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OF THE  
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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' Assurance 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.
Cain, H. C.....	Bonifay, Fla.
Courtney, J. D.....	Graceville, Fla.
Crofton, Geo.....	Clarkson, Fla.
Crutchfield, J. H.....	Graceville, Fla.
English, E.....	Graceville, Fla.
Harris, Robert.....	Point Washington, Fla.
Johnson, J. W.....	Graceville, Fla.
Knowles, T. N.....	Millville, 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.
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.
Reese, T. O.....	Apalachicola, 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.....	Bascom, Fla.
Total 34.	

MINUTES.

The West Florida Baptist Association met with Bonifay (Fla.) Baptist Church on Friday, October 16, 1903. After devotional service, conducted by Rev. C. H. Yearby. The

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

Was preached by Rev. J. W. White from, Psa. 61:2, "Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I." Prayer by Rev. S. B. Rogers. Solo by Miss Bird Sapp, of Chattanooga, Tenn. Intermission for dinner.

AFTERNOON—MET AT 2: P. M.

Rev. S. B. Rogers in the chair, and read the 70 Psalm. Prayer by Rev. T. O. Reese. M. L. Dekle, J. N. Wilson and V. E. Coleman were appointed a Committee to read the letters from the churches, and the Messengers were enrolled as follows:

- Apalachicola—Rev. T. O. Reese.
- Bascom—J. E. Cook, Rupert Bevis, A. N. Bevis, N. L. Hart and H. L. Green.
- Bethany—S. M. Hardwick, W. Y. Tyler.
- Bethel—J. P. Graham, J. M. Smith.
- Bethlehem—S. M. Griffin, H. G. Land.
- Beulah—R. A. Tharp.
- Bonifay—J. H. Godwin, S. M. Fielding, A. M. Matthews, J. S. Coleman.
- Campbellton—J. W. Carter.
- Chipley—E. N. Dekle, V. E. Coleman, W. J. Hall, J. R. McKolsky, F. L. Cope.
- Cottondale—J. L. Massey, Miss Lula Massey.
- Damascus—J. H. Crutchfield, W. I. Parker, T. J. Phillips, A. B. Wombell, J. T. York.
- Dellwood—John Messer, C. A. Bevis.
- Ebenezer—J. T. Carter, H. W. Elliott, Sterling Shipes, Mrs. Rebecca Elliott.
- Econfina—W. R. Gainer, Miss Tee Gainer.
- Friendship—J. M. Stephens, W. H. Dekle, Mrs. Mattie Dekle.
- Graceville—J. L. Barefoot.
- Grand Ridge—W. W. Oliver.
- Greenwood—E. H. Anderson, J. A. Moran.

Hickory Level—R. J. Foxworth, T. S. Pumphrey, Hillary Shores.

Lovedale—W. H. Pyke, Wm. Allen.

Macedonia—G. W. Cremer.

Marianna—M. L. Dekle, J. Y. Folsom.

Mt. Arrant—J. W. Deal.

Mt. Olive—Elmore Philips, J. A. Strickland, S. C. Maun.

New Orange—P. L. Horne.

New Salem—J. H. Coley, J. R. Pippin.

Orange Hill—W. B. Daniels, C. S. Carter.

Piney Grove—J. D. Tharp.

Pleasant Hill—Dallas Nixon, S. L. Loudermilk, Green Davis.

Poplar Head—W. M. Nichols, Swan Rollin.

Sardis—R. F. Eddenfield.

Sneads—R. R. Burke, J. G. Stuart, J. N. Wilson.

St. Andrew—Letter.

Unity—J. M. Hightower.

Vernon—W. C. Lockey, J. R. Wells.

Wewahitchka—J. A. Connell.

White Pond—J. M. Land.

Pleasant Hill Mission Sunday School at Bear Creek—Mrs. S. J. Loudermilk.

Rev. S. B. Rogers and Rev. S. L. Loudermilk were re-elected Moderator, and Clerk by acclamation.

Petitionary letters were then called for, and on motion Rev. W. A. Bryan, E. L. Wells and J. D. Courtney were appointed a Committee to examine the Petitionary Letters, and they reported in favor of receiving Poplar Head church, which was done, and the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship to the Messengers, W. M. Nichols and Swan Rollin.

Corresponding Messengers were received as follows:

Geneva Association—Rev. J. B. Deshazo, Graves; Rev. D. Anderson, Columbia; Daniel Williams: And as visitors Rev. W. F. Wagner, of Jasper, Florida.

Committee on preaching was appointed as follows:

The Messengers of Bonifay church, and J. L. Massey and S. C. Maun. The hours for meeting were set for 9 a. m., and 2 p. m., and adjourn at will.

On motion the report on Aged Ministers were made the special order for 8:30 p. m., Friday night.

Correspondents to Sister Associations were appointed as follows:

Geneva—J. W. Johnson; Columbia—J. M. Stephens, J. W. White, C. S. Locke, J. W. Johnson.

Graves—Z. W. Pettus, W. Y. Tyler, W. P. Richardson, C. S. Locke, G. W. Cremer, R. A. Tharp, J. T. Carter, J. M. Hightower, E. English.

Rockey Creek—J. W. Johnson, John Messer, C. H. Yearby, H. L. Green, J. G. Stuart, N. L. Hart, W. A. Bryan.

After announcements and assignments by the Committee on Hospitality, and prayer by W. P. Richardson the body adjourned to meet at 8:30 p. m.

#### NIGHT SESSION.

Song. Prayer by H. C. Cain. Sermon by Rev. E. L. Wells, Mat. 13:38. "The field is the World." A good sermon. Prayer by W. L. Mahon. Song: "Crown Him Lord of All." Rev. L. D. Geiger, State Missionary Secretary, was recognized and made a talk for his work, and stated that Bro. J. C. Porter was very sick and asked for sympathy. Bro. W. L. Mahon, State Agent for Baptist Orphanage, also recognized. Rev. M. A. Clonts, of Gainesville, Fla., recognized.

The Moderator then announced the various Committees, as signed to the different Reports.

The special order was reached and Rev. W. P. Richardson read the report on Aged Ministers, which was discussed by W. P. Richardson, W. A. Bryan, Wm. Farrior, J. W. White, J. D. Courtney, L. D. Geiger and S. B. Rogers.

On motion a special Committee be appointed to consider the advisability of providing a fund to establish and maintain the membership of all our Ministers in the Baptist Ministers Association.

Committee—W. A. Bryan, J. W. White, J. D. Courtney, W. P. Richardson. A collection for aged Ministers was taken—amount \$24.65. Adjourned.

#### SATURDAY.

Met at 9 a. m. Song. Prayer by Daniel Anderson.

The report on Education was read and discussed by H. C. Cain, L. D. Geiger and J. B. Deshazo. A collection was taken to assist to rebuild the Conrad Hall at DeLand. Amount pledged, \$70.00, and cash \$38.00.

The report on Temperance was read by T. O. Reese and discussed by T. O. Reese, W. A. Bryan, H. C. Cain, J. W. Johnson and L. D. Geiger. The report was adopted with the amendment offered by H. C. Cain. Missions was made the special order for 7 p. m., Saturday night. Adjourned for preaching.

Song. Prayer by W. F. Wagner. Rev. T. O. Reese read Isa. 53. Solo by Miss Stapp. Bro. Reese Text was

Isa. 9:6. "Wonderful Christ." An excellent sermon. Song. Hand of welcome extended to Bros. Reese and Cain, who recently came into the Association.

## AFTERNOON.

Song. Prayer by H. C. Cain. Report of special Committee on Ministerial Aid reported. Discussed by J. D. Courtney, W. A. Bryan, A. M. Matthews, adopted.

The report on publication read and discussed by M. A. Clonts, adopted.

Report on Orphanage read and discussed by W. F. Wagner, W. A. Bryan, W. L. Mahon, showing the grand result in building, furnishing and opening the Orphans' Home at Arcadia, at a cost of some 9,000,00, and no debt up to date. Cash and pledges were taken to amount of \$81.76.

The constitution was amended. Art. 2, Sec. 4.

Reports on nominations read and adopted. M. L. Dekle was re-elected Treasurer.

The report on Women's work read and adopted.

Report on Deceased Ministers read and adopted. W. L. Mahon led a prayer of Thanksgiving.

Report on Documents read and adopted.

Damascus was chosen as the place for the session of 1904. Prayer by Bro. W. F. Wagner. Adjourned.

## EVENING SESSION.

Song. Prayer by W. H. McIntosh. Song.

Report on Destitution read. Also the report on Missions (special order) and discussed by W. M. Farrior, J. W. White, J. W. Johnson, T. O. Reese, W. F. Wagner, C. H. Yearby, W. A. Bryan. Song.

Speech by Bro. L. D. Geiger on Missions. On motion the Executive Committee of this Association be hereby instructed to fully co-operate with the State Board. Pledges were taken to the amount of \$1,830.00, for Missions. A cash collection of \$31.23 was taken for same purpose.

Report on Sunday Schools set for 9:30 a. m., Sunday Announced that Bro. W. F. Wagner will preach at school house at 11 a. m., Sunday. Benediction by S. L. Loudermilk. Adjourned.

## SUNDAY—9:30 A. M.

C. H. Yearby read and led in prayer. Song.

Report on Sunday Schools read and discussed by C. H. Yearby, W. F. Wagner, T. O. Reese, young Rupert Bevis, (who made a most wise and loving speech as a Sunday School teacher) L. T. Knizely, S. L. Loudermilk. Adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee read and adopted. On motion the Clerk was instructed to have 1,000 minutes printed, and the Clerk to have \$20.00 for his services.

A committee of W. A. Bryan, S. L. Lounermilk, M. F. Boone, was appointed to provide a uniform Associational letter for the churches. Resolution of Thanks to Bonifay Baptist church, and citizens for their excellent hospitality, and to the Methodists for use of their house of worship, and for all kindness shown us. Adopted.

Song by the Sunday School children, "There is Sunshine in my Soul To-day." After announcements and song, and prayer by W. P. Richardson, Rev. S. L. Loudermilk preached the Missionary Sermon, from Text, John 3:7, and Titus 2:14, on "The necessity for a regenerated church membership," to a packed house, and a collection of \$25.18 was taken for missions. Prayer by W. A. Bryan, at the same hour Rev. W. F. Wagner preached at the Methodist church to the young people.

After announcements for dinner, the overwhelming congregation sang, "God be with you till we meet again" and took the parting hand amid much emotion. Adjourned to meet with Damascus, Friday before the Third Sunday in October, 1904. Benediction by Rev. T. O. Reese.

Thus closed by far the most prosperous year, and most successful session ever had by the West Florida Baptist Association. Praise God!

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

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# APPENDIX.

## REPORTS—MISSIONS.

Another year's service has passed, and we have great cause to thank God for the advancement of His glorious work this year. But a vital, personal question for each of us is—"what have I done? Have I given what I should?"

Too many Missionary Baptists by profession--but not by practice, not New Testament Baptists. The Apostles were Missionary Baptists.

The gospel is Missionary. Jesus says, "Love the Lord with all thy heart, and they neighbor as thyself," and linking this with the great commission—"go into all the world and preach the gospel," we are impressed with the fact that this is the greatest service in life—the most acceptable to Christ, who gave himself for us.

"We still hear the cry.  
Come over and help  
Ere we die."

Many are saying, "Lord, here am I, send me." We cannot all go personally, but we can send (read Acts 13:3.) We cannot all preach, but we can pray and give. So let us all help with our money men, and prayers. We are the Lord's and what we have is His. The work in our home land is very prosperous and encouraging.

The great and wonderful success in the Foreign fields should stimulate us to do more. We need more men and means to meet the great demand to enter the open gates. Let us preach Missions, talk Missions, and pray for Missions.

We earnestly ask the churches to co-operate with our beloved B. o. L. D. Geiger in this great work.

May God give us higher conceptions of the purposes and privilege of life, and more dependance on Him who says, "I am with you always."

- J. W. WHITE, Chairman.
- W. J. HALL,
- J. M. HIGHTOWER,
- JOHN MESSER,
- T. S. PUMPHREY,
- J. D. THARP,
- J. Y. FOLSOM.

} Committee:

## REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

According to contract, I began work immediately after the Association at Bethlehem. I have preached regularly

at Vernon, St. Andrew, Millville, Econfina, Pleasant Hill, and also at Grassy Point, and North Bay, until the last of January. I have preached irregularly, since then at the last two named places, and at Cromaton, Sinclair, Bear Creek and the Deadening.

Sermons (including Wagner and Howard).....	191
Weeks of labor.....	48
Churches preached to.....	8
Mission stations.....	3
Addresses delivered.....	15
Prayer meetings held.....	22
Baptised.....	44
Received by letter.....	24
Sunday Schools organized.....	3
"    "    on field.....	7
"    "    Pupils.....	308
"    "    Teachers.....	28
"    "    Students converted.....	26
Miles traveled.....	2,675
Visits made.....	148
Meeting houses commenced.....	4
Witness subscribers.....	11
Children's meetings.....	3
Pages tracts distributed.....	3,100
Bibles sold.....	3
Collected for Missions—State (cash).....	\$5 15
State Pledges.....	16.00
Home Missions.....	10 11
Foreign Missions.....	9 25
Association.....	3 00
Orphanage (see \$5 00).....	7 00
Church buildings.....	\$213.00
Total.....	\$263.51.

## RECEIVED SALARY AT MISSION CHURCHES.

Millville.....	\$22.00
Vernon.....	42 15
Cromaton.....	3.00
From other Churches.....	\$67 15
From Association.....	\$161.37
Total Salary.....	\$389.22
Total Money Raised.....	\$451.33.
Received from State Board for Millville Church Building.....	\$75.00.

My health has steadily declined so that while I was able to keep up the regular work, it was necessary for me to have help in my special meetings.

Bro. Wagner assisted me at Millville, and Received.....	\$16 45
And at St. Andrews.....	\$22.30
Bro. H. S. Howard assisted me at Pleasant Hill, Received.....	\$38.75.
And at Econfina—Received.....	\$7 25
And at Vernon—Received.....	6 00
.....	7 00
Total.....	\$20 25

So in reality the whole amount of money raised is \$561.30. Millville church is worth very special mention. They have raised about \$250.00 for church building; have their beautiful new house advanced so that they can use it; owe about \$125.00; have received 38 members during the year, and must have help next year.

Vernon, Econfina and Pleasant Hill have just commenced their new houses of worship.

My health, and the overwork of the past years make it necessary that I should take some needed rest and try to recuperate my health, so I have resigned nearly all my churches and cannot take the Mission work next year.

Respectfully,  
S. L. LOUDERMILK.

#### PUBLICATIONS.

We would emphasize the importance of this great question.

Never, in the history of our denomination in America, has there been more genuine reading matter within the reach of our people—literature sound in doctrine, faithful in service, and liberal in spirit. But alas! while this is true, it is also true that the spirit of greed, the spirit of envy, the spirit that would pull down and destroy our institutions and churches, and if possible our faith, is also abroad in the land. It is of the utmost importance at this time that we should look well to our own interests—that have cost us so much money, labor, time and lives.

We appeal to you brethren to stand by and patronize your own publications. The Florida Baptist Witness, your official state organ—which represents state interests and organized work. Your Home Field, Atlanta, Georgia, the organ of the Home Board; your Foreign Mission Journal, the organ of the Foreign Board, at Richmond Va.

These publications stand for us and ours—they are loyal to our institutions—they are published at about cost—not for gain, but for God.

Our Boards and friends have not the money to run your publications. We must buy them. But we need them in our homes and not one dollar should be diverted from their support, to any private publishing concern. Our faithful publishers should have our faithful support.

W. A. BRYAN,  
R. J. FOXWORTH,  
G. M. SMITH,  
H. L. GREEN,  
W. I. PARKER,  
W. W. OLIVER.

Committee:

#### EDUCATION.

Education is no longer a luxury, but a necessity; not a privilege; but a matter of self-defense. The world has no

place for incompetency; is there a place in the Lord's work for the untrained? Education is developing the good and repressing the evil tendencies in our nature. Anything less is a mockery.

We could not lay too great stress upon early impressions and training. Parents are responsible for the associations, training and influences surrounding their children, and these environments largely determine the character of our future men and women.

Teachers also are prime factors, and nothing less than competent, consecrated, christian teachers should be allowed to teach your child.

A leaning to heaven or hell, in the way of love for God, or the world is developed in the mind of the pupil by associations with and training of the teacher. Which shall it be? Parents must some day answer before God.

It is our duty to know who and what kind of teacher we intrust the lives and souls of our children to. God holds us accountable and we can never shift this responsibility.

We recommend John B. Stetson's University, of DeLand, Fla., for higher education, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., for our young Ministers.

J. H. CRUTCHFIELD,  
H. C. CAIN,  
J. P. GRAHAM,  
J. A. CONNELL,  
J. R. PHILIPS,  
HILARY SHORES.

Committee:

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are glad to note some advancement on the line of Sunday Schools, but there is much more room for improvement. We believe that the Sunday School is the church at work in one of its most important departments, and that it is of Divine origin, and therefore every member of the church should actively engage in the Sunday School. Christ says in the great commission teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." This is the object of the Sunday School—to teach.

As a result of this educative agency of the church, she has made greater progress on the line of mission and temperance, etc., in the last few years. You will notice that most of the converts and additions to our churches are from the Sunday Schools.

Notwithstanding so much good has been done through the Sunday Schools, yet it seems that many of our members and even some of our Pastors have failed to appreciate it. The attention has not been given, and progress made that should be. We should all push this work, and when we do, success in every department will follow.

We recommend this Association to set apart one Fifth Sunday in the year as a Sunday School Rally Day, to stir up the careless and cultivate interest in the Sunday School work of our Association.

C. H. YEARBY, Chairman.	} Committee.
C. S. CARTER,	
A. B. WOMBLE,	
W. Y. TYLER,	
S. M. GRIFFIN,	
R. T. EDDENFIELD,	
GREEN DAVIS,	

#### TEMPERANCE.

We believe that intemperance is the greatest evil of the age. It is blighting and cursing our land in a way and to an extent that no other evil can. It cuts down youth in its vigor; manhood in its strength, and age in its weakness; it breaks the fathers heart, bereaves the devoted mother; makes paupers and beggars, and fiends of fathers; it engenders strife, breeds riots, assassinates—law, poisons and debauches society.

We recommend and earnestly request that Pastors and others preach and talk total abstinence.

We further recommend that our churches discipline any member who makes, sells, uses whiskey as a beverage, or in any way sanctions or encourage the manufacture or sale of the same.

AMENDMENT—We recommend the observance of Temperance days, with banners, badges, speeches etc., in each church at least one day in the year, with the best speaking talent that can be had, that our children may thus early learn the disgrace of making or handling the unclean things.

All of which was adopted.

J. A. STRICKLAND,	} Committee.
T. O. REESE,	
J. E. COOK,	
J. W. CARTER,	
W. H. DEKLE,	
W. M. NICHOLS.	

H. C. CAIN.

#### DESTITUTION.

For many years the attention of this body has been turned to the cry for help, to all the southern parts of Calhoun and Washington Counties. The voice has been heeded with substantial aid and deep interest. Our hands have not been slow in carrying the message of glad tidings.

In view of the fact that much labor and money has been expended, sacrifices made, sufferings borne, and privations endured, yea, and lives worn out for the Master, we cannot afford to abandon the field. We thank God that many of us have been spared to see the light breaking in the dark corners. We believe that the outlook is brighter and more encouraging just at this time than ever before—that the field is white unto the harvest. It has taken many years of toil to clear the field, prepare the soil, sow the seed, and now it behooves us to put in the sickle and garner in the sheaves for the Master's glory. We pray you act quickly.

We pray for wisdom and diligence for the Executive Committee, that they may not spare at this auspicious time, means nor efforts to secure the most suitable service to occupy and reap—for "we shall reap if we faint not."

W. M. FARRIOR, Chairman.

J. L. BAREFOOT,	} Committee.
T. J. PHILIPS,	
J. G. STUART,	
J. A. MORAN.	

#### ORPHANAGE.

Your committee believes that next to carrying out the great commission is the work of our orphanage at Arcadia.

We are glad to note that the Baptists of our beloved state are coming up to the help of the Lord in this noble work. Our faithful brother Mahon is giving all his time to this work, and is making a thorough canvass of the state, and is bringing things to pass—"the right man in the right place."

A great deal has been done, but present needs are great and pressing. We need for this work at present about nine thousand dollars. We therefore recommend:

1. That our pastors and messengers bring this matter before their churches and urge immediate assistance.
2. That we co-operate with and pray for our God-given





mend that this body appropriate it to Bro. Loudermilk as some additional compensation for his valuable services as missionary. He and the Treasurer will render detailed reports of work, and finances.

Respectfully submitted,  
 M. F. BOONE, Chairman.  
 R. J. FOXWORTH,  
 M. L. DEKLE,  
 W. C. LOCKEY,  
 H. L. GREEN. } Committee.

SPECIAL REPORT—B. M. A. A.

We, your special committee, after canvassing the opinions of several brethern, make the following recommendations:

1. That this Association do not create a B. M. A. sinking fund.
2. That five brethern be found who will take one each of our five old ministers and pay their annual dues of 50c, and the assessments as they may be levied for one year.
3. That each pastor in their respective churches endeavor to increase the number of honorary members in the B. M. A. A.

W. P. RICHARDSON  
 W. A. BRYANT,  
 J. W. WHITE,  
 J. D. COURTNEY. } Committee.

DOCUMENTS.

We find three churches petitioning for the next session of the Association—Friendship, Bascom, Damascus.  
 We find one church petitioning for admission into this body—Poplar Head.

Respectfully submitted,  
 J. E. COOK, Chairman.  
 R. J. EDENFIELD,  
 S. M. HARDWICK,  
 J. T. CARTER,  
 SWAN ROLLINS. } Committee.

DECEASED MINISTERS.

We feel very grateful to our heavenly Father, that we can report that no deaths have occurred among our minis-

ters in this Association during the past year. We praise Him for sparing them all to us.

J. M. LAND, Chairman.  
 DALLAS NIXON,  
 W. B. DANIELS,  
 R. A. THARP,  
 J. W. DEAL,  
 F. L. COPE. } Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1902.	Oct. 18.	By Balance of account rendered.....	\$ 8 13
	Oct. 20.	" Cash from Association.....	260 95
	Oct. 20.	" Collected for Orphanage.....	14 61
	Oct. 20.	" " for State Missions.....	24 65
	Oct. 27.	" Am't sent in by Millville Church.....	2 35
1903.	Feb. 28.	" " sent in by Friendship Church.....	1 12
	Mch. 17.	" " " Campbellton ".....	5 08
	Mch. 28.	" " " Bethlehem ".....	8 35
	April 14.	" " " Ebunizer ".....	1 90
	April 22.	" " " C. A. Bevis.....	5 00
	May 27.	" " " Grand Ridge Church.....	5 00
	June 1.	" " " Mt. Olive Church.....	1 00
	June 1.	" " " Oakley Ridge.....	70
	June 12.	By Cash of R. J. Foxworth on Loudermilk horse fd.....	5 00
	June 17.	" " " E. N. Dekle ".....	5 00
	June 23.	" " " Higgins & Hollinger ".....	5 00
	July 18.	" " " Vernon Church.....	2 00
	July 18.	" " " W. C. Lockey on Loudermilk horse fd.....	7 00
	July 11.	" " " Bethlehem Sunday School.....	7 05—\$ 369 99
DEBITS.			
1903.	Oct. 20.	To L. D. Geiger for Orphans Home.....	\$ 16 50
	Oct. 20.	To " " State Missions.....	12 25
	Oct. 20.	" " Home Missions.....	28 63
	Oct. 20.	" " Foreign Missions.....	36 75
	Oct. 20.	" " Aged Ministers.....	8 90
	Oct. 20.	" " Special Collection Orphanage.....	14 61
	Oct. 20.	" " State Mission.....	24 65
	Nov. 19.	" S. L. Loudermilk.....	10 00
	Dec 18	" ".....	25 00
	Dec 20	" Clerk of Association.....	20 00
	Dec 20	" Printing Minutes.....	25 00
1903	Jan 20	" S L Loudermilk.....	10 00
	May 6	" ".....	40 00
	Aug 6	" ".....	20 00
	Sept 3	" ".....	10 00
	Oct. 16	" ".....	5 00
	Nov. 2.	Paid S L Loudermilk.....	62 70—\$ 307 29
1903	To Balance on hand.....		\$ 62 70

M. L. DEKLE, Treasurer.

PLEDGES FOR CONRAD HALL  
DUE NOW

W. A. Bryan, Chipley, Florida	5 00	
W. J. Hill	1 00	
L. T. Knizely	5 00	
J. R. McColskey	5 00	
E. N. Dekle	2 00	paid
F. L. Cope	50	
W. P. Richardson	25 00	
M. L. Dekle, Marianna	5 00	
R. J. Foxworth, Marianna	5 00	paid
S. B. Rogers	1 00	
J. Y. Folsom	1 00	
A. N. Bevis, Bascom	5 00	paid
J. S. Coleman, Bonifay	1 00	
A. A. Tharp	5 00	paid
J. M. Matthews	5 00	paid
H. C. Cain	2 00	
A. B. Wamble, Graceville	1 00	
J. H. Crutehfield	1 00	paid
W. H. McIntosh	1 00	paid
E. English	1 00	paid
Martha E. English	5 00	paid
C. A. Bevis, Dellwood, Florida	5 00	paid
T. O. Reese, Apalachicola, Florida	2 00	
J. W. White, Campbellton	2 00	paid
J. N. Wilson, Sneads	1 00	paid
S. L. Loudermilk, Nixon	1 00	paid
J. A. Connell, Wewahitchka	1 00	paid
W. W. Oliver, Grand Ridge	1 00	paid
J. M. Land, Kynesville	1 00	paid
Wm. Nichols, Bailey	1 00	
N. J. Phillips	1 00	paid
J. J. Giles	1 00	paid
Cash	\$ 19 50	
	\$ 38 50	
Due	\$ 65 00	
Bascom	300 00	
Grand Ridge	30 00	
Apalachicola	200 00	
J. W. White's Church	10 00	
J. D. Courtney	10 00	
Macedonia	10 00	
Mt. Ararat	100 00	
Bonifay	50 00	
Greenwood	50 00	
Wewahitchka	25 00	
Cottondale	25 00	
Bethlehem	25 00	
White Pond	25 00	
Pleasant Hill	5 00	
W. P. Richardson, Chipley, Fla.	5 00	
W. H. McIntosh, Graceville, Fla.	25 00	
Hickory Level	25 00	
Albert Myers, Kynesville, Fla.	25 00	
George Myers	10 00	
C. A. Bevis, Dellwood, Fla.	300 00	
Marianna	300 00	
Chipley	10 00	
Bethany	5 00	
W. A. Bryan, Chipley, Fla.	5 00	
W. W. Oliver, Grand Ridge, Fla.	5 00	
J. A. Carnell, Wewahitchka, Fla.	5 00	
	\$1810 00	

CORRECTION.

The following sentence should have been printed on page 6, in the afternoon record for Saturday:  
"Reports of Executive Committee, Missionary and Treasurer were read and adopted."

CONSTITUTION.

Constitution and By-Laws of the West Florida Baptist Association, 1903.

ARTICLE I.

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

ARTICLE 2.

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 his body.

SEC. 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., Sunday School, or B. Y. P. U. in good standing in said churches who may attend said Association, may be recognized and enrolled as messengers.

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 from 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 giving 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, }  
S. B. ROGERS, } Committee.  
S. L. LOUDERMILK, }

## OUR DEAD.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF  
DEACON W. M. THOMPSON,

OF

HICKORY LEVEL CHURCH,

AND

BRETHREN J. D. WATTS, A. F. THOMAS,  
FELIX CARTER J. A. SHOUBE,

AND

SISTERS SARAH ANN CRUTCHFIELD, AN-  
NELIZA BROWN, NETTIE ELLERBEE, SA-  
RAH PEAR, ADA WOMBLE, ELLA TOOL,  
JANE O'CONNOR, ANNIE PARRISH, EM-  
MA CORLEY, ELIZABETH RICHARDS,

AND TEN OTHER MEMBERS  
OF OUR CHURCHES,

Who have died in

1903.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the  
death of His saints."

"IN THE PARADISE OF GOD."

HISTORICAL TABLE.

Year.	Moderator	Clerk.	Church.	Number.	Missions.
1 1847			Campbelton		
2 1848			Union Academy		
3 1849	D. P. Everett	E Minching	Campbelton	464	\$ 134 93
4 1880	J. Mercer	"	Bethlehem	400	118 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	583	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 90
13 1859	"	"	Grange Church	679	300 90
14 1860	W. B. Lacey	"	Campbelton	774	200 00
15 1861					
16 1862					
17 1863	W. B. Lacey	Stephen Rowe	Campbelton	870	655 99
18 1864	"	"	Greenwood	952	500 00
19 1865	"	"	Friendship	1082	846 00
20 1866	"	"	Campbelton	1049	128 00
21 1867	W. H. Howell	"	Greenwood	953	184 00
22 1868	"	"	Antioch	953	
23 1869	W H Banks	"	Friendship	915	
24 1870	"	W F Jordan	Smyrna	654	127 00
25 1871	T E Langley	"	Campbelton	739	154 00
26 1872	"	W J Daniel	Greenwood	729	152 00
27 1873	"	"	Cedar Pond	629	183 00
28 1874	"	"	Friendship	698	204 00
29 1875	"	"	Campbelton	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	"	"	Dar ascus	792	82 00
34 1880	"	A P Ashurst	Campbelton	946	105 00
35 1881	"	W J Daniel	Friendship	823	125 00
36 1882	"	W M Farior	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	1006	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 90
46 1892	"	"	Piney Grove	950	147 40
47 1893	"	"	Wewahitchka	1117	200 00
48 1894	"	"	Ebenezer	1294	491 10
49 1895	L P Smith	"	Campbelton	1306	198 08
50 1896	W A Bryan	John M Stephens	Friendship	1108	207 62
51 1897	"	"	Chipley	1648	244 21
52 1898	"	W M Farior	Vernon	1612	396 05
53 1899	"	"	Cottondale	1790	340 92
54 1900	"	"	Bascom	1793	536 05
55 1901	"	"	Bethel	1784	
56 1902	S B Rogers	S L Loudermilk	Bethlehem	1909	834 11
57 1903	"	"	Bonifay	2512	1482 00

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS	POST OFFICES.	Officers.	Pupils.	Expense.	Given Missions
Apalachicola.....						
Bascom.....	N. L. Hart.....	Bascom, Fla.....	5	60	\$ 13 82	
Bethel.....	J. W. Richardson.....	Greenville, Fla.....	4	46	4 00	
Bethlehem.....	Albert Meyers.....	Kynesville, Fla.....	7	98	19 00	\$ 8 35
Bonifay.....	A. M. Mathews.....	Bonifay, Fla.....	4	60	13 62	2 85
Chipley.....	Wm. Farrior.....	Chipley, Fla.....	9	80	34 94	7 50
Cottondale.....	J. L. Massey.....	Cottondale, Fla.....	4	30	6 40	
Damascus.....	W. L. Currie.....	Graceville, Fla.....	6	64	6 69	
Dellwood.....	J. W. O'Neal.....	Dellwood, Fla.....	3	50	11 00	
Econfina.....	W. B. Gainer.....	Econfina, Fla.....	3	25	2 60	
Friendship.....	John M. Stevens.....	Greenwood, Fla.....	4	52	3 00	3 55
Graceville.....	W. F. Lee.....	Graceville, Fla.....	5	54		
Grand Ridge.....	W. W. Oliver.....	Grand Ridge, Fla.....	7	50	14 80	
Greenwood.....			4	35		
Hickory Level.....	W. W. White.....	Marianna, Fla.....	4	63	3 72	
Marianna.....	M. L. Dekle.....	Marianna, Fla.....	11	70	24 36	35 75
Orange Hill.....	W. B. Daniels.....	Wansau, Fla.....	3	25	2 15	
Pleasant Hill.....	C. G. Davis.....	Nixon, Fla.....	6	55	5 50	
Poplar Head.....	H. J. Nichols.....	Bailey, Fla.....	4	55	5 90	
Sneads.....	J. G. Stuart.....	Sneads, Fla.....	4	52	8 00	
St. Andrew.....	Hinton Folsom.....	St. Andrew, Fla.....	4	42	5 00	
Vernon (Union).....	David Parrish.....	Vernon, Fla.....	4	25	6 00	
Wewahitchka.....	J. A. Connell.....	Wewahitchka, Fla.....	4	35	11 00	
			109	1116	\$191 60	\$58 00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Organized.	Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Post Offices.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
1898	Apalachicola.....	T. O. Reese.....	T. E. Jordan.....	Apalachicola, Fla.....	1	4		8	1	3	67
1898	Bascom.....	C. H. Yearby.....	E. B. Smith.....	Bascom, Fla.....	15	6	3	8	1	1	80
1898	Bethany.....	W. H. McIntosh.....	W. V. Tyler.....	Wrights, Fla.....				4	6		34
1891	Bethel.....	S. W. Locke.....	J. W. Richardson.....	Graceville, Fla.....	2		1	1	3		61
1868	Bethlehem.....	S. L. Loudermilk.....	S. M. Griffin.....	Kynesville, Fla.....	1	1	1	1			62
1898	Beulah.....	E. English.....	Kaddin Tharp.....	Bonifay, Fla.....	10	2	1		4		22
1898	Bonifay.....	H. C. Cain.....	H. J. Brett.....	Bonifay, Fla.....	41	1		1	1		65
1900	Bonifay.....	J. W. White.....	K. A. Kenfroe.....	Campbellton, Fla.....		2		1			51
1825	Campbellton.....	S. B. Rogers.....	V. E. Coleman.....	Chipley, Fla.....		7		1	1	3	136
1886	Chipley.....	J. W. White.....	W. T. Graves.....	Cottondale, Fla.....				1	1	1	22
	Cottondale.....		Ezra Kinney.....	Cromaton, Fla.....							3
1898	Cromaton.....	J. W. White.....	N. J. Phillips.....	Graceville, Fla.....	1	10	2	2	2	1	124
1874	Dellwood.....	H. S. Howard.....	J. P. Coonrod.....	Dellwood, Fla.....	1	5	1	6	4	1	108
1866	Ebenezer.....	J. D. Courtney.....	J. M. Simmons.....	Vernon, Fla.....	4		1	1	1	1	34
1866	Econfinia.....	S. L. Loudermilk.....	W. B. Gauner.....	Econfinia, Fla.....	9				1	2	44
	Ephesus.....		J. O. Christinas.....	Campbellton, Fla.....			4	9		1	67
1857	Friendship.....	H. S. Howard.....	J. M. Stevens.....	Greenwood, Fla.....	18	5		5	3	8	83
	Graceville.....	J. W. White.....	N. Barefoot.....	Graceville, Fla.....	1	7	1	5	3		72
	Grand Ridge.....	H. C. Cain.....	R. A. Burnes.....	Grand Ridge, Fla.....	17	10	1	4	2	1	48
1874	Grassy Point.....	J. D. Courtney.....	J. H. Anderson.....	Anderson, Fla.....	3	4		7			36
1745	Greenwood.....	E. L. Wells.....	T. J. Boone.....	Greenwood, Fla.....	5	11					51
1872	Hickory Level.....	S. L. Loudermilk.....	W. W. White.....	Marianna, Fla.....	27	3	2			1	97
1899	Lovedale.....	C. L. Burnes.....	W. H. Pyke.....	Parramore, Fla.....	1			4			58
1897	Macedonia.....	W. H. McIntosh.....	S. L. Daniel.....	Kynesville, Fla.....	7	11				1	31
1889	Marianna.....	S. B. Rogers.....	J. C. Davis.....	Marianna, Fla.....		7		4			84
1899	Millville.....	J. W. Aldridge.....	Hosea Gray.....	Millville, Fla.....	18	15		3			64
1902	Mt. Ararat.....	J. D. Courtney.....	A. L. Richter.....	Chipley, Fla.....	4	7					42
	Mt. Olive.....		C. C. Locke.....	Bonifay, Fla.....	10			3			19
	Mt. Ida.....		S. W. Robinson.....	Wausau, Fla.....							20
1897	New Orange.....	W. P. Richardson.....	D. H. Horne.....	Orange Hill, Fla.....	9		5	5		1	28
1895	New Salem.....	J. S. Waichob.....	J. R. Pippin.....	Marianna, Fla.....							51
1898	Oaky Ridge.....	W. H. McIntosh.....	W. H. Slay.....	Orange Hill, Fla.....				2	1		47
	Orange Hill.....		T. L. Daniel.....	Wausau, Fla.....	6		4	4	1	3	78
1882	Pilgrim's Rest.....	Wm. Sapp.....	H. L. Sapp.....	Chipley, Fla.....	3			2	1	1	43
1884	Piney Grove.....	C. S. Locke.....	J. B. Shores.....	Cottondale, Fla.....	9	2		1			50
1894	Pleasant Hill.....	S. L. Loudermilk.....	C. G. Davis.....	Nixon, Fla.....	10	10		3	5		34
	Poplar Head.....	J. M. Smith.....	J. L. Nichols.....	Bailey, Fla.....	8	5	2	3	1	1	81
1895	Sardi.....	J. J. Culberson.....	W. J. Strickland.....	Comfort, Fla.....	22	5		7	1		100
1894	St. Andrew.....	E. L. Wells.....	C. W. Lanier.....	Sneads, Fla.....	3			1			57
	Unity.....	Geo. Crofton.....	J. R. Thompson.....	St. Andrew, Fla.....	5	2		8	1		51
	Pt. Washington.....		J. M. Hightower.....	Millor's Ferry, Fla.....						1	30
1895	Vernon.....	T. O. Reese.....	C. K. Melvin.....	Vernon, Fla.....	2	1		1			37
	Wawahitchka.....	W. H. McIntosh.....	J. R. Hollinger.....	Wawahitchka, Fla.....	4						36
	West Bay.....	J. M. Land.....	Dan Sowell.....	West Bay, Fla.....							18
1892	White Pond.....		Burruss Kent.....	Chipley, Fla.....							50
					176	144	28	105	41	36	2512

FINANCIAL TABLE

	1965	Associational Purposes.	Minutes.	Orphans Home.	Missions.			Aged Ministers.	Total Sent Up Now.	Sent During the Year.	Church Expenses and Pastor's Salary.	Sunday School Expenses	Total Money Raised.	Value Church Property.	Other Purposes.	Conrad Hall Pledges.	Grand Total.
					State.	Home.	Foreign.										
Apalachicola.....	\$ 2 50	\$ 50															
Kasson.....	31	4 00															
Bethany.....	2 35	50															
Bethel.....	8 35	50															
Bethlehem.....	2 00	1 00															
Bonifay.....	1 00	1 00															
Campbellton.....	15 50	1 50															
Chipley.....	34 85	1 00															
Cottondale.....		1 00															
Cronaton.....		25															
Damascus.....	5 00	1 50															
Dellwood.....	6 50	2 00															
Deerwater.....	3 50	2 50															
Deerwater.....	2 00	75															
Echohna.....		1 50															
Ephesus.....	3 75	1 50															
Friendship.....	4 75	1 75															
Graceland.....		1 50															
Graceland.....		1 50															
Grassy Point.....		1 50															
Greenwood.....	1 00	2 00															
Hickory Level.....	2 50	1 50															
Lowndale.....	3 50	1 00															
Macedonia.....	1 50	1 50															
Marianna.....	61 75	1 00															
Milville.....	1 50	1 00															
Mt. Ararat.....		1 00															
Mt. Olive.....		25															
New Orange.....	1 00	25															
New Orange.....	3 00	25															
New Salem.....	1 75	75															
Olds Ridge.....		1 50															
Orange Hill.....	3 75	1 00															
Orange Hill.....	3 75	1 00															
Philo G. Kest.....	3 00	1 50															
Pleasant Hill.....	3 00	1 50															
Poplar Head.....	2 50	50															
Pr. Washington.....		50															
Sardis.....	2 00	50															
Sneads.....	12 00	50															
Ss. Andrew.....	3 00	1 00															
Unity.....	1 00	20															
Vernon.....	5 00	20															
Wewahitchka.....	2 00	75															
Wes Bay.....		25															
White Pond.....	75																
C. A. Bevis.....	5 00																
Collections.....																	
Total.....	\$207 29	\$37 25	\$ 84 61	\$14 35	\$75 81	\$83 85	\$30 25	\$ 430 74	\$ 1 128 09	\$ 5 264 91	\$ 175 84	\$ 750 35	\$50 305 00	\$47 45		\$ 27 873 35	