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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Petitionary letters.
2. Recognize visitors and correspondents.
3. Appoint committees on Preaching, Nominations, Aged Ministers, Publications, Deceased Ministers, Sunday Schools, Missions, Documents, Temperance, Finance, Orphanage, Education, Womens' Work, Ministers' Association and Destitution.
4. Appoint hours to meet and adjourn.
5. Appoint correspondents.
6. Receive reports of Committees, including Executive Committee, Treasurer and Missionaries.
7. Report on Nominations.
8. Miscellaneous.
9. Read and adopt Minutes.
10. Adjourn.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Aldridge, John W.....	Wrights, Fla.
Bryan, W. A.....	Chipley, Fla.
Burke, M. F.....	Sneads, Fla.
Courtney, J. D.....	Graceville, Fla.
Crofton, Geo.....	Clarkson, Fla.
Crutchfield, J. H.....	Graceville, Fla.
Cramer, F. W.....	Apalachicola, Fla.
Harris, Robert.....	Point Washington, Fla.
Johnson, J. W.....	Graceville, Fla.
Knowles, T. N.....	St. Andrew, Fla.
Lawrence, R. C. B.....	Dellwood, Fla.
Lawrence, H. W.....	Dellwood, Fla.
Land, J. M.....	Kynesville, Fla.
Lock, S. W.....	Bonifay, Fla.
Lock, C. S.....	Chipley, Fla.
Long, J. M.....	Campbellton, Fla.
Loudermilk, S. L.....	Nixon, Fla.
McIntosh, W. H.....	Graceville, Fla.
McRae, Geo. W.....	Greenwood, Fla.
McCranie, John.....	Grand Ridge, Fla.
Nelson, E. D.....	Orange Hill, Fla.
Nixon, J. E.....	Nixon, Fla.
O'Connor, John B.....	Wrights, Fla.
Pettis, Z. W.....	Clarkson, Fla.
Richardson, W. P.....	Chipley, Fla.
Rogers, S. B.....	Marianna, Fla.
Sapp, Wm.....	Campbellton, Fla.
Scott, T. S.....	Bonifay, Fla.
Simpson, W. D.....	Alliance, Fla.
Walchob, T. S.....	Chipley, Fla.
White, J. W.....	Campbellton, Fla.
Williford, S. B.....	Campbellton, Fla.
Yearby, C. H.....	Dellwood, Fla.

TOTAL, 33.

MINUTES.

The West Florida Baptist Association met with Bethlehem Baptist Church, Kynesville, Fla., Thursday, Oct. 16, 1902. After a song, and prayer by Rev. W. H. McIntosh, then sang "Stand Up for Jesus," and prayer by Rev. S. B. Rogers. The

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

was preached by Rev. Geo. W. McRea; text, Exodus 14:15, "Go Forward." Song, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." Adjourned until 2 p. m. for dinner.

AFTERNOON.

After singing, Rev. J. W. White read the 84th Psalm and led in prayer. Song. Acting Moderator, Rev. W. A. Bryan, appointed Rev's. J. B. O'Connor and W. H. McIntosh to collect the church letters, and G. W. McRea, E. N. Dekle, J. D. Forrester and S. M. Robertson, to read the letters, and delegation enrolled and corrected as follows:

Bascom—J. W. Godwin, W. H. Bevis, J. D. Watts, N. L. Hart and H. L. Green.

Bethel—J. W. Richardson.

Bethany—J. B. O'Connor.

Bethlehem—J. W. Rawles, G. E. Whitehurst and B. T. Brookins.

Bonifay—H. J. Brett.

Campbellton—C. K. Jones, B. A. Hinson and J. W. White.

Chipley—J. D. Forrester, E. N. Deckle, W. W. Jones and V. E. Coleman.

Damascus—W. B. Parker, W. J. Baggett, A. J. Crutchfield and J. S. Coleman.

Dellwood—C. H. Yearby, C. A. Bevis and J. T. Morris.

Ebenezer—Lawrance Pippin, W. P. Roche and Dallis Carter.

Ephesus—By letter and money.

Friendship—J. M. Stevens.

Graceville—M. Crutchfield.

- Grand Ridge—R. S. Roddenbery and John McCranie.
 Grasse Point—By letter and money.
 Greenwood—M. F. Boone, Paul Long, and J. H. Stephens.
 Hickory Level—R. J. Foxworth, W. W. White, W. T. Pumphrey and Thos. Pumphrey.
 Lovedale—G. W. Philips and Ira Western.
 Macedonia—A. Gilbert.
 Marianna—M. L. Dekle, C. M. Messer, J. Y. Folsom, T. A. Horne and S. B. Rogers.
 Millville—By letter and money.
 Mt. Ararat—A. L. Richter.
 Mt. Olive—E. English.
 New Orange—S. M. Robertson and Perry Yon.
 New Salem—J. H. Coley and A. M. Thompson.
 Oakey Ridge—E. L. Nichols and J. H. Hovey.
 Orange Hill—W. T. Brock.
 Pilgrim's Rest—H. L. Sapp, J. H. Parish, Joe Tool, J. N. Parish, W. B. Daniel and J. A. Vickers.
 Piney Grove—M. R. Shores, J. J. Tharp and J. W. Holley.
 Pleasant Hill—S. L. Loudermilk, Mrs. S. J. Loudermilk.
 Sardis—W. J. Strickland, W. J. Johnson and Jefferson Griffin.
 Sneads—J. G. Stuart and C. W. Lanier.
 St. Andrew—By letter and money.
 Vernon—W. C. Lockey.
 Wewahitchka—N. L. Connell and Mrs. N. L. Connell.
 White Pond—Henry Enfinger.
- All of whom, together with the Ministers and pastors of this Association, in attendance, constituted the body for this session.

The Association then proceeded, by ballot, to organize by electing Rev. S. B. Rogers, Moderator, and Rev. S. L. Loudermilk, Clerk, both of whom made very appropriate remarks of acceptance.

The retiring Moderator, Rev. W. A. Bryan, then made an appropriate speech, after which the following resolution, offered by S. L. Loudermilk, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this body hereby express its high appreciation of the most faithful and efficient service of Rev. W. A. Bryan, as Moderator of this Association for the past ten years, and pray God's blessings upon him in his retirement. We also extend our sympathies to our former Clerk, W. M. Farrior; in the serious sickness in his family; and our appreciation of his past services.

The Moderator then appointed the Messengers of Bethlehem church, and R. J. Foxworth and W. W. White as the Committee on Preaching Services, who appointed preaching from time to time.

Petitionary Letters were received from Dellwood, Grand Ridge, Sardis and Mt. Ararat churches and the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship to the their messengers.

On motion, the hours for meeting and adjourning daily, were fixed at 9:40 a. m. to 12 m., reassemble at 1:30 p. m. and adjourn at will. Prayer by Bro. J. D. Wilkes. Adjourned.

FRIDAY.

9:30 a. m. Sang, "Sunshine in My Soul" Rev. J. D. Courtney read Psalm 27, and Rev. W. A. Bryan led in prayer. The Chair announced the Committees on Aged Ministers, Destitution, Deceased Ministers, Documents, Education, Finance, Missions, Ministers Assurance Association, Nominations, Orphanage, Publications, Sunday Schools, Temperance and Women's Work. [See reports for committees names.]

Received Rev. D. W. Cremer and C. Burnham as correspondents from the Rocky Creek Association.

On motion the Committee on Orphanage was inserted in Order of Business.

On motion, any of our members visiting sister Associations be our correspondents thereto.

On motion changed order of business so as to elect Executive Committee and Treasurer after their reports.

Announced meeting of Women's Missionary Union at school house at 2:30. Adjourned for preaching

Song. Prayer by S. L. Loudermilk. Rev. C. H. Yearby preached a very fine sermon on "The Lost Grace," or the grace of giving, from 2 Cor. 8:6. Prayer by Rev. S. B. Rogers. An ample dinner was then served.

AFTERNOON.

Song. Prayer by Rev. John McCranie.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, appointed at last session, presented their report, which was adopted by sections and numbers.

Report on Deceased Ministers read, and after prayer and remarks, was adopted.

The report on the Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association was read and discussed by J. W. Godwin, W. W. White, R. J. Foxworth, Rev's. Wm. Sapp, J. D. Courtney, E. English, W. A. Bryan, S. L. Loudermilk and others, when 20 gave notice of their intention to join the Assurance Association, and the report was adopted.

Prayer was then offered by G. W. McRea for the sick relatives of Messengers who had to leave the Association. Adjourned.

SATURDAY.

Scripture lesson and prayer by Bro. J. D. Wilkes. Rev. L. D. Geiger, of Apopka, Fla., our Corresponding Secretary, was recognized and gave a sensible talk. Delegates from the Women's Missionary Union were received as follows:

Chibley—Mrs. E. N. Dekle.
Greenwood—Mrs. M. F. Boone.
Bascom—Mrs. N. L. Hart.
Sneads—Letter.
Wewahitchka—Mrs. N. L. Connell.
Grand Ridge—Miss Mattie McCranie.

Brick Yard Sunday School, near Chibley, was represented by letter and \$1.00.

The Association engaged in fervent prayer for Rev. J. C. Porter, editor of the Baptist Witness, in his very critical state of health.

The reports on Women's Work and W. M. U. Societies read and jointly discussed by Rev's. L. D. Geiger, S. L. Loudermilk and J. W. Godwin, and adopted.

Report on Publications read and discussed by Rev's. L. D. Geiger, John B. O'Connor, W. A. Bryan, S. L. Loudermilk, S. B. Rogers and J. D. Forrester, showing the great plan to establish the monthly Missionary Edition of the Witness. Adopted.

The report on Education was read and considered by Rev's. C. H. Yearby, L. D. Geiger and S. L. Loudermilk. Rev. S. L. Loudermilk then offered the resolution appended to the report, which was discussed by the author, W. J. Strickland, Wm. Sapp and L. D. Geiger, and all strongly adopted. Dinner.

AFTERNOON.

Song. Prayer by J. D. Forrester.

Report on Temperance read and adopted.

Reports of the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee, the Treasurer, and Missionaries No's. 1 and 2, all read and received.

On motion a page is set apart in the minutes for "Our Dead."

On motion the Missionaries of this Association instructed to report to the State Board regularly.

Reports on Aged Ministers, and on Nominations, read and adopted.

An excellent report on Temperance was read and discussed by R. S. Roddenbery, Wm. Sapp, L. D. Geiger, J. W. Godwin and W. H. McIntosh, and adopted.

On motion the Clerk is allowed \$20.00 for his services, and to have 1000 copies of the minutes printed at the least possible cost.

A collection of \$26.00 was taken for Miss Carrie Barnes, a blind woman.

On vote the Association is to meet with Bonifay Church on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1903.

SUNDAY.

Song. Scripture lesson and prayer by Elder W. P. Richardson.

Sunday School report read and considered by J. D. Forrester, W. P. Richardson, J. W. Richardson, John McCranie, W. W. White and W. A. Bryan and adopted.

Report on the Baptist Orphanage read and enthusiastically discussed by S. L. Loudermilk, J. D. Forrester, Rupert D. Bevis, (aged 14), John McCranie and J. W. Godwin. Rev. S. B. Rogers made a fine speech on the duty of the churches to give *every month* for orphanage, missions, ministerial education, in a systematic way. At this time most of the congregation pledged themselves to give, and get others to give, during the year. A collection of \$14.61 for the Orphanage was taken. Report adopted.

Notice was given by S. L. Loudermilk that he would, at the next Association, offer the following amendment to the Constitution:

ARTICLE 2. Section 4. Provided also; that when the messengers of a church, W. M. U., Sunday School, or B. Y. P. U., shall fail, in whole or in part, to attend said Association, then any member of said churches, W. M. U., S. S., or B. Y. P. U. in good standing in said churches who may attend said Association, may be recognized and enrolled as messengers.

Motion to appoint Standing Committees for next Association was voted down. Recess.

Reports on Missions and Destitution read and discussed by L. D. Geiger, S. L. Loudermilk and J. W. Godwin was adopted.

Prayer by S. B. Rogers. Rev. L. D. Geiger preached a splendid sermon from Jonah 1:1. Pledges for \$148 00 and cash collection of \$24.65 taken for State Missions. The following

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

was offered by Rev. Geo. W. McRea: Resolved, that the heartfelt thanks of this Association be tendered to Bethlehem Church and community for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during this session. Adopted.

Song, "Come Thou Fount." Parting hand. Adjourned. Then partook of a generous dinner. Thus closed a most prosperous and pleasant session.

S. B. ROGERS, Moderator. S. L. LOUDERMILK, Secretary.

PREACHING SERVICES.

Thursday, 7:30 p. m.—Rev. J. D. Courtney, at Bethlehem; Text, 1 Sam. 12:24.

Friday, 11 a. m.—C. H. Yearby, at Bethlehem; Text 2 Cor. 8:6. At 7:30 p. m.—W. H. McIntosh, at Bethlehem; Text,—— J. D. Courtney, at Foxworth's School House; Text,—— J. W. White, at Cottondale; Text, 2 Kings 7:19.

Saturday, 7:30 p. m.—Rev. L. D. Geiger, at Cottondale; Text, Mark 16:2. S. L. Loudermilk, at Bethlehem; Text 2 Kings 8:9. G. W. McRae, at Foxworth's School House; Text, Luke 2:7.

Sunday, 10 a. m.—Rev. Wm. Sapp, at Kynesville School House. At 11 a. m.—Rev. L. D. Geiger at church; Text, Jonah 1:1.

Respectfully,

R. J. FOXWORTH, Chairman.
 Committee { G. E. WHITEHURST,
 J. W. RAWLES,
 W. W. WHITE,
 B. F. BROOKIN.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS.—MISSIONS.

After another year of service, we assemble and look into the faces of our co-workers, who meet us year after year, and greet, with cordial welcome, others who are now first attending. Appreciating the great opportunities and needs of mission work, both at home and abroad, we would emphasize this phase of the Master's service. In the familiar words of the poet:

"Life is real, life is earnest,
 And the grave is not its goal;
 'Dust thou art—to dust returneth,'
 Was not spoken of the soul."

In the Bible the gravity of life, its origin, purpose and end are set forth. There we are told authoritatively that life is given and preserved of God, and that He requires that life shall bring forth fruit to His honor and glory. In view of its brevity David prayed, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Paul says, "Every one of us shall give an account of himself unto God." Christ, in summing up the commandments, said, "Thou shall love the Lord, thou God, with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself." Linking this with his parting commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," we are impressed with the fact that those who realize the responsibility of life can engage in no greater service, none more acceptable to Christ, than

the promotion of the cause for which He gave His⁴ life. Realizing our weakness and incompetence for this work, faith may be strengthened by remembering some instrumentalities which God has honored. A rod in the hands of Moses, at God's command, divided the Red Sea; pitchers, trumpets and lamps, when used as God instructed Gideon and his band, overcame the hosts of Midian. Ignorant fishermen of Gallilee, through obedience to the command. "follow me," became teachers of the most learned. After the apathy of the middle ages when God would arouse His people to their duty to send the gospel to those in darkness, He laid upon a poor cobbler the burden of the heathen world—its condition and its salvation—William Cary, a Baptist. With thanksgiving, Baptists ought to look back upon the work which God hath wrought through them.

In reviewing what has been accomplished the past year, we bring before you a few facts from the reports of our Mission Boards. The Foreign Board, in its report at Ashville, N. C., says of China: "The dark war clouds have for the most part passed away. She now sits inquiring for light; now is the time to enter." From Japan our missionaries reported twice as many baptisms as in any previous year. Africa, nearly three times as many baptisms as in previous years. From Mexico, one hundred and fifty baptisms reported for the year. In Italy there has been steady progress. In Brazil the cause progresses so rapidly that it seems the missionaries cannot keep up with the advance. Theological training schools, to train native ministers, have been organized—two in China and two in Brazil, and one each in Africa, Italy and Mexico. Twenty-six new missionaries were sent out last year.

The Foreign Board received \$173,844.51 last year. Baptisms reported 1439. The Home Board reports \$98,950.29, an increase of more than \$12,000 over the past year. Its work in the mountain districts of our Southland, Frontier Missions in Texas, Arkansas, Missouri and the Territories; also in the large Southern cities, Cuba and among the colored people.

The work of the State Board is progressing well. At the Marianna Convention, that prince of Israel, Dr. W. N. Chaudiain, so long at the head of our state work, resigned, owing to feeble health, and Rev. L. D. Geiger, of Apopka, has been selected as his successor, and your committee asks the churches to co-operate with Bro. Geiger in his work. He is proving to be the right man.

The letters from the churches, the reports of the Executive Committee and the two missionaries indicate a satisfactory advance along all lines of Missions in our bounds.

In reviewing the work of the past year let us unite in praying that God may give us higher conceptions of the purpose of life, and greater dependance on Him who says, "Lo, I am with you always." Our obligations to carry out the great commission of our Lord is emphasized by two relations which we bear to Him. He is our Master, we his servants; and as the soldier obeys his officers implicitly, so loyalty to Him "whose we are and whom we serve," demands perfect devotion to His will.

"Ours not to reason why,
Ours not to make reply,
Ours but to do and die."

Respectfully,
GEO. W. MCRAE, Chairman.
Committee: { M. CRUTCHFIELD.
LAWRENCE PIPPIN.
IRA WESTERN.
W. T. PUMPHREY.
J. H. BRETT.

EDUCATION.

We are glad to note much advancement on this line in every respect. Our people are realizing that in order to best succeed in any calling they must be educated.

Education is not book-learning alone, that is only a means of education, which is development. To fail to thus develop our God-given powers is a sin against ourselves, against God, and our fellowman. Then again, to develop the intellect and neglect the moral and spiritual nature, only gives one more power to do evil. This shows the importance and need of our denominational schools, which endeavor to cultivate the intellectual, moral and spiritual powers together. So that education, in the true sense, better equips us for service; whether for business or preaching.

We recommend the John B. Stetson University, at DeLand, Fla., and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville, Ky., as the best educational institutions for our people.

Respectfully,
C. H. YEARBY, Chairman.
Committee: { J. J. THARP.
J. A. ETHRIDGE.
J. N. PARISH.
E. L. NICHOLS.

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee desire to express themselves in no uncertain way against the sale and drinking of intoxicating

liquors in any form. You have reports on Temperance from year to year, they pass and that ends it until the next report. The whiskey sellers and drinkers have nothing to fear from our reports. Until Baptists quit drinking whiskey and voting for it and its friends, your resolutions will never amount to anything. *Action* is what we need and not resolutions alone. Teach our children and neighbors, by our actions, what we stand for and where we stand on this question. Don't stop talking against it, but also pray, and vote as you pray.

We leave the ways and means of dealing with this question to the wisdom of this body. Respectfully,
JNO. M. STEVENS, Chairman.

Committee: { W. J. BAGGETT.
J. D. WATTS.
W. W. JONES.
R. S. RODDENBERY.

RESOLUTION TO REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Rosolved, that this, the West Florida Baptist Association, hereby memorialize the Baptist Convention of Florida, and the State Legislature of Florida, and our representatives therein, that it be the policy and effort of our State to provide good common schools only, and that the higher (college and university) education be not placed on the tax payers, but be left to our religious denominations and private enterprise. We invite the co-operation of all denominations in this movement. Adopted.

S. L. LOUDERMILK.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are glad to report that some of our churches are progressing in the Sunday School work, while it is sad to note that many of our churches are without any Sunday School. We think one reason for this lethargy is that the pastors are not doing their duty in teaching their people the importance of Sunday Schools. Another reason is the indifference of the laity in not attending Sunday Schools. Your committee thinks that a Sunday School Convention would arouse interest and enthusiasm. We must make known the truths of the Bible to our children, for early impressions are most lasting. Brethren you should never rest until every church has a good, progressive Sunday School, and make the ones you have still better. Comparing the Sunday School work of 1901 with that of 1902, we find eighteen Sunday Schools in 1901 and twenty-one in 1902, and increase of only three. The contributions for

1901 was \$183.88, and for 1902, \$153.19, a decrease of \$30.59. Officers and students for 1901 is 1039, and for 1902 it is 1153, and increase of only 114.

May the Great Head of the church awaken His people to the importance of teaching the children His truth, until all shall be gathered into this important work for the Master.

J. D. FORRESTER, Chairman.

Committee: { M. R. SHORES.
A. J. CRUTCHFIELD.
A. M. THOMPSON.

THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Located at Arcadia, Fla., should be especially near to our hearts, and should be kept prominently before our people. A liberal share of our offerings should be given to this much needed home for our orphans. We have ten acres of valuable land, 20,000 brick, and about \$1,500 in cash on hand and hope soon to begin the work of construction. Bro. J. L. Jones, of Arcadia, Fla., is Treasurer, to whom all funds for the Orphan's Home should be sent. The needs are immediate and urgent.

W. A. BRYAN, Chairman.

Committee: { E. N. DEKLE.
J. W. WHITE.
G. W. McRAE.
N. L. CONNELL.

DESTITUTION.

Our associational destitution is small compared with the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, but is alarmingly large considering our own bounds. Much valuable territory, both in town and country, is lying waste. People growing old in sin—souls being lost, while much spiritual and financial strength lies dormant. It is urgent that your Executive Committee, in co-operation with the State Board, should actively continue the good work being done, and, if possible, reach each point now destitute, and stimulate our weak churches in town and country. From Pt. Washington in the south-west, to the settlements on East Bay, Wetappo and Cypress Creek in south-east part, and Mt. Olive, Beulah, etc., in north-west portion, and around Chipley and Marianna is very much destitution—people without Baptist preaching.

W. A. BRYAN, Chairman,

Committee: { J. D. COURTNEY.
N. L. CONNELL.
J. H. COLEY.
J. T. MORRIS.
V. A. HINSON.

PUBLICATIONS

We recommend first our state denominational paper, *The Baptist Witness*, Ocala, Fla., especially the monthly missionary edition, which at 50 cents a year (clubs of 10 at 35 cents each) is in reach of all; second, *The Foreign Mission Journal*, of Richmond, Va.; third, *The Home Field*, of Atlanta, Ga.; fourth, the literature of the Sunday School Board, of Nashville, Tenn. Our people should use more religious literature and exclude the trashy stuff so often seen. The Bible is the book of books and should be read daily.

S. M. ROBERTSON, Chairman.

Committee: { JOHN LONG.
J. H. PARRISH.
J. G. STUART.

WOMENS' WORK.

On careful investigation we find that the encouragement offered by the Association at last session is bearing rich fruit and the Womens' Work is rapidly increasing, and our sisters are becoming more actively interested in the work of the Master. Several local unions have been organized and also an Auxiliary Associational Union at this session of the Association. Delegates are admitted to this body, and they will present a report of work and contributions from year to year.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee: { W. H. McINTOSH.
J. W. HOLLEY.
G. W. PHILIPS.
JOSEPH TOOL.
C. A. BEVIS.

WOMENS' MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY.

To the West Florida Baptist Association—Greeting:

The State Vice-President for this Association W. M. U. addressed personal letters to the president of each local union in the Association, requesting that delegates and reports be sent up for the purpose of organizing a Union Auxiliary to this body. In response, six societies have sent up messengers, viz: Greenwood, Bascom, Chipley, Sneads, Grand Ridge and Wewahitchka. After organizing, reports were received and read, which showed work and contributions as follows, for the year:

Raised and sent up for Foreign Missions,	\$ 6 40
" " " " Home "	24 90
" " " " State "	6 00
" " " " General "	21 41
" " " " Orphans Home	12 24
" " " " Ministerial Education	3 00
" " " " Bible Fund	5 25
	\$ 79 20
Raised and on hand.....	45 80
TOTAL.....	\$125 00

We feel that each society co-operating with us in this Associational Union will be benefitted, and we trust that every society in the Association will report by letter and messenger next year. We urge churches that have no Missionary Union to organize one at once. The Vice-President is pleased to give information and help every way possible. Write to her at Greenwood, Fla. Praying God's blessing upon your deliberations, and asking that this report be spread on your minutes. We adjourn to meet the 2nd day of the Association, 1903.

MRS. GEO. W. MCRAE, MRS. M. F. BOONE,
 Vice-President, Secretary.
 Greenwood Fla.

AGED MINISTERS.

We find that we have five aged ministers in this Association, Bros. Richard C. B. Lawrence, T. S. Scott, M. F. Burke, J. W. Johnson and T. N. Knowles. These dear brethren have spent their usefulness in the Master's cause. They suffered the privations of a wilderness country of which we know very little. They have done much for the cause and soul-liberty that we so much love and appreciate. Now let our liberality care for their feeble old age. May God bless their latter days.

J. W. WHITE, Chairman.
 Committee: { C. W. LANIER.
 { H. L. GREEN.
 { W. J. PARKER.

BAPTIST MINISTERS ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

Your Committee believe the above Association to be a valuable institution for our ministers, as many of them get very little for their service and we recommend that every member of this Association become members of the Minister's Assurance, so as to help the widows and orphans of our ministers, when they are called to eternity.

J. W. GODWIN, Chairman.
 Committee: { JOHN MCCRANIE.
 { J. B. O'CONNOR.

DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your Committee find that Rev. A. T. Posey, of Mt. Ida Church, has been called to rest. He has been quite infirm for the past few years. His family, to whom we would extend sympathy, is in needy circumstances and should have help.

Respectfully submitted,
 W. H. BEVIS, Chairman.
 Committee: { E. N. DEKLE.
 { ALEX. GILBERT.
 { J. S. COLEMAN.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Your Committee met and organized at last Association, then met again in November, also in December. We employed Bro. S. L. Loudermilk to do mission work at Vernon and in the destitution, and paid \$100.00 for his service up to this Association. We also employed Bro J. D. Courtney to do mission work on Choctawhatchee River and other points and paid him \$50.00 for his service.

The Treasurer will render a detailed report, show receipts and disbursements. Your missionaries will also report their work.

Respectfully submitted,
 M. F. BOONE, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1901.	Oct. 20.	By Balance of account rend.....	\$ 40 78
	Oct. 20.	By Cash from Association.....	241 65
	Oct. 20.	By Am't collected for Bro. Osborne.....	9 00
		Total Credits.....	\$291 43
1901.	Oct. 20.	To paid Bro. Osborne by Acting Treasurer.....	\$ 9 00
	Nov. 30.	To paid Bro. Chaudoin Foreign Missions.....	10 25
	Nov. 30.	To paid Bro. Chaudoin Home Missions.....	11 15
	Nov. 30.	To paid Bro. Chaudoin Scate Missions.....	22 50
	Nov. 30.	To paid Bro. Chaudoin Aged Ministers.....	96 30
	Nov. 30.	To paid Bro. Chaudoin Ministerial Education.....	7 43
	Dec. 20.	To paid freight on minutes.....	1 47
1902.	Jan. 13.	To paid W. M. Farrior.....	20 00
	Feb. 5.	To paid S. L. Loudermilk.....	30 00
	Feb. 14.	To paid J. D. Courtney.....	10 00
	May 24.	To paid draft J. D. Courtney.....	5 00
	June 24.	To paid J. D. Courtney.....	10 00
	June 24.	To paid S. L. Loudermilk.....	20 00
	Sept. 22.	To paid S. L. Loudermilk.....	10 00
	Sept. 22.	To paid S. L. Loudarmilk.....	20 00
	Sept. 22.	To paid J. D. Courtney.....	5 00
	Oct. 18.	To paid J. D. Courtney.....	20 00
	Oct. 18.	To paid S. L. Loudermilk.....	20 00
	Dec. 16.	To paid for printing minutes.....	25 00
		Total Debits.....	\$283 30
1902.	Dec. 16.	To Amount on hand.....	\$8 13

Respectfully submitted,
 M. L. DEKLE, Treasurer.

REPORT OF MISSIONARIES.

NUMBER 1.

By contract with your committee I began work Dec. 20th, 1901. I have traveled over 2,000 miles, and preached as regularly as health, weather, and other providences would permit, at the following places: Vernon, The Deadening, Bailey's School House, Honeyville, Dalkieth, Tompkins, (North Bay,) Sinclair, Parker and Cromation; besides doing some preaching at Buckhorn, Econfina and

Pleasant Hill, and also preached, as pastor, at St. Andrew, Millville and Grasseys Point.

Weeks of Labor.....	38.	Received at Mission Points.....	\$ 50 00
Mission Churches	4.	Received from Ex. Committee..	100 00
Other Points	6.		
Pastorial Points	3.		\$150 00
Extra	2.	Received for State Missions	\$ 10 00
Sermons Delivered	85.	Received for Home Missions....	12 00
Baptisms at Mission Points	4.	Received for Foreign Missions..	11 00
Baptisms at Churches	5.	Received for Church Building.	200 00
Meeting Houses Commenced	2.		
W. M. U. Societies organized	2.		\$233 00

S. L. LOUDERMILK.

NUMBER 2.

I began work Jan. 1, 1902. Have preached some at Bay View, Haires' School House, Haw Ridge, Mt. Olive, and a few times at other points. I have received from your Executive Committee for my services \$50.00.

Respectfully submitted, J. D. COURTNEY.

DOCUMENTS.

We find two churches petitioning the next session, viz: Friendship and Bonifay. We find four churches petitioning for admission into this body, viz: Mt. Ararat, Dellwood, Sardis and Grand Ridge, and are received.

Truly, etc., E. ENGLISH, Chairman.

Committee: { J. H. HORVEY.
 { J. P. YON.

NOMINATIONS.

We nominate J. W. White to preach the Introductory Sermon; C. H. Yearby, Alternate. S. L. Loudermilk to preach the Missionary Sermon; W. H. McIntosh, Alternate. Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, S. B. Rogers; S. L. Loudermilk, Alternate. To State Convention, S. L. Loudermilk, S. B. Rogers, W. A. Bryan, G. W. McRae, W. H. McIntosh, E. N. Dekle, J. D. Forrister, N. L. Connell, M. L. Dekle and J. W. Godwin, and any brother attending the Convention to be recognized in the absence of any appointed. We re-nominate the former Executive Committee, M. F. Boone, M. L. Dekle, H. L. Green, W. C. Lockety and R. J. Foxworth. Respt. submitted,

N. L. HART, Chairman.

Committee: { C. R. JONES.
 { W. P. ROCHE.
 { V. S. COLEMAN.
 { H. L. SAPP.

OUR DEAD.

SACRED

To the Memory of

REV. A. T. POSEY.

of

Mt. Ida Church,

and

DEACON T. F. MORRIS.

of

Ebenezer Church,

and

Twenty-five Other

Members of Our Churches Called to Rest In
the Year 1902.



"Blessed are the Dead
Which Die in the Lord,
And Their Works Do
Follow Them."

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PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

To be paid by December 31, 1902.

W. W. White.....\$ 5 00	R. J. Foxworth.....\$ 10 00
J. W. Rawls..... 5 00	Rev. J. W. White..... 5 00
W. P. Richardson..... 1 00	M. L. Dekle..... 25 00
J. R. McKolskey..... 5 00	Bethel Church..... 5 00
Brickyard Sunday School..... 1 00	Bonifay Church..... 5 00
E. English..... 2 00	Chipley Sunday School..... 5 00
John Shoup..... 1 00	J. C. Davis..... 5 00
J. D. Parrish..... 1 00	Dellwood Church..... 2 50
J. M. Land..... 2 50	Sneads Church..... 5 00
T. A. Horne..... 2 00	Wewahitchka Church..... 5 00
J. Y. Folsom..... 2 00	S. B. Rogers..... 25 00
G. W. Horne..... 2 00	Greenwood Sunbeams..... 3 00
W. J. Daniels, Jr..... 5 00	J. M. Harper..... 5 00
P. L. Horne..... 2 00	I. F. Sapp..... 1 00
Grand Ridge Church..... 5 00	

\$148 00

CONSTITUTION.

Constitution and By-Laws of the West Florida Baptist Association, 1902.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known as the West Florida Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers for the first twenty-five members, or fraction thereof, and one messenger for each additional twenty-five, or fraction thereof.

SEC. 2. The messengers selected by the churches, and the pastors and ministers in the Association, and

SEC. 3. One messenger from each Ladies Missionary Union, Sunday School, and Baptist Young People's Union, duly elected and reported in the church letter, and who are members of a Baptist church, in good standing, shall also be recognized as members of this body.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The officers of said Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, elected annually by the body enrolled; and their duties shall be such as are usual.

SEC. 2. An Executive Committee of five shall be elected at each annual meeting, who shall have charge of the affairs of the Association when not in session; and the Chairman and Treasurer of said Committee shall render reports at each session of this body.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The object and purpose of this Association shall be, 1st, to propagate the gospel within our bounds and in all the world; 2nd, to promote the co-operation of the churches.

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. This Association shall create a fund from the voluntary contributions of the churches and brethren to carry out its objects.

ARTICLE VI.

SEC. 1. This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as the body may appoint; and if for any cause it cannot so meet, the Executive Committee may change the time and place as they may deem best.

ARTICLE VII.

SEC. 1. This Constitution may be altered, changed or amended by a majority vote at any annual session; provided that notice of same is given at the preceding session and filed with the Clerk.

BY-LAWS.

1. Churches desiring membership in this body must send messengers with petitionary letters. If found orderly and received the Moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship to said messengers.

2. Each church shall send, by her messengers to the Association, a letter giving number of members, increase and decrease, and the amount of money raised during the year for all purposes, etc., and the names of pastor, ministers and clerk, with post-office.

3. This body shall be governed by parliamentary law, and no member shall leave without consent of the body, or the Moderator when adjourned.

4. These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote at any annual session.

GEO. W. McRAE, Chairman.
Committee { S. B. ROGERS,
 { S. L. LOUDERMILK.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDETS.	POST-OFFICES.	Offices.	Pupils.	Expenses.	Missions.
Bascom	N. L. Hart.....	Bascom	6	51	\$12 00	
Bethany	J. B. O'Connor.....	Wrights	5	30	2 00	
Bethel	J. W. Richardson.....	Graceville	5	52	4 00	
Bethlehem.....	A. A. Myers.....	Kynesville.....	8	120	25 00	
Bonifay	A. M. Mathews.....	Bonifay	6	51	18 00	
Campbellton.....	C. R. Jones.....	Campbellton	4	20		
Chipley	J. D. Forrester.....	Chipley	8	75	7 29	
Cottondale						
Dellwood	J. W. O'Neil.....	Dellwood	7	30	8 00	\$ 1 50
Ephesus	W. A. Christmast.....	Campbellton	5	51		
Friendship.....	J. M. Stevens.....	Greenwood	8	70	5 25	7 29
Graceville.....	E. O. Womble.....	Graceville.....	7	80	8 00	
Grand Ridge.....	C. L. Burns.....	Grand Ridge.....	5	40	11 00	2 70
Greenwood	M. F. Boone.....	Greenwood	5	48	14 94	
Hickory Level.....	W. W. White.....	Marianna	4	30	3 75	2 00
Marianna	M. L. Dekle.....	Marianna	10	66	30 00	27 21
Millville	Oran Harding.....	Millville	3	25	2 00	
Pilgrims Rest.....	J. T. B. Adams.....	Glass	5	40	4 00	
Pleasant Hill.....	Rev. I. E. Nixon.....	Nixon	5	30	3 00	
Sneads	J. G. Stuart.....	Sneads	4	42		
St. Andrew	B. V. Bock.....	St. Andrew	7	45	8 00	
Wewahitcha.....	J. A. Connell.....	Wewahitchka	5	31	5 00	
Brick Yard.....	W. J. Hall.....	Chipley	5	80	8 00	1 00
			127	1157	152 23	\$41 70

HISTORICAL TABLE.

Sessions Year.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	CHURCH.	Number.	Missions.
1 1847			Campbellton		
2 1848			Union Academy		
3 1849	D P Everett	E Minching	Campbellton	464	\$ 134 93
4 1850	J Mercer		Bethlehem	400	119 15
5 1851					
6 1852	J Mercer	J H Wombell	Sardis	467	147 30
7 1853		W D Horne	Bethlehem	568	84 50
8 1854		J Drummond	Union Academy	593	104 40
9 1855		Stephen Rowe	Orange Hill	597	72 40
10 1856			Sardis	600	143 40
11 1857			Bethlehem	423	158 00
12 1858			Greenwood	545	106 00
13 1859			Grange Church	679	300 00
14 1860	W B Lacey		Campbellton	774	290 00
15 1861					
16 1862					
17 1863	W B Lacey	Stephen Rowe	Campbellton	870	655 99
18 1864			Greenwood	952	500 00
19 1865			Friendship	1082	846 00
20 1866			Campbellton	1049	128 00
21 1867	W H Howell		Greenwood	953	184 00
22 1868			Antioch	953	
23 1869	W H Banks		Friendship	935	
24 1870		W F Jordan	Smyrna	654	127 00
25 1871	T E Langley		Campbellton	739	154 00
26 1872		W J Daniel	Greenwood	720	152 00
27 1873			Cedar Pond	629	183 00
28 1874			Friendship	698	204 00
29 1875			Campbellton	633	166 00
30 1876			Rocky Grove	833	177 00
31 1877			Greenwood	889	166 00
32 1878			Cedar Pond	771	111 00
33 1879			Damascus	792	82 00
34 1880		A P Ashurst	Campbellton	946	105 00
35 1881		W J Daniel	Friendship	823	125 00
36 1882		W M Parior	Ebenezer	918	98 00
37 1883			Bethlehem	982	982 00
38 1884			Dellwood	1005	206 00
39 1885	W J Daniel		Rocky Grove	1018	231 15
40 1886	T E Langley		Greenwood	1066	263 80
41 1887			Magnolia	1120	213 00
42 1888			Chipley	1377	206 00
43 1889			Damascus	1052	257 00
44 1890	D H Horne		Ephesus	1141	263 15
45 1891	W A Bryan		Hickory Level	1159	680 00
46 1892			Piney Grove	950	147 40
47 1893			Wewahitchka	1117	200 00
48 1894			Ebenezer	1204	401 10
49 1895	J P Smith		Campbellton	1306	168 08
50 1896	W A Bryan	John M Stephens	Friendship	1408	207 62
51 1897			Chipley	1648	244 21
52 1898		W M Parior	Vernon	1612	306 05
53 1899			Cottondale	1700	340 92
54 1900			Bascom	1793	536 05
55 1901			Bethel	1784	
56 1902	S B Rogers	S L Loudermilk	Bethlehem	1900	834 11

