORNING SESSION.

Promptly at 9 a. m. the messengers assembled for busi-

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ness. Divine services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Courtney. The 23rd Ps was read and after prayer, the body sang, "The morning light is breaking."

Upon Motion, M. F. Boone was elected a member of the body.

By motion, Rev. S. L. Loudermilk read the report made at the Southern Baptist Convention, on the celebration of the 19th century.

Upon Motion, the moderator appointed Rev. S. L. Loudermilk, E. Z. Taylor, E. N. Dekle, M. F. Boone, and Rev. S. B. Rodgers, to draft a report on the 19th century.

Letters from Grassey Point and Newahitchka were read and the messengers enrolled.

Call for Visitors—Rev. J. C. Porter was present representing The Florida Baptist Witness, Stetson University and the State Board of Missions.

Call for Correspondents—

Columbia Association—W. W. Newberry, it meets Wednesday before the 1st Sunday.

Graves Association—W. D. Jackson, it meets Friday before the 2nd Sunday.

Report of Preaching Committee—Rev. Ben Urton to preach at 11 a. m. Rev. S. L. Loudermilk to preach at 7:30 p. m. J. C. Porter to-morrow at 11 a. m.

PUBLICATIONS.

The report was read by Bro. Urton, and after remarks by Benj. Urton, S. B. Rodgers, J. C. Porter and W. A. Bryan, the report was adopted, as follows:

Your committee believe that the religious press is a power for good in the world that can not be supplied in any other way. The mission of the weekly visits of our denominational papers on their errands of good to our homes is an educator to our families. We don't see how any family can afford to do without one or more of our religious papers. We are glad to report that no denomination can boast of better papers than the Baptist, and they should the more be supported. We hail with delight another addition to the Baptist Papers of Florida. The Bap-

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tist Head Ligh.," published at Chipley once a week by Rev. W. A. Bryan. We heartily recommend it to the brethren for their support. We also call your attention to the Baptist Witness which is an able defender and expounder of our doctrines and should receive a liberal support from the denomination. We heartily recommend the Foreign Missions Journal and the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society; also the literature Southern Baptist Convention for Sunday Schools. Committee—Benj. Urton, W. R. Dees, S. C. Maund, J. W. Boswell, H. H. Phillips, Westley Kent, J. R. McColskey.

The report on Education was read by W. T. Home. After remarks by brethren, W. T. Home, J. C. Porter, E. Z. Taylor and S. B. Rogers, a collection of \$14.80 for theological students at Stetson University was taken up.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We your committee, appreciating the efforts that are being made by our State along an educational line to place schools within the reach of every home where girls and boys are to be educated, earnestly urge upon parents and guardians their duties to their children and those entrusted to their care to see that they are kept in school during the term where health and circumstances will permit and that no prejudice nor ill founded cause should exist to deprive them of the educational advantages placed in their reach. It is our duty as citizens and christians to see that suitable and competent men are elected to fill the responsible places of school officers both in State and county, and that no fraud or imposition in the person of a teacher be imposed upon the people as an instructor of youth. The teacher should be as truly a christian as the preacher who fills the pulpits. The teacher's relations to the school and the community in which he lives is as responsible as the minister is to his charge. We also urge upon our brethren that the standard of our ministerial education be raised. We, as Baptists feel a denominational pride in our ministers and to have it charged upon us as a denomination that our preachers are as a rule ignorant and uneducated. We feel the justness of the charge and trust that the time is not far hence when our preachers will be teachers in the truest sense. The time has come when a low standard of education will not suffice. We therefore implore every Baptist to foster the cause of education in the hearts and minds of all the people and their children every where with untiring zeal and uncompromising adherence to all truth. We would recommend to those who are seeking a higher education for their children the Stetson University at DeLand, Fla., and to our ministers desiring a better theological training we heartily recommend to them the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary located at Louisville, Ky., where they can be taught free of

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charge and board free if they are not able to pay for it, if they are recommended by their churches as being worthy. Respectfully submitted, W. T. Harue, Sidney Welloughby, J. L. Anderson, J. T. Cook, Berry Yawn, W. A. Christmas, Jas. Brown.

The Report was read by J. D. Forester and after remarks by J. D. Forester, J. W. Richardson, A. M. Mathews, Ben Urton, W. T. Brock, S. B. Rogers, J. C. Porter, W. A. Bryan and J. R. Mills the report was adopted as amended.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report. That the evil of intemperance is a great giant in power and hard to cope with is universally recognized, and we believe there has been and is being done much to suppress it and that the united and continued efforts of Christian people against it will in the near future entirely suppress and stamp it out and to this end therefore we urge parents to teach their children Temperance by precept and example and we call on all Baptists to exert their influence in the accomplishment of this noble work, especially against the traffic and use of intoxicants for Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived is not wise. It is our belief that the Church should be strict in the enforcement of such a law as will purge our membership from any person guilty of drunkenness or engaging in the sale or assisting in the same and that we recommend that the Church withdraw its fellowship from any member guilty of the same. Resolved that this association now in session put its self on record on the side of law and order on the whiskey business and call upon all the churches in our union to do the same, pledging ourselves to assist our officers in the suppression of illicit manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. J. D. Forester, A. M. Matthews, T. L. Daniel, J. M. Land, Jesse Moncrief, J. H. Coley, B. V. Lee, J. D. Tharp, J. J. Nichols, Committee.

Bro. S. B. Rodgers offered the following:

Resolved, That this body continue in session and that preaching by Rev. Urton be held in the M. E. church.

Upon motion the election of an Executive Committee was set apart for 7 o'clock p. m.

The Moderator announced that dinner was prepared on the grounds for everybody. Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

At 2 p. m. the messengers re-assembled and after singing, the body was led in prayer by Bro. Grace.

Resolved, That any members of the body attending our sister Associations consider themselves correspondents.

Resolved, That the report on Missions be set apart for the evening session at 7 o'clock. The report on Sunday-Schools be a special order for 10 o'clock a. m.

The Moderator appointed the following committees, to report at this session:

On Nominations—J. W. Johnson, E. Singleton, E. B. Smith, T. B. Weston, W. B. Bryan, Chas. Lock, G. F. Gainer, C. R. Jones.

Missions—S. L. Londermilk, A. E. Register, W. R. Shores, W. T. Brock, B. Kept, W. H. Cremer.

Baptist Ministers Assurance Association—W. C. Lockey, J. W. White, T. J. Boone, S. Pumphrey, J. W. Richardson, E. O. Womble, B. F. Brookins.

Finance—M. L. Dekle, R. J. Foxworth, H. C. Neel, H. L. Green, A. B. Hinson, T. A. Horne, M. F. Boone.

Woman's Work—J. M. Stevens, E. N. Dekle, L. M. Jones, E. W. Lenear, Jesse Philmore, J. H. Vickers, W. B. Daniel, E. Z. Taylor.

Temperance—J. D. Forrester, A. M. Matthews, J. H. Coley, T. L. Daniels, B. V. Lee, J. J. Nichols, J. D. Tharp, J. M. Land, Jesse Moncrief.

Sunday-Schools—S. B. Rogers, J. H. White, M. L. Hart, A. Phillips, R. C. Crofton, J. D. Shores, Samuel McGee, T. P. Lawrence, E. D. Nelson.

Education—W. T. Home, Berry Yawn, J. L. Anderson, J. Cook, W. A. Christmas, S. Willoughby, Jas. Brown.

Documents—W. P. Richardson, J. B. Coleman, J. T. Carmichael, B. S. Franklin, J. B. Paulk.

Publication—Ben Urton, S. C. Maund, W. R. Dees, W. Kent, H. H. Phillips, J. R. McColskey, Jas. Boswell.

After reading Ps. 1st and prayer, J. W. Johnson preached from the text: Judges 7:21. "And every man stood in his place round about the camp." A collection of \$4.22 was taken.

The report on Nominations was read by W. B. Bryan

and adopted with amendment, with the exception of the Executive Committee:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee nominate Bro. Benjamin Urton to preach the introductory sermon at the next association, Bro. J. W. Johnson, alternate; Bro. S. V. Rogers the missionary sermon, Bro. L. Loudermilk, alternate; Bro. M. F. Moore, Delegate to the Southern Baptist convention, Bro. W. B. Bryan, alternate; Delegates to the Florida Baptist convention, S. B. Rogers, E. N. Dekle, B. J. Foxworth, W. A. Bryan, M. L. Dekle, W. C. Lockey, A. M. Matthews, J. R. Wells, J. H. Stephens, W. B. Gainer; Executive Committee, M. F. Boone, W. B. Gainer, W. C. Lockey, M. L. Dekle, E. J. Taylor.

Signed, W. B. Bryan, J. W. Johnson, E. Singleton, E. B. Smith, B. S. Locke, Geo. F. Gainer, C. R. Jones, T. B. Weston.

Report was adopted after adding the following amendment: "That any brother attending the convention in the absence of persons elected be considered a delegate.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We find upon reading the letters to this Association that Bascom asks for the next Association. Grassy Point and Vernon churches ask to be placed on the mission role. Lovedale church asks for admission into this body, and a union between Wewahitchea and Belleview church has been effected. All of which we respectfully submit.

Signed, J. B. Coleman, John T. Carter, H. F. Womble, W. P. Richardson, J. F. Carmichael, R. S. Franklin, J. B. Paulk, committee.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, 1900.

Your committee report that we feel that the observance of the special meetings recommended by the Southern Baptist convention to be held during the year 1900 will inevitably result in giving far more information to the Baptists and the world concerning our history, doctrine, work and influence than ever before, and with information always comes intelligent interest, and interest always devises wise plans and means carry forward their interests. We therefore recommend that this Association heartily co-operate in this movement by, 1. This body appointing a committee of five, whose duty it shall be to arrange for and select a central church or location and provide a program for the holding of a general memorial mass meeting sometime early in the Summer, a month or two after the meeting of the Southern Baptist convention. 2. By holding at least two days and so discussing all the subjects bearing on our denominational life and work and presenting such information con-

cerning our present status and future interests as shall make our people intelligent. 3. By the churches sending at least one representative from each church to this meeting; the public also specially invited. 4. That each church also hold one such meeting during the first month after the general meeting. 5. That the committee arrange to get such literature as may be provided by the Southern Baptist convention. 6. That this body recommend committee to State Board or convention as a proper committee to co-operate with them in the work; and if so recognized this committee shall then appoint a committee of three in each church and instruct them according to the directions of the committee of the Southern Baptist convention. We further recommend that the Baptist Witness and the Headlight be requested to give us all the information concerning this movement possible, and that our people take such other periodicals as will keep them informed further. Respectfully, S. L. Loudermilk, E. N. Dekle, E. B. Taylor, committee.

Report on Ministerial Education was read by S. B. Rodgers; remarks were made by S. L. Loudermilk, Prof. Dawsey, J. C. Porter and S. B. Rodgers, after which it was adopted with the amendment: That the funds be turned over to the Executive Committee.

REPORT.

To amount on hand last report \$16.03. Received from M. L. Dekle, treasurer, \$4. Total \$20.03. S. B. ROGERS.
Adjourned until 7 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

After singing "How firm a foundation," Bro. A. M. Matthews led in prayer. Upon motion the two reports of the Executive Committee were adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee held its first business meeting and entered upon its duties immediately after the adjournment of your last session, held one year ago with the church at Vernon. As directed by that body, we sought the co-operation of the State Board in the expenditure of whatever funds that body could appropriate to this Association. After the meeting of the State association we were informed that no financial assistance could be expected from the State Board, owing to a large debt over our State Association, for which appeals were made throughout the

State. We deliberated fully upon the subject of missions as it related to your Association, and after considering the small amount of money at our disposal, decided to employ one missionary for six months and accordingly employed Bro. S. L. Loudermilk for the last half of the present associational year at \$33 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per month. At the time of employing Bro. Loudermilk we did not have the full amount of his contract, but Hickory Level and Econfina applied for the services of our missionary, promising to contribute to the relief of the contract with Bro. Loudermilk. Bro. Loudermilk as missionary, will render to your body a full report of his work in the field. The treasurer will also render a detailed financial statement showing all receipts and expenditures. Your committee desire to make the following recommendations: 1. That the request for the co-operation of the State Board be repeated to that body. 2. That your newly elected committee meet at once and organize and proceed to devise ways and means for work on the mission field. 3. That the individual churches adopt some method whereby to raise and forward to executive committee funds for associational missions at regular intervals. M. F. Boone, chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The West Florida Association in account with M. L. Dekle, treasurer. Credits, 1898—Oct. 22, by cash from W. J. Daniel, treasurer, \$57.31; same date, by cash from Association \$232. July 17, 1899, by cash from S. L. Loudermilk \$4.20; Aug. 24, by cash from same, \$12.06; Oct. 14, S. L. L., \$18.46, collections last night \$11.22; committee \$1.50. Debits \$24.18. Total \$329.75

Dec. 8, 1898, To paid Bro. Chadwin for foreign missions, \$9.85; paid to same for home missions \$53.91; paid to State do. for home missions \$10.30; paid to Woman's Missionary Society \$1.25; paid to aged ministers' fund \$1.75; paid to assist new churches \$3.50; paid to Bro. Rogers for M. Education \$4; paid to W. M. Farrior for clerk \$20; December 13, paid to Baptist Witness for Minutes \$23.50. April 13, 1899, paid order S. L. Loudermilk \$25; May 22, do., \$8.33; June 19, do., \$33.33; July 18, do., \$33.33; August 18, for printing church letters \$1.50; August 24, paid order favor S. L. Loudermilk \$33.33; Sept. 20, do., \$33.34; Oct. 14, do., \$33.31. Total \$329.55. Balance 20 cents.

The report on missions was read by Rev. S. L. Loudermilk and remarks by brethren E. H. Reynolds, W. A. Bryan, J. C. Porter. A free will offering of \$20.78 was collected and the blessing of God was asked upon it by our deaf and dumb brother, H. K. Shirley.

Beginning of Missions.—“There was a man sent from God whose name was John.” John 1:16. One sent is a missionary; see Webster. God sent the first missionary; he was a man; his name was John. He was sent to preach and baptize John 1:33. After he began to baptize he was called “the Baptist,” because he was the only one who was baptizing. Therefore he was a missionary Baptist by divine appointment.

Jesus was baptized by John and said to his father, “As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I sent them (His disciples) into the world.” John 17:18. Hence Jesus was a missionary Baptist and His disciples, who had all been baptized, were missionary Baptists.

Perpetuation of Missions.—Jesus sent them “into all the world” to preach the Gospel to every creature,” and said, “The field is the world.” And our duty will not be discharged until every (human) creature living has heard the Gospel in its purity. Jesus, our exemplar, had a spirit of zeal and love for the work He was sent to do, that prompted Him to devote His whole time and make the greatest sacrifices for us. Then He committed the perpetuation of this work in the world to His baptized disciples—His missionary Baptists. They went out, guided and empowered by His Holy Spirit, and established other churches “of the same faith and order” throughout Judea, Samaria and Gallilee Acts 1:8. That was local or district missions, now represented by associational work; hence local missions are always first in order, without which you can not reach out farther. The missionary Baptists then proceeded to carry the Gospel to the surrounding States (Provinces). Acts 11:19. This beautifully represents home missions. The churches now began to send missionaries to the foreign field under the continued direction of the Holy Spirit; Acts 13:1-4; and to elect a Board of Missions; 2 Cor 8:18, 23; and to collect money for the Board to disburse in the expenses of the great work of missions among the heathens in Asia Minor, Macedonia, Greece and Italy, and even to Spain and Dalmatia Romans 15:24; 2 Tim. 4:10.

Progress of Missions.—History shows that even during the Dark Ages, when the church of Antichrist, Roman Catholic, was striving to destroy the true (Missionary Baptist) churches of Christ, the faithful disciples continued to carry the Gospel to the people of Europe and their labors were so blessed that “of the increase of His kingdom there was no end.” Isaiah 9:7; and when the “dawn of the reformation came” there “were more than 200,000 Baptists in Europe.”—Mosheim.

Modern Missions.—In the days of William Carey, God “opened a door” in India, then one for Judson in Burmah, and yet another in China, Africa, Italy, etc., until every Nation in the world is open to the Gospel. The call is to “go up and possess the land.”

“Beginning at Jerusalem.”—Here among your churches let us cultivate every part of the open field. We believe that the work of associational missions has been pressed forward with increased success; but there is much that must be done. (We refer you to the reports of the executive committee and our missionary.) We note with sorrow that the churches have not sent up as much for associational missions as usual, and unless the churches liberally supplement it by immediately contributing more for this work, our associational interests will suffer greatly and your executive committee will be handicapped. We recommend that every church in the association always send up a liberal contribution for associational missions. Brethren, the State mission work has been sadly crippled by the neglect of the churches and associations to send up liberal contributions. Bro. Chadwin, the State mission secretary, has been most devoted and faithful and deserves to be upheld by the prayers and substantial offerings of the people. The State board has helped our associational work to the amount of \$25 20 this year. The home mission work of the Southern Baptist convention is all over the South and in Cuba. The work is being much enlarged and greatly blessed. This board now has 653 missionaries. Last year the churches gave \$116,000 for that work. Cuba! Free Cuba! is in the home field—free from Spain, but not free from Romanism and Satan. Hundreds are being baptized; we need 100 missionaries there at once. Brethren, the churches of this association have not given much for this crying need. “If ye love me,” said Jesus. Take up collections at once and send by post-office money order to F. H. Kerfoot, secretary of the Home Board, Atlanta, Ga. The Foreign Board is doing more and having more success than ever before; but beloved, what could more than three million Baptists in the South do if every one would contribute to this great work? God blessed the Baptists with nearly 200,000 additions last year and there ought to be a proportionate increase in giving. Brethren, you can never be taxed, and this of itself ought to be an incentive to the most liberal giving. Two points—1st. The pastors must inform themselves more and teach the churches their duty more fully, 2d. The churches ought never to let a year pass without taking up collections and sending in (and reporting same) for 1st, Associational Missions; 2d, State Missions; 3d, Home Missions; 4th, Foreign Missions.

Signed, W. H. Cremer, S. L. Loudermilk, M. R. Shores, A. E. Register, W. T. Brock, B. Kent, T. G. Lock, committee.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY, 1899.

Employed by the Executive Committee last March to labor three fourths of my time for the last six months of this past associational year. Services began April 21, 1899; weeks of labor actually performed 20; number of places preached at 20; average number places each month.

16; average number sermons per month 30—per day 1; total number of sermons 183. churches preached to 8, viz: New Salem, Hickory Level, Piney Grove, White Pond, Econfina, Pleasant Hill, Coronation, Mt. Zion, (also some preaching at Vernon, Bethlehem, Mt. Olive, St. Andrews) and Grassy Point. I have also preached at the following points where there are no churches: 17-mi. Pond, Grants, Pitts, Cooks, Millville, The Deadening, John's School-house, Bonifay and Wolf Pond, 9. Miles traveled 2,250; Bibles, Testaments and other books sold 60; pages of tracts distributed 2,500; protracted meetings held 9. received by letter 28, by baptism 32; churches constituted 1; meeting houses commenced 1; Sunday-schools organized 4; territory covered 65 miles by 85 miles. Following churches still need the help of the Association: West Bay, Mt. Zion, Vernon and Coronation. All the others seem to be self-sustaining at present. Collections on the field: Hickory Level \$6 11; Econfina 81c; Pleasant Hill \$2 85; St. Andrews \$2 50; Bonifay \$2 20; Cooks 25c; J. S. Coleman \$5; W. B. & W. R. Gainer \$5; R. J. Foxworth \$5; donated \$5. Total \$34 73. Paid to the Executive Committee \$34 72. Received of Executive Committee \$200. Received of State Board, supplemental salary, in books. \$25 20. There have been no Mormon preachers in this section since April. S. L. LOUDERMILK.

The report on deceased ministers was read by Rev. B. Urton and prayer was offered by Benj. Urton.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

It is again demonstrated that precious is the life as well as the death of His saints, for not a single recruiting officer of the West Florida Association has dropped out of the ranks for two years. The Heavenly Father has been very good to us all. But as He gave the church at Pergamos time to repent of all her errors, may we all heed His admonitions. Let us render thanks to the Lord for all his benefits, take the cup of salvation and pay our vows, for we feel that the Lord has been very precious to us all, and we pray that He will yet extend his goodness to us. Signed, W. Y. Tyler, A. M. Wilcox, I. H. White, Eli English, A. J. Crutchfield, committee.

Resolved that the same Executive Board and Treasurer be elected by acclamation.

Adjourned till 9 A. M.

The report was read by T. M. Stevens and after remarks by S. B. Rogers, A. M. Mathews and J. D. Forster. It was adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

When God created man and placed him in the garden of Eden he saw that it was not good for him to be alone, and God gave him woman to

be a helpmate, a copartner in work, equal in intellect and ability, and they were to go forth in the business of life each sharing the labors, joys comforts and blessings alike. But, man, in his selfishness and ungratefulness, has tried, and to some extent, has set woman in the background, and has kept her there for ages, in the past. But we now see her coming back to her sphere and taking her place along side with man in all avenues of life, and in many respects far surpasses in efficiency and perseverance, so much so, that man stepping aside and shirking his duty and laying it on woman and calling it woman's work. Now we think a better way will be for man to walk up to his duty along side of woman and call it our work—the work of the church—and both together, as God intended they should go hand in hand to every good work for the edifying of humanity and the spread of the everlasting gospel of Jesus christ. We do not think that God has required more of woman than of man, nor that their work should be separate and distinct lines, but that each should cooperate, one with the other, for the advancement of His cause and kingdom on earth, and the general elevation of morality and refinement of the human family. Let man not shirk from duty and lay all the burden on woman, but be men and women and call it our work and the work of the church, and boldly go forth in the discharge of every good work our hands find to do. From the failure of man to do his part in the work of the Lord, and woman not willing to see the work drag in the dust has gone on with the work and lazy man has got to calling it woman's work. Let us call it our work and lay hold and carry it on in the way God intended we should.

We are glad to note in connection, however, that woman is going forward with her work and has in the State about one hundred local organizations, from which they are raising about \$8,000 annually, and they are meeting annually with the State convention and working in connection with it. Miss J. L. Spalding, editress of the woman's department in the Baptist Witness, gives the following information, which is condensed by us from the Baptist Headlight: The frontier of our missions begins at the Kansas line, runs southward to the Rio Grande and thence along that river to the sea. It may be roughly estimated as being 1000 long by 500 miles wide. The Board on the frontier field of the Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Texas has 291 missionaries. During the last year they have preached to over 1,000 stations and churches, baptized 1,986, organized 217 Sunday-schools and distributed 3,691 Bibles and Testaments. This work was begun by woman's missionary societies and in 1898-99 four hundred boxes valued at \$22,567 were sent and the good done inestimable. This is given to show what is being done by the woman's Missionary Union. Respectfully submitted Signed, J. M. Stevens, E. N. Dekle, C. W. Lanier, J. B. Philmon, J. H. Vickers, W. D. Daniel, E. Z. Taylor, committee.

BAPTIST MINISTERS ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

We are unable to get any data from which to deduce an accurate report of the benefits and work of the Baptist Ministers' Association. We recommend that this organization be requested to report to this body annually, that your future committees may be enabled to make intelligent reports and recommendations. The purposes of the body are beneficent and worthy of the special consideration of the ministers of this association. Signed, W. C. Lockey, J. W. White, Thomas J. Boone, E. O. Womble, B. T. Brookin, J. M. Richardson, committee.

Resolved 1. That time be given Rev. E. H. Reynolds to speak on his work of statistics.

2. That the clerk be instructed to publish the address of the Historical secretary and also of the Colgate Historical Collection in the minutes, also to keep a double file of the minutes each year.

MORNING SESSION.

At 9 a. m. the messengers assembled Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator. Rev. S. B. Rodgers led in prayer.

Resolved, That the Association meet with Bascom church at its next session.

Committee on preaching reported that Rev. J. C. Porter preach at 11 a. m. in the Baptist church; that Rev. S. L. Loudermilk preach at 11 a. m. in the Methodist church.

Call for report on Sunday-schools, which was read by Rev. S. B. Rodgers. After interesting remarks by brethren S. B. Rodgers, E. Z. Taylor, J. D. Forester, A. M. Matthews and S. L. Loudermilk and a good article by J. M. Steyens, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

After reviewing the field and gaining such information as the letters from the different churches contain we feel both sad and glad over the Sunday school outlook in west Florida among our Baptist people. There is, we believe, a more active tendency among Baptist workers to establish and foster Sunday-school interest than we have yet seen. We find 19 out of 34 churches reporting Sunday-schools in active, growing condition. These 19 schools report an enrollment of 639 students. This is an increase of more than 150 during this associational year, but after

all, only about one-third the reported membership of this body. This, brethren, ought not so to be. Every Baptist in this Association ought to be an active Sunday-school worker and no church can successfully do its duty in this age and leave off this important work. Therefore we recommend, 1. That each church composing this body now without a Sunday-school take immediate steps to constitute and foster one. 2. That each pastor take the initiative in his respective church and that parents not only send, but accompany their children, and keep special vigilance over them, always knowing by whom they are and what they are taught.

Respectfully submitted. Signed, S. B. Rodgers, E. D. Nelson, J. H. White, R. C. Crafter, T. P. Lawrence, E. A. Philips, N. L. Hart, D. S. Moore, committee.

Resolved that this body tender its heart felt thanks to the good people of Cottondale and vicinity for their kind hospitality shown us during our stay among them. Also to our Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship, and to the authorities of the P. & A. rail road for their favors extended to us.

To the Brethren of West Florida Baptist Association:—
DEAR BRETHREN: It is to the interest of our denomination to report information and brief sketches of individuals to the Historical committee, W. M. Farnior, T. S. Scott and J. W. Johnson. Rev. E. H. Reynolds, of Jacksonville, is the Historical secretary. Samuel Colgate Baptist Collection is located at Hamilton, N. Y.

W. M. FARRIOR, CH. HIS. COM.

Upon motion, the clerk to enroll in the order of business, "Aged Ministers."

A collection for the aged ministers was then taken up amounting to \$13.22 and the body was led in prayer by W. A. Bryant.

Upon motion, the clerk was instructed to make an appeal to all the churches to make a free will offering next year as a memorial of the 19th century.

Adjourned for preaching.

Rev. J. C. Porter, at the Baptist church, preached from the text, Rom. —, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel." Rev. S. L. Loudermilk, at the Methodist church, preach-

ed from 2 Pet. 1:5-8.

The collections were \$13.05.

Dinner was prepared on the grounds and everybody requested to remain.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 p. m. the delegates repaired to the church to finish business. Upon motion, the minutes were not read but left to correction of clerk. Upon motion, the clerk ordered to have 800 copies of the minutes printed at least price.

Upon motion, the clerk to be paid \$20 for his services.

Upon motion, the body extended its thanks to the Executive Board for its efficient and untiring labors rendered the association.

Upon motion, one page of the minutes be dedicated to sister Caroline Daniel.

Upon motion, the body thanked the officers for their faithful services rendered at this session.

Upon motion, the chair appointed a committee to be known as a "Historical Committee" to assist Rev. E. H. Reynolds. W. M. Farrior, T. S. Scott, J. W. Johnson, committee.

The business of the session being finished, the moderator made some encouraging remarks; that it had been the most pleasant and prosperous session for some years.

"God be with you till we meet again" was sung and the usual handshaking. The body adjourned to meet with Bascom church at its next gathering.

W. A. BRYANT, Moderator.

W. M. FARRIOR, Clerk.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS | CLERKS. | POST-OFFICE | Baptized. | Received by letter | Dismissed by letter | Erased | Excluded | Died | Male Members | Female members | Total membership | MESSENGRS. | |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|--------|----------|------|--------------|----------------|------------------|--|--|
| Apalachicola | | John T. Davis | Apalachicola | | | 1 | | | 7 | 29 | 36 | By letter. | | |
| Bethlehem | W. A. Bryan | W. A. Swearingin | Kinesville | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 35 | 40 | 75 | B. T. Brookins, W. A. Swearingin, S. W. Land. | |
| Bethel | W. P. Richardson | W. A. Hardy | Hardy | | 3 | 2 | | | 6 | 18 | 29 | 47 | W. P. Richardson, J. W. Richardson, H. F. Womble, Eli English. | |
| Bascom | J. J. White | H. C. Nutt | Bascom | 6 | 11 | | | | | 16 | 22 | 38 | H. C. Neel, H. L. Green, E. B. Smith | |
| Bethany | W. H. McIntosh | W. Y. Tyler | Wrights | | | 6 | | | | 2 | 9 | 14 | J. W. Aldridge, W. Y. Tyler, J. B. O'Conner. | |
| Beulah | S. W. Lock | A. M. Pate | Bonifay | 5 | 3 | | | | | 3 | 6 | 8 | A. M. Wilcox, Jas Boswel | |
| Campbellton | Ben Urton | R. A. Renfro | Campbellton | 2 | | | | | | 23 | 40 | 63 | R. C. Jones, A. B. Hinson, J. M. White, J. M. Carter | |
| Caryville | J. P. Smith | J. E. Corley | Caryville | | 1 | | | | 4 | 12 | 6 | 18 | By letter. | |
| Chipley | S. B. Rodgers | V. E. Coleman | Chipley | 13 | 10 | | | 3 | 1 | 45 | 65 | 110 | J. D. Forester, J. B. Standifer, E. N. Dekle, W. C. Lockey, Joel We | |
| Cottendale | W. A. Bryan | W. T. Graves | Cottendale | | | 5 | | | 1 | 15 | 15 | 30 | J. L. Massee, F. M. Grace. | |
| Cromaton | S. L. Loudermilk | E. S. Kinney | Cromaton | | 3 | 1 | 6 | | | 2 | 3 | 5 | E. S. Kinney | |
| Damascus | J. D. Courtney | A. J. Crutchfield | Graceville | 8 | 3 | | | | 2 | 56 | 69 | 125 | J. H. White, W. I. Parker, A. Phillips, A. J. Crutchfield, T. D. Yaw | |
| Ebenezer | E. D. Nelson | J. M. Simmons | Vernon | | | 1 | 3 | | 2 | 19 | 24 | 43 | John Carter, George F. Gainers. | |
| Econfina | S. L. Loudermilk | W. R. Gainer | Econfina | 1 | | | | | 2 | 15 | 24 | 39 | J. F. Richardson, J. W. Gainer | |
| Ephesus | M. P. Gilmore | H. L. Sapp | Campbellton | | 5 | 1 | 10 | | 11 | 2 | 34 | 45 | 79 | James Brown, W. A. Christmas, Bryant Pauk, John Cook. |
| Friendship | D. E. Burdeshad | J. M. Stevens | Balton | 2 | 4 | | 6 | | 1 | 22 | 30 | 74 | 104 | J. M. Stevens, S. Willoughby, J. L. Anderson, T. P. Lawrence, N. |
| Graceville | S. W. Lock | N. Barefoot | Graceville | 2 | 8 | | | | 1 | 22 | 30 | 52 | E. O. Womble. | |
| Greenwood | S. L. Loudermilk | M. F. Boone | Greenwood | 20 | 5 | 1 | 13 | | 1 | 15 | 25 | 40 | Thomas Home, Thomas Boone, Benj Franklin. | |
| Grasy Point | | J. H. Anderson | Anderson | | | | | | | 12 | 19 | 31 | By letter. | |
| Hickory Land | | R. T. Foxworth | Marianna | 2 | 2 | | | | 8 | 1 | 26 | 38 | 64 | R. J. Foxworth, W. T. Pumphrey, S. Pumphrey. |
| Lovedale | | W. H. Pyke | Paramore | 6 | 22 | | | | | 12 | 16 | 28 | T. B. Weston, Jesse Moncrief, Samuel McGee. | |
| Marianna | S. B. Rodgers | J. C. Davis | Marianna | 7 | 3 | | | | | 33 | 39 | 72 | M. L. Dekle, Charley Chafin, C. M. Messer, B. T. Morgan. | |
| Macedonia | C. S. Lock | C. C. Lock | Chipley | 1 | | | | | 1 | 7 | 8 | 15 | Wesley Kent, I. G. Lock. | |
| Mount Olive | W. H. McIntosh | S. C. Maund | Bonifay | 1 | 4 | | | | 1 | 15 | 17 | 32 | S. C. Maund, W. R. Dress, H. H. Phillips | |
| Mount Zion | S. L. Loudermilk | J. M. McKinney | Ebro | 2 | | 2 | | | | 3 | 3 | 6 | | |
| Mount Salem | T. M. Land | M. J. Coley | Kinesville | | | | | | 2 | 6 | 7 | 13 | J. H. Coley, M. J. Coley | |
| New Orange | Benj Urton | W. T. Horne | Orange Hill | | 1 | | | | | 8 | 9 | 17 | W. T. Horne. | |
| Orange Hill | W. H. McIntosh | T. L. Daniel | Wausau | 1 | | 4 | | 2 | 1 | 11 | 29 | 40 | T. L. Daniel, W. B. Daniel, J. A. Vickers. | |
| Oaky Ridge | E. D. Nelson | W. H. Slay | Orange Hill | | 0 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 12 | 14 | 26 | B. V. Lee, W. T. Brock, | |
| Pilgrim's Rest | R. W. Lewis | C. C. Shoupe | Cottendale | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 28 | 54 | 82 | J. D. Shoupe, Jesse Philmon, J. J. Nichols, | |
| Piney Grove | | J. B. Shores | Nixon | | | | | | | 17 | 29 | 46 | M. R. Shores, J. D. Tharp, William H. Cremer | |
| Pleasant Hill | S. L. Loudermilk | D. W. Nixon | St Andrews | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 | 15 | 17 | 32 | E. Singleton, | |
| St. Andrews | S. L. Loudermilk | B. V. Brock | Sneads | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 3 | 11 | 29 | 31 | W. I. Secretary, A. E. Register, A. J. Thomas, | |
| Sneads | F. M. Wells | M. Corquedale | Clarkson | 4 | 1 | | | | 3 | 10 | 29 | 45 | R. C. Crighton, L. M. Jones, | |
| Unity | E. D. Nelson | W. W. Evans | Vernon | | | | | | 1 | 15 | 15 | 30 | A. F. Register, | |
| Vernon | S. W. Lock | W. P. Roach | Wewahitchka | | 24 | | | | 1 | 23 | 24 | 47 | E. Z. Taylor, Dr. C. C. Bell, | |
| Wewahitchka | J. P. Smith | B. Kent | Chipley | 1 | | 2 | | 6 | | 15 | 31 | 46 | Burris Kent, J. M. Land, | |
| White Pond | T. M. Land | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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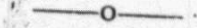
| CHURCHES | Associational Missions | Foreign Missions | Home Missions | State Missions | Minutes | Associational Papers | Woman's Missionary Society | Ministerial Education | Aged Ministers | Sent up during year | Value Church Property | Total sent up from Each Church to this Association | Expenditures for Home charity | Churches Organized |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|---------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Apalachicola | \$ 2.50 | | \$ 3.50 | \$ 3.50 | \$.50 | | | | | \$ 7.85 | | \$10.00 | | |
| Bethlehem | 4.55 | | | | .50 | | | | | | | 5.05 | | |
| Bethel | .20 | | 1.95 | | .50 | | | | | | | 2.45 | | |
| Bascom | 24.50 | | | | | 2.00 | | | | | | 26.50 | | 1898 |
| Bethany | 1.70 | | .30 | | .50 | | | | | | | 2.50 | | |
| Beulah | .50 | | | | .50 | | | | | | | 1.00 | | |
| Campbellton | 6.50 | 2.50 | | | .50 | | | | | | | 1.00 | | |
| Caryville | | | | | 1.00 | | | | | 3.05 | 400.00 | 10.00 | | 1825 |
| Chipley | 22.40 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cottondale | .50 | | 1.35 | | 1.50 | | | | | 54.06 | 1500.00 | 23.90 | | 1886 |
| Cromaton | | | | | .50 | | | | | | 400.00 | 2.35 | | |
| Damascus | | | 2.00 | | .25 | | | | | | | .25 | | |
| Ebenezer | 2.35 | | | | 1.00 | | | | | | | 3.00 | | |
| Econtina | 1.05 | | | | .50 | .50 | .40 | | | | | 3.75 | | |
| Ephesus | | | | | .50 | | | | | | | 2.15 | | |
| Friendship | 3.40 | | 1.90 | .80 | .50 | 1.00 | | | | 5.81 | | 1.50 | | |
| Graceville | .45 | | 2.50 | 1.00 | 1.50 | | | | | | | 7.60 | | |
| Greenwood | 17.75 | 5.00 | 2.50 | | .50 | | | 1.00 | | | | 4.45 | | |
| Grasy Point | 1.00 | | | | 1.50 | .50 | | | | | 500.00 | 30.25 | | 1845 |
| Hickory Land | | | 2.00 | | .35 | | | 2.00 | | | | 1.35 | | |
| Lovedale | 2.00 | | | | .47 | | | | | | | 3.47 | | |
| Marianna | 10.00 | | 8.50 | | .60 | | | 1.00 | | | | 2.60 | | 1899 |
| Macedonia | | | | | 1.50 | | | | | 104.82 | 2200.00 | 20.00 | 80.00 | 1881 |
| Mount Olive | | | .50 | | .25 | 1.00 | | | | | | 1.25 | | |
| Mount Zion | | | | | .20 | | | | | | | 1.20 | | |
| New Salem | .50 | | .25 | | | | | .50 | | | | | | |
| New Orange | | | | | .25 | | | | | | 100.00 | 1.00 | | |
| Orange Hill | 1.10 | | | | .50 | 1.00 | | | | | | 1.50 | | 1897 |
| Oaky Ridge | 2.50 | | | | .35 | | | | | | | 1.45 | | |
| Pilgrim's Rest | .90 | 2.25 | | | .50 | | | | | | | 3.00 | | |
| Piney Grove | 1.75 | | | | .75 | | | | | | | 3.90 | | |
| Pleasant Hill | | | .25 | | .50 | | | | | | | 2.25 | | |
| St. Andrews | .55 | .25 | | | .25 | .25 | | | | 3.10 | | 1.00 | | 1887 |
| Sneads | | | | | .75 | | | | | | | 1.30 | | |
| Unity | .50 | | | | 1.00 | .50 | | | | | 900.00 | 1.50 | | 1896 |
| Vernon | 2.75 | | | | .50 | | | | .50 | | | 1.50 | | |
| Wawahitchka | 7.26 | 1.00 | | | .25 | | | | | | | 3.00 | | |
| White Pond | | | .50 | .50 | .75 | | | 2.00 | | | | 11.01 | | |
| | \$119.56 | \$11.00 | \$28.00 | \$5.80 | \$21.72 | \$7.00 | \$5.40 | \$1.00 | \$6.00 | \$162.16 | \$6000.00 | \$200.48 | \$80.00 | |

M. L. Dekle, Chairman; R. J. Foxworth, H. C. Neel, H. L. Green, A. B. Hinson, T. A. Horne, M. F. Boone, Com.

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

| Churches | Superintendents. | Postoffice. | Officers. | Pu. | Exp. | Mis'ns. |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|
| Apalachicola, | Owen Harding, | Apalachicola, | 9, | 40, | 3.00, | 2.50 |
| Bethel, | T. J. Richards'n, | Hardy, | 4, | 28, | | |
| Bethany, | J. W. Aldridge, | Wrights, | 6, | 29, | | |
| Campbellton, | R. C. Jones, | Campbellton, | 5, | 15, | 2.50, | |
| Caryville, | J. E. Corley, | Caryville, | 4, | 52, | | |
| ChIPLEY, | J. D. Forester, | ChIPLEY, | 8, | 125, | 15.60, | 13.48 |
| Cottdale, | F. M. Graee, | Cottdale, | 6, | 35, | 6.00, | |
| Cromaton, | Miss N. Ecker, | Cromation, | 4, | 30, | | |
| Damascus, | J. H. Crutchfield, | Graceville, | 10, | 55, | | |
| Econfina, | W. B. Gainer, | Econfina, | 3, | 23, | 80, | |
| Friendship, | S. P. Lawrence, | Greenwood, | 7, | 60, | | |
| Graceville, | G. B. Yawn, | Graceville, | 6, | 51, | | |
| Greenwood, | M. F. Boone, | Greenwood, | 6, | 33, | 9.69, | 2.50 |
| Hickory Level, | John Roberson, | Marianna, | 6, | 43, | | |
| Lovedale, | S. W. Ham, | Paramore, | 5, | 50, | 1.75, | |
| Marianna, | M. L. Dekle, | Marianna, | 5, | 72, | 17.80, | 40.00 |
| Pleasant Hill, | D. W. Nixon, | Nixon, | 5, | 41, | 2.00, | |
| St. Andrews, | Mrs. C. I. Wells, | St. Andrews, | 6, | 33, | | |
| Sneads, | W. B. Bryan, | Sneads, | 6, | 42, | 8.00, | |
| Mt. Zion, | T. J. Brooks, | Ebro, | 3, | 20, | 1.50, | |
| Wewahitchka, | A. Bowen, | Wewahitchka | 8 | 74 | | |
| Totals | | | 122 | \$9.41 | \$68.64 | \$58.48 |



ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there is a Trinity of Person in the Godhead—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; and yet there are not three Gods but one God. Mark 12: 23; Matt. 16: 17; 18: 16; 1 Tim. 1: 2, 5; Exod. 20: 1, 3; John 1. 1, 4; 5: 23; 18, 19.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Work of God, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3: 16, 17; 2 Peter 1: 21; 2 Sam. 23; 2; Rev. 22: 18, 19.
3. We believe in the fall of Adam, the imputation of his sin to his posterity; in the corruption of human nature, and the impotency of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability. Isa. 1: 5, 6; Ps. 14: 1, 3; Rom. 5: 12; John 6: 44; 1 Cor. 15: 20; Job. 14: 5-7; Eph. 2: 8, 10.
4. We believe in the everlasting love of God to His people, and the eternal election of a definite number of the human race to grace and glory, and that there was a covenant of grace and redemption made between the Father and the Son before the world began, in which there salvation is secure, and they in particular are redeemed. John 15: 19, 17; Isa. 11: 8, 9; Eph. 1: 4, 11; Acts. 13: 48; 2 Thes. 2: 13; 1 Peter 1: 2; Rom 8: 29, 30; Rom. 9: 11, 13, 23; 11: 4, 7; 2 Tim. 2: 9.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them. Rom. 3: 21, 5, 59. Ps. 14. John 10: 9, 15, Rom. 5: 7, 10.

6. We believe that all those who are chosen of God in Christ will be effectually called, regenerated, sanctified and supported by the spirit and power of God so that they shall persevere in grace—not one of them be finally lost. John 10: 30, 6; 29. Phil. 1: 6, Peter 1: 1-9. Heb. 6: 16-20. John 17: 2, 4, 2. Tim. 1: 9, 10, Tit. 4: 4, 7. Eph. 2: 4; 5. Rom. 8: 28-31.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith—that they follow after justification, and they only justify us to the sight of men, and are only evidences of our Christianity. Eph. 2: 10. James 2: 13, 3: 13. 1 Peter 2: 3, 5. Matt. 5: 16.

8. We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general judgement, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. Mark 12: 24-27. 2 Cor. 5: 10. 2 Cor. 15: 12-23. Acts 17: 31. Matt. 25: 46. John 5: 20-29. 2 Thes. 1: 7-10.

9. We believe that the Church of Christ is a visible congregation of baptized believers who have gained Christian fellowship with each other, and that immersion is the only Scriptural mode of baptism. Rom. 6.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of His Church, and only Lawgiver, and that the government is with the body, and is the privilege of each individual; and that the discipline of the Church is intended for the reclamation of those Christians who may be disorderly, either in principle or practice, and must be faithfully kept up for God's glory and the peace and unity of the church.

11. We believe that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Lord, and are to be continued until His second coming.

12. We believe that none but those regularly baptized, and who are in fellowship with the Church, have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. These members who are regularly chosen by the churches, ministers and pastors in our union shall compose this Association.

ART. 2. The members so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association; also a statement of the amount of funds sent up by the delegates, and for what purpose, and any other contributions made during the year. Said letters as presented shall be filed with the Clerk of the Association, and their subject matter referred to proper committees for consideration and report.

ART. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated The West Florida Baptist Association.

ART. 4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present.

ART. 5. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor by which she can infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

ART. 6. If newly constituted churches, or others, desire to be admitted into this union, they shall petition by letter and delegates; and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and such reception shall be manifested by the Moderator giving to the delegate the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 7. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to two delegates, and when her number of members shall reach twenty-five she shall be entitled to three, and for every additional increase of twenty-five members she shall be entitled to an additional delegate.

ART. 8. Every query sent to the Association by any of the churches in this union shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be discussed, and if there is a

majority for discussion it shall be taken up and considered; if not, it shall be withdrawn. Provided, always, that those be considered that affect the union of the church.

9. ART. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it. The last motion shall be first in order.

ART. 10. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator and shall not be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from the subject.

ART. 11. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without the permission of the Association.

ART. 12. There shall be no talking or whispering in time of public speech, nor shall any reflection be cast upon the speaker.

ART. 13. No member shall absent himself from the Association without first obtaining permission from the body, or Moderator, and the Moderator shall only have power to act while the body is not in session. The Association is not considered closed until after the farewell sermon is preached.

ART. 14. If any member shall break the rules of this Constitution he shall be immediately reproved by the Moderator.

ART. 15. It is the business of the Association, first, to provide for the general union of the churches; second, to keep up a correspondence with Associations of the same faith and order; that the chain of communication may be preserved among the churches; third, to give churches the best advice in matters of difficulty, and if the communion between any of the sister churches be broken, to inquire into the cause of the breach and use the best means to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be made up to withdraw from any church whom they look upon as unsound in principle or disorderly in practice, until she be reclaimed; fourth, to admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistant, if they deem it to be necessary; fifth, to appoint a Clerk to keep the record of every meeting of the Association; sixth, to have the minutes read and corrected, if need be before the Association rises, and have them printed if they think proper; seventh, to amend this plan of government at any time when the majority of the Association may deem it necessary; eighth, to adjourn at any time or place considered most proper.

