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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, Womans' 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 of Nominations.
8. Miscellaneous.
9. Read and adopt Minutes.
10. Adjourn.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Adams, I. T. B.	.....	Glass, Fla.
Aldridge, John W.	.....	Wrights, "
Bryan, W. A.	.....	Chipley, "
Burke, M. F.	.....	Sneads, "
Burnes C. L.	.....	Parramore, "
Carter, J. N.	.....	Wausau, "
Courtney, J. D.	.....	Graceville, "
Collier, B. W.	.....	Marianna, "
Crofton, Geo.	.....	Clarkson, "
Crutchfield, J. H.	.....	Graceville, "
Dees, W. R.	.....	Potolo, "
English, Ell.	.....	Graceville, "
Harris, Robert.	.....	West Bay, "
Howard, H. S.	.....	Bascom, "
Johnson, J. W.	.....	Graceville, "
Knizley, L. T.	.....	Chipley, "
Lawrance, R. C. B.	.....	Dellwood, "
Lawrence, H. W.	.....	Dellwood, "
Land, J. M.	.....	Kynesville, "
Lock, S. W.	.....	Bonifay, "
Lock, C. S.	.....	Chipley, "
Long, J. M.	.....	Campbellton, "
Loudermilk, S. L.	.....	Nixon, "
McIntosh, W. H.	.....	Graceville, "
McCranie, John.	.....	Grand Ridge, "
Nelson, E. D.	.....	Orange Hill, "
Nixon, J. E.	.....	Nixon, "
O'Connor, J. B.	.....	Marianna, "
Osborn, Miles.	.....	Potolo, "
Pettus, Z. W.	.....	Clarkson, "
Reese, T. O.	.....	Apalachicola, "
Richardson, W. P.	.....	Chipley, "
Riddles, A. B.	.....	Pitts, "
Sapp, William.	.....	Campbellton, "
Scott, J. S.	.....	Bonifay, "
Simpson, W. D.	.....	Alliance, "
Smith, J. M.	.....	Bailey, "
Walchob, J. S.	.....	Chipley, "
Womble, A. B.	.....	Graceville, "
White, J. W.	.....	Campbellton, "
Yearby, C. H.	.....	Bascom, "
Total 41.		

LICENTIATES.

H. K. Shirley,	.....	Kynesville, Fla.
W. W. Jones,	.....	Chipley, "
F. C. Hawk,	.....	Chipley, "
Jesse Rogers,	.....	Wausau, "
G. W. Creamer,	.....	Chipley, "
J. J. E. W. Taylor,	.....	Cottondale, "

MINUTES

The West Florida Baptist Association met with the Damascus Baptist Church, on Friday, October 14th, 1904. After songs, and prayer by Rev. T. O. Reese, the

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

was preached by Rev. C. H. Yearby, from Mat. 28: "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Outline—1. "I," Divine Companionship; 2. "Alway," Abiding Companionship; 3. Needed Companionship (1.) Great work, (2.) Persecution; 4. The Workers: Faithfulness, Missions, actual: all conditional. Excellent sermon. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Bryan. Song No. 51. Intermission for dinner.

AFTERNOON.

After singing, Bro. M. F. Boone as chairman of Executive Committee, and in the absence of former Moderator, acted as temporary Moderator. Read a Psalm. Prayer by Rev. J. W. White. W. C. Lockey and M. L. Dekle appointed to take up the letters and read the same. And messengers enrolled as follows:

- Apalachicola—Rev. T. O. Reese.
- Bascom—J. W. Godwin, N. L. Hart, J. E. Cook, Rupert Bevis and D. O. Boone.
- Bethany—M. H. Holloway.
- Bethel—H. F. Womble, W. R. Hooks and J. F. Martain.
- Bethlehem—J. L. Cremer, L. R. Barnes, W. W. Gay, A. A. Myers.
- Bonifay—Robert Allen, Miss Dottie Niles.
- Campbellton—D. E. Pybus, H. H. Hinson, C. R. Jones.
- Chipley—W. M. Farrior, J. R. McColskey, E. N. Dekle, F. C. Hawk, J. R. McGeachy.
- Cottondale—W. A. Williams, A. B. Cumbie, Mrs. J. L. Massey.
- Damascus—G. W. Philips, James Cushing, Thomas McIntosh, C. G. Grant, L. M. Suggs.
- Dellwood—J. P. Coonrod.
- Ebenezer—J. E. Shipes, O. L. Pippin, Miss Leta Pippin.
- Econfina—Letter.
- Ephesus—J. J. Norman.
- Friendship—J. M. Stevens, Mrs. Ola Stanland and Jeff Stanland.
- Graceville—J. T. Baldwin, J. T. Pilcher, B. P. Cain, E. O. Womble.
- Grand Ridge—R. S. Roddenberry, Mrs. R. S. Roddenberry.
- Greenwood—E. H. Anderson, W. H. Ethridge.

Hickory Level—R. J. Foxworth, Joe Pumphrey.
 Lovedale—Letter.
 Macedonia—W. C. Locke, Henry Scott, Bertie Daniel.
 Marianna—M. F. Boone, E. C. Hogan, W. B. Folsom,
 M. L. Dekle.
 Millville—H. J. Carlisle.
 Mt. Olive—S. W. Locke, S. C. Maund.
 New Salem—J. H. Coley, Gus O'Connor, W. B. Daniels.
 Oaky Ridge—J. M. Stewart, HESSIE Stewart, Everetta
 Nelson.
 Orange Hill—W. B. Daniels.
 Pilgrims Rest—J. B. Toole, J. N. Parish, C. S. Shirey,
 H. L. Sapp.
 Piney Grove—Z. G. Creamer, H. G. Shores, F. B. Shores,
 J. B. Shores.
 Pleasant Grove—J. W. Berry, E. A. Majors, B. F.
 Mathews.
 Pleasant Hill—S. L. Loudermilk.
 Poplar Head—R. J. Nichols, S. B. Roland.
 Poplar Spring—T. J. Parker, J. W. Richter.
 Pt. Washington—G. W. Underwood.
 Sneads—Jas. N. Wilson.
 St. Andrew—Letter.
 Union Hill—R. A. Tharp, Eddie Dees.
 Uanity—Z. W. Pettus.
 Vernon—E. W. Sapp, F. P. Bruce, W. C. Lockey.
 Wewahitchka—Jas. A. Connell, Alma Pridgeon.
 White Pond—J. N. McClane, Lewis Kent, J. F. Swales.

A women's meeting was held at the school house. Proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk. Result: Rev. W. A. Bryan, Moderator, and Rev. S. L. Loudermilk, Clerk. After speeches of acceptance, the Moderator then appointed the Committee on Preaching, consisting of Messengers of Damascus Church and J. P. Conrod and J. A. Connell.

Point Washington, Union Hill and Pleasant Grove, were received on petitionary letters.

[Statement: Point Washington and Beulah had dissolved and reorganized: Pleasant Grove came from Geneva Association.]

On motion the Association meet at 8:30 a. m., adjourn at 12 m., meet at 2 p. m., adjourn at will.

Messengers, correspondents and visitors were assigned to their homes. Adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION.

After preaching by Rev. S. L. Loudermilk, from John 3:14, on the "Uplifted Christ" and prayer by Rev. Judson Brooks, the body came to order.

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

Rev. Judson Brooks was enrolled as corresponding Messenger from Geneva Association.

J. D. Courtney, J. W. Johnson, Z. W. Pettus, W. P. Richardson, H. J. Carlisle, R. A. Tharp were appointed correspondents to Geneva Association.

On motion any of our members who may attend Sister Associations, be recognized as our corresponding Messengers.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to insert the meeting days of the Churches in the minutes, also the articles of Faith. Adjourned.

SATURDAY.

8:30 a. m. Song. Moderator read second chapter of Ephesians. Rev. Dan Anderson led in prayer. Song. Various Committees called.

Rev. Dan Anderson was recognized as corresponding Messenger, from Graves Association.

Report on aged Ministers, read and discussed by J. W. White, T. O. Reese, W. M. Farrion, W. P. Richardson, E. W. Sapp, J. D. Courtney, J. E. Cook, J. M. Smith, Judson Brooks, W. A. Bryan and adopted. A collection of \$36.65 was taken for aged Ministers.

Miss Jennie L. Spalding, Corresponding Secretary of Women's Missionary Union of Florida, was accorded time, and gave the Association a beautiful address on World-wide Evangelization and Womens' work.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, that this body hereby express its gratification, heartfelt thanks and readiness to co-operate, for the visit and helpfulness of Sister Spalding to this session. Adopted. On motion, adjourned to hear preaching by Rev. B. W. Collier.

Texts: Mat. 28: 19; Mark 16:15; Subject: Missions.

Outline. 1. Power; 2. The sent, "Ye," the church; 3. "Go," Where? "Into all the world," All Nations," "Every Creature":—A universally adopted religion; 4. The Presence—Spirit, Poper.

Prayer by Rev. H. S. Howard. Rev. L. D. Geiger, State Mission Secretary, was recognized and talked of the work and Witness. Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON.

The Women's Missionary Union held a session from 1 p. m. to 2 p. m. The Association resumed business. The report on publications was read and discussed by W. P. Richardson, J. M. Smith, J. W. Godwin, Miss Spalding, L. D. Gieger, S. L. Loudermilk, and adopted.

Report on Finance, Executive Committee and Treasurer, read and adopted. On Motion, Missions set as the special order for 7:30 p. m.

Report on Documents read and adopted. On Motion, Friendship was adopted as the place of session, of 1905.

Special Committee on alien immersion, reported as follows: We your Committee, recommend that it is unscriptural and unbaptistic to receive Freewills on their freewill baptisms.

C. H. YEARBY,	} Committee.
T. O. REESE,	
ROBERT HARRIS.	

On motion the committee was instructed to present proper resolutions on the above subject.

Report on Women's Work, read by Sister Roddenberry and discussed by Rev. L. D. Geiger, J. M. Smith, and adopted.

Report on Education, read and discussed by F. C. Hawk, L. D. Greiger, S. L. Loudermilk, J. W. Godwin, J. D. Courtney, Robert Harris, and adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved, by the West Florida Association, that all alien immersion is unscriptural. A proper administrator is as essential as the proper subject or the proper act. Since Christ's Church is the Executive of His Kingdom, only those who receive their authority from the church can legally administer the ordinance of baptism. Therefore it is unbaptistic to receive alien immersions and will not be tolerated by this Association. Unanimously adopted.

The report on deceased Ministers, read and adopted. On motion adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

Song. Report on Nominations, read, discussed and adopted.

Report on Baptist Minister's Assurance Association, read, discussed and adopted.

Report on Orphanage, read and discussed by J. W. Godwin, R. S. Roddenberry, H. S. Howard, J. M. Smith and adopted. A collection of \$35.65, was taken for the Orphanage.

On motion, Temperance made special order for 9 a. m. Sunday, and on Sunday Schools, immediately following.

The reports on Missions and of the three Missionaries and on Destitution, were read and discussed by C. H. Yearby, J. D. Courtney, W. H. McIntosh, S. L. Loudermilk, J. W. Johnson, R. Harris, L. D. Geiger, J. M. Smith. On motion adjourned.

SUNDAY.

Song. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. T. O. Reese—read Rom. 12. Prayer. Song.

Report on Temperance, read and discussed by R. S. Roddenberry, T. O. Reese, E. D. Nelson, J. M. Smith, S.

L. Loudermilk, W. P. Richardson, J. W. White, W. C. Locke and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools, read and discussed by A. A. Myers, R. S. Roddenberry, B. W. Collier, S. L. Loudermilk and adopted.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to correct and have 1000 Minutes printed and allowed \$20 therefor and draw on Treasure for postage.

On motion, M. L. Dekle elected Treasurer.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, that we hereby express our sincere thanks to the members of this church and people of the vicinity, for the cordial and ample entertainment of this body.

Recess of 10 minutes. Rev. L. D. Geiger read Mat. 13. Rev. W. A. Bryan preached the Missionary sermon from John 4:38.

Collection of \$46 was taken for Missions.

Pledges were then taken to the amount of \$1,386, for Missions.

Report on Missions, Destitution and of Missionaries adopted.

After song and parting hand adjourned to meet with Friendship Church in 1905.

W. A. BRYAN, Moderator.
S. L. LOUDERMILK, Clerk.

A sumptuous dinner was then served.

Rev. Judson Brooks preached at 3 p. m.

Note.—By oversight the Committee on Library was not appointed.

MINUTES OF WOMAN'S MEETING.

The Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary of the West Florida Association, met Friday, Oct. 14th, in the school building. Meeting was called to order by Mrs. E. N. Dekle, of Chipley. The 19th Psalm was read, after which Mrs. C. H. Yearby led in prayer.

By acclamation Mrs. R. S. Roddenberry was elected Secretary.

Letters from the societies of Marianna, Wewahatchka and Bascom were read.

Reports were heard from the societies of Chipley and Grand Ridge.

The meeting was then turned over to Miss Jennie L. Spalding, State Secretary of the W. M. U. of Fla. She spoke very interestingly of the woman's work throughout the state and of plans for coming work. After prayer led by Miss Spalding meeting adjourned until Sat., 1 p. m.

Sat., Oct. 15th.—Woman's meeting was called to order

by Miss Spalding. After singing and prayer Miss Spalding read authority for mission work. Meeting was led in prayer by Rev. L. D. Geiger. Letter from Chipley society was read. Essay by Mrs. Roddenberry. Comments on mission work by Miss Spalding. Distribution of literature. Collection for Bible fund was taken amounting to \$9.32.

MRS. R. S. RODDENBERRY, Secy.

EDUCATION.

Education is the training of the mind and body, a developing of powers naturally possessed. Through the medium of education we are fitted for greater usefulness to God and our fellowmen. The greatest pleasure and the greatest suffering in life are of the mind and soul: and according to the the development of the higher powers of man can he enjoy the great and good.

Education lifts humanity up from the darkness of savagery to the higher plane of enlightened civilization. The mind of man is his source of power. Our Saviour was the greatest example of a lofty and grand intellect of all the ages, and is so recognized to-day. No man of His time or now could stand before His matchless intellect. He is our model. He would have us thoroughly equipped for the great contest against the powers of darkness. He would have us possess knowledge, wisdom and active mind—able to cope with the wiles of devil. Christ wants man to be always at his best, alert, watchful, ready.

Therefore recognizing the importance of a trained mind, as true followers of our Lord, standing for all that is uplifting and ennobling. We recommend that the great importance of education be kept continually in view by this body.

We further urge that our people insist upon and work for upright and Godly men only to teach in our schools; bearing in mind that early impressions have much to do in shaping the character of men and women.

We specially recommend that our Association extend all the aid possible to our Ministers in bettering their education and training their minds: and to this end recommend the establishment of a

MINISTER'S LIBRARY

with an appropriation of \$50. That a committee of five of our best men be appointed to select such books as will most benefit our Ministers who cannot attend school or buy books, and to arrange detail of management. That any books donated be added to the library; That a librarian be appointed to have care of the books, etc.

We believe this a most practical way of helping our de-

serving brethren who desire better training.

A list of the books should be printed in the Minutes, and the list amended from time to time: and all Ministers recognized by our Association have free use of the books, one at a time, receipting librarian for same, with necessary postage.

To any desiring to attend higher schools, we recommend Stetson University, at DeLand, and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. HAWK, Chairman
B. W. COLLIER,
H. S. HOWARD,
Z. W. PETTUS,
D. O. BOONE,
J. M. McCLAIN,
W. H. ETHRIDGE,
J. M. MARTEN,

Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

We repeat the "old, old story" over and over—as long as time lasts we will be called on to fight the "demon king alcohol."

Because we have driven the open saloon from the bounds of our Association, (except Franklin County) is no good reason for us to sit with folded hands and sealed lips, and think there is nothing more to do.

Alcohol is one of the greatest curses on the earth. With this club the devil drives his subjects to do his will more fully than with any other: and alas! Often that club is in the hand of baptists, and worse still, if possible, baptist ministers. In the name of our Master, we appeal to such men in Christ Jesus—not weaklings. If we are Christ's we are called for a purpose.

We need soldiers with courage in this battle—courage to take a stand, and courage to defend it at all cost, let come what may and who will.

Never compromise with the devil on any terms. Let victory be our watchword.

R. S. RODDENBERRY, Chairman
N. L. HART,
R. J. NICHOLS,
T. J. PARKER,
G. W. UNDERWOOD,
B. F. MATHEWS,
E. D. NELSON.

Committee.

MISSIONS.

Baptists ought to be greatly encouraged by God's blessings on the work of all of our Boards during the past year. While our contributions have increased a small per cent,

God has blessed us from fifty to a hundred per cent. Nearly two thousand years passed since our Lord and Master commissioned His church to preach the gospel to every creature. But still there are more than two-thirds of the human family that know nothing of Christ.

Judson prayed for the doors of the heathen to be opened; to-day they stand wide before us.

Men of every nation are hurrying to consider the claims of our religion.

The cry is: "Come over into Macedonia and help us." But how can they go except they be sent? And how can they be sent except means are provided? The work is great. Consecrated men and women are offering their services; but the Boards must say no; for lack of means to send them. This is true of our Foreign, Home and State Boards. The need of missions is great in our own homeland; to say nothing of the millions that die every year, that have never heard of the great love of God.

Oh, that we could realize our great responsibility as christians. If we are not engaged in the great missionary cause, what are we for as christians? We are to testify but in christianity, actions speak louder than words. Giving was among the first acts of worship; Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain. The wise men from the East offered gifts, gold, frankincense and Myrrh in worship of the infant Saviour. Giving was so important that Christ and his Apostles had a treasurer. Both the old and new Testament inculcate giving. "Let every one of you lay by him in store." There is no exceptions to this. If we would only do this, the day would not be far distant till the knowledge of the Lord would cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea.

C. H. YEARBY, Chairman	}	Committee.
W. M. FARRIOR,		
JAS. CUSHING,		
S. C. MAUND,		
J. M. STEWART,		
J. N. PARRISH,		
W. A. WILLIAMS,		
D. E. PYBUS.		

MISSIONARY REPORTS.

No. 1.

I began work immediately after the Association and have continued to work until now. I have traveled 3550 miles and have preached 150 sermons, at the following named places:

Ebenezer; Grassy Point; Green Head; New Honor; South-side; Pine Log and Point Washington.

Have organized one Church and four Sunday Schools.

Members received by letter or statement twelve, by baptism six.

And have collected for Missions \$35. Have received from churches on the field \$100, and from the State Board \$50; total \$150.

Dear Brethern, while all the points are important and should be looked after, we want to bring Point Washington before the Association as one of the most important places.

Respectfully,

J. D. COURTNEY, Missionary.

No. 2.

I began work April 1st, under the directions of our executive committee, from that time I have preached once a month at Noma; once a month at Haw Ridge School House; twice at resident dwellings; three times at houses of worship of other denominations; have visited Mt. Olive once and Beulah church twice, they being churches that were weak and I thought it prudent to do so. Have put a quarter of my time and more to mission work, to the field assigned me.

I agreed to do the work for \$50, the State Board having paid me up to this time \$25.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McIntosh, Missionary.

No. 3.

I was elected by the Executive Committee and appointed by the State Board to begin work January 1st and continue through the year 1904. But I kept up the work right on from the Association.

I have served four churches and four Mission Points, besides some extra work.

Churches 4. Mission Points 4. Weeks of labor 48. Sermons 90. Sunday Schools 3. Pupils 196. Teachers 10. Organized 1. Visits 42. Miles traveled 680. Baptised 39. Total additions 84.

Salary from Churches and State Board	\$255.00
Raised for Missions on field	137 40
" " Church Buildings	256.00

One church building completed. Three others in advanced stages of construction.

The Mission Points are very promising and urgent—rapidly filling up with new settlers.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. LOUDERMILK.

DESTITUTION.

There is important destitution in the North-west corner of our bounds, including the territory from the Alabama line, on East side of Choctawhatchee River, South to near Caryville and from the Cow-ford on Holmes Creek, to Douglass

Ferry and South to Millers Ferry; also from Cow-ford, on the River, East and Easterly to Bayhead in Washington Co. and from East Bay North and Easterly throughout large portions of the rapidly advancing sections of Calhoun Co.

We find also that several of our churches are not self-supporting and are asking for aid, that they may be enabled to have the gospel preached regularly.

The following churches have asked for such assistance: Pt. Washington, West Bay, Grassy Pt. and Unity, and there may be others.

We find that our Executives for the past year have already taken most of this territory into consideration and the gospel is being preached therein by Bros. McIntosh, Courtney and Loudermilk. We suggest that your Executive Committee for the ensuing year make special effort to have the entire destitution thoroughly worked.

Our country is rapidly filling up with good citizens from other sections. Many of whom are Baptist. We are progressing rapidly along industrial lines. Why not advance along the lines of Christian duties and living? And by the help of God, see that none are destitute of the Gospel—to this end let us all work and pray.

W. C. HICKEY, Chairman	}	Committee.
R. HARRIS,		
R. J. FOXWORTH,		
E. C. HOGAN,		
J. W. LOCKE,		
J. B. TOOLE,		
J. E. SHIPES,		
G. W. PHILIPS.		

WOMEN'S WORK.

After looking over the letters sent from the churches, we find four societies of the W. M. U. are reported, and while few in number, they are doing a grand and noble work for the cause of Christ's Kingdom here on earth.

To those already organized we would encourage to move forward with this glorious work, and we would urge those churches who have no organized effort among the women to organize at once, for there is a great work to be done and the women should have a part.

We would recommend that the pastors urge the women of their churches, to organize and meet with them occasionally and thus stimulate and encourage them in their undertakings.

We would also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field as literature to be used in the societies.

There are a great many churches in the association that would have societies if there was someone to organize them, we would therefore recommend that a vice-president be elected at once and that she visit every church that has

no society and organize where ever it is possible to do so. The following amount has been paid by the W. M. Societies—\$230.23.

MRS. R. S. RODDENBERRY,	}	Committee.
MISS HATTIE NILES,		
" HESSIE STEWART,		
" EVERETTA NELSON,		
" LELA PIPPEN,		
MRS. OLA STANDLAND,		
" S. L. MASSEY,	}	
" L. R. BARNES.		

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We gladly note some improvement along the line of Sunday Schools, and find that nearly all the churches have schools; and yet there is a great work to be done, in fact the work is only begun, comparatively.

We note with sadness the carelessness of many church members about Sunday Schools. We believe there is work for every member in the Sunday School, and we earnestly pray and urge that all church members take a more active part in the Sunday Schools and thereby help to further the cause of Christ.

We find that some pastors in some fields are not urging their members to have Sunday Schools, as they should.

We recommend that the very best workers be selected as teachers and that these teachers take all the time and patience necessary to teach the true meaning of the lesson.

We recommend that every Sunday School take special collection for Missions, the First Sunday in each month, and send the same, quarterly to Rev. L. D. Geiger, Apopka, Fla., with proper designations.

Realizing that the Sunday School is an important part of church work, we urge all members to assist in organizing and maintaining good schools with proper Superintendents.

We recommend that all schools in this Association use the Southern Baptist Convention literature.

Respectfully submitted.

A. A. MYERS, Chairman.

J. M. STEVENS,	}	Committee.
REPURT BEVIS,		
H. F. WOMBLE,		
RUPERT ALLEN,		
J. R. MCGEACHEY,		
O. L. PIPPIN,		
JOE. PUMPHREY.	}	

PUBLICATIONS.

We would impress the importance of good, wholesome literature in the home. Our children will occupy their

minds with something, and if we do not place before them good, pure reading matter, they will read that which is impure and demoralizing.

We are glad to report to you that the Southern Baptist Witness is now owned and controlled by the denomination of the State, and we appeal to all to give it a hearty support. We rejoice in its sound doctrine and spirituality and appreciate its improvement.

We have examined the Baptist Messenger, published at Pensacola, Fla., and believing it to be a worthy paper, also recommend it to the brethren: Also the "Home Field," The Official Organ of the Home Board, of Atlanta, Ga., and the Foreign Mission Journal, by the Foreign Board, Richmond, Va

W. P. RICHARDSON, Chairman,		
J. L. CRAMER,	T. O. REESE,	} Committee.
J. T. PILCHER,	W. G. LOCKE,	
H. G. SHORES,	R. A. THARP.	

ORPHANAGE.

We learn that the buildings have been completed, and that they have twenty or more children, with the number constantly increasing.

We believe the care of the orphans to be next in importance to preaching the gospel to all men.

Bro. Mahon is still at work in the interest of the Orphanage and Bro. and Sister B. M. Bean have charge of the Home, and need help to support the children.

We recommend that our Pastors, Deacons and Sunday School Superintendents urge the Churches and Sunday Schools to take monthly collections for the Orphanage.

J. W. GODWIN, Chairman,		
J. R. McCLOSKEY,	S. B. ROLAND,	} Committee.
H. J. CARLISLE,	J. F. SWALES,	
F. P. BRUCE,	GUS. O'CONNOR,	

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AGED MINISTERS.

Last year five aged Ministers were reported in our Association; one of that number, Rev. T. N. Knowles has died, we are grieved to learn. "Not dead but sleepeth." Two others have been added, viz: Revs. M. Osborn and A. B. Riddles; with Rev. J. W. Johnson, R. C. B. Lawrance, T. S. Scott and M. F. Burke—six in all, who are worthy of sympathy and support. These dear brethren have ever stood for the faith once delivered to the saints. Let brotherly love and christian liberality abound.

J. W. WHITE, Chairman,	E. O. WOMBLE,	} Committee.
C. R. JONES,	E. W. SAPP,	
Z. G. CREAMER,	A. E. DEES.	

B. M. A. A.

We believe the Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association is one of the best aids and protections to the widows of deceased Ministers, and we therefore urge our Pastors who do not belong to this Association to join at once. We further recommend an increase of the Honorary Membership. Rev. T. N. Knowles, who recently died in our bounds, was a beneficiary member of the B. M. A. A.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. COURTNEY, Chairman,		
J. M. SMITH,	E. N. DEKLE,	} Committee.
J. T. BALDWIN,	W. B. FOLSOM,	
C. S. SHREY,	J. E. COOK.	

Hon. W. C. Lockey and A. A. Myers kindly volunteered to pay the dues of all Pastors who were not members, viz: T. O. Reese, C. H. Yearby, E. D. Nelson, Z. W. Pettus, W. A. Bryan, Robert Harris, H. S. Howard, M. Osborn, A. B. Riddles and S. L. Loudermilk.

DECEASED MINISTERS.

We are pained to report the death of two brethren, this year—Revs. T. N. Knowles and S. B. Wilford.

But "the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; yea, saith the Spirit, they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Servants of God well done,
Rest from thy loved employ,
The battle fought the victory won,
Enter into thy Masters' Joy.

J. W. JOHNSON, Chairman,		
H. H. HINSON,	J. J. NORMAN,	} Committee.
J. H. COLEY,	F. B. SHORES,	
J. W. RICHTER,	J. W. BERRY.	

NOMINATIONS.

We nominate Rev. J. D. Courtney to preach the Introductory Sermon at next session; Rev. H. S. Howard alternate. Rev. T. O. Reese to preach the Missionary Sermon; Rev. J. W. White, alternate. Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. T. O. Reese; M. L. Dekle, alternate; to State Convention, W. A. Bryan, W. H. McIntosh, E. N. Dekle, J. R. McColskey, A. A. Myers, J. W. Godwin, J. W. White, S. L. Loudermilk, R. J. Foxworth and W. C. Lockey. For Executive Committee, E. H. Anderson, Fred. Hawk, W. B. Gainer, W. C. Lockey and M. L. Dekle.

Respectfully submitted. Committee.

Note: The Committee did not sign their names.

Clerk

OUR DEAD.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF

REV. T. N. KNOWLES,

OF

MILLVILLE CHURCH,

DIED JULY, 1904,

AND

REV. S. B. WILLOFORD,

OF

EPHESUS CHURCH,

DIED AUG., 1904.

AND

DEACON O. L. PIPPIN,

OF

EBENEZER CHURCH,

AND

BRETHREN HILLIARY SHORES, JOHN STILL,

NEWTON BRYANT

AND

SISTERS M. F. BOONE, J. C. DAVIS, CHARLOTTE MERCER, MAUD KIMBAL, LOLA RAWLES, NINA YON, REBECCA NEALEY, LEANA ALICE MITCHELL, MARY KING, CARRIE SKETO, CLARA STEPHENS, TUMPIE VICKORY, MRS. DAN, McCRANIE,

AND SIX OTHERS, WHOSE NAMES WERE NOT GIVEN, WHO HAVE DIED IN 1904.

"BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD THAT THEY MAY REST FROM THEIR LABORS."

"ASLEEP IN JESUS."

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 II.

SEC. 1. Each church will 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 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.

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 members.

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 and 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 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 name 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. }

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, and that there is a trinity of persons 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, 18:19; 1 Tim. 1:2-5; Exod. 23:1-3; John 1:1-4, 5:23, 10:39.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—2 Tim. 3:16-17, 2 Pet. 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; Psa. 14:1-1; Rom. 5:12; John 6:44; 1 Cor. 15:20; Job 14:57; Eph. 2:8-10.
4. We believe in the everlasting love of God to His people, and eternal election of a definite number of the human race to grace and glory, and that there was a covenant of redemption made between the Father and the Son before the world began, in which their salvation is secure, and they in particular are redeemed.—John 15: 16-17; Isa. 11:3-9 Eph. 1:4-5-11; Acts 13:48; 2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Pet. 1:2; Rom. 8:29-33, 9:11-12-23, 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; Psa. 14; John 10;9-15; Rom. 5: 1-10; Cor. 1:30.
6. We believe that all those that 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, and not one of them be finally lost —John 10:29-39, 6:27; Phil. 1:6; 1 Pet. 1:3-9; Heb: 6:16-20; John 17:2-3; 2 Tim. 1:9-10; Tit. 4:4-7; Eph. 2:45; 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, 3:14; 1 Pet. 2:3-5; Matt 5:16.
8. We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.—Mark 12:24-27; 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Cor. 15:12-29; Acts 17:31; Matt. 25:46; John 5: 28-29, Thess. 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; Sol. 2:12
10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great Head of His church and the 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS	POST OFFICES	Officers	Pupils	Expense	Given Missions	Baptised
Apalachicola	Mrs. T. C. McKenzie	Apalachicola	8	50	\$50 00		1
Bascom	N. L. Hart	Bascom	6	50	15 00		1
Bethel	Guss Smith	Graceville	5	58	4 00		
Bethlehem	A. A. Myers	Kynesville	6	85	8 85	\$ 8 00	17
Bonifay	J. S. Coleman	Bonifay	7	84	16 25		
Chipley	W. M. Farrior	Chipley	12	142	28 80	64 76	5
Cottondale	J. L. Massey	Cottondale	6	25	6 00		
Dellwood	J. W. O'Neal	Dellwood	6	35	4 00		2
Ebenezer	Henry Elliott	Vernon	5	18	3 30		
Friendship	Chas. Everett	Greenwood	8	43	3 57		3
Graceville	M. F. Lee	Graceville	7	64	9 00		
Grand Ridge	W. W. Oliver	Grand Ridge	8	60	17 00	3 00	
Greenwood	W. H. Ethridge	Greenwood	5	35	26 00		
Hickory Level	W. W. White	Marianna	5	21	6 50		1
Lovedale	Wilton Lawrence	Dellwood	6	65	3 00		3
Marianna	M. L. Dekle	Marianna	12	80	32 12		
Millville	R. S. Singletary	Millville	6	40	3 50		
Pleasant Grove	B. F. Mathews		4	20	2 00		
Poplar Head	H. J. Nichols	Bailey	5	30	2 75		1
Sneads	J. G. Stuart	Sneads	6	65			
St Andrew	Hinton Folsom	St. Andrew	5	35	6 00		
Wewahitchka	J. A. Connell	Wewahitchka	4	40	5 50		
Totals:			142	1140	204 14	\$75 76	36

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HISTORICAL TABLE.

Sessions	Year	Moderator	Clerk	Church	Number	Missions
1	1817			Campbellton		
2	1818			Union Academy		
3	1819	D. P. Everett	E. Minching	Campbellton	464	\$ 134 93
4	1820	J. Mercer	"	Bethlehem	409	118 15
5	1851	J. Mercer	J. H. Womwell	Sardis	467	147 30
6	1852	"	W. D. Horne	Bethlehem	568	84 50
7	1853	"	J. Drummond	Union Academy	593	101 40
8	1854	"	Stephen Rowe	Orange Hill	597	72 40
9	1855	"	"	Sardis	600	143 40
10	1856	"	"	Bethlehem	423	158 00
11	1857	"	"	Greenwood	545	106 90
12	1858	"	"	Grange Church	679	300 90
13	1859	W. B. Lacey	"	Campbellton	774	200 09
14	1860	W. B. Lacey	"	"	"	"
15	1861	W. B. Lacey	Stephen Rowe	Campbellton	870	655 99
16	1862	W. B. Lacey	"	Greenwood	952	500 00
17	1863	"	"	Friendship	1082	846 00
18	1864	"	"	Campbellton	1049	128 00
19	1865	W. H. Howell	"	Greenwood	953	184 00
20	1866	W. H. Howell	"	Antioch	953	"
21	1867	W. H. Banks	"	Friendship	935	"
22	1868	W. H. Banks	W. F. Jordan	Smyrna	654	127 00
23	1869	T. E. Langley	"	Campbellton	739	154 00
24	1870	T. E. Langley	W. J. Daniel	Greenwood	720	152 03
25	1871	"	"	Cedar Pond	629	183 00
26	1872	"	"	Friendship	698	204 03
27	1873	"	"	Campbellton	633	166 00
28	1874	"	"	Rocky Grove	833	177 00
29	1875	"	"	Greenwood	889	166 00
30	1876	"	"	Cedar Pond	771	111 00
31	1877	"	"	Damascus	792	82 00
32	1878	"	"	Campbellton	916	165 00
33	1879	"	"	Friendship	813	125 00
34	1880	A. P. A-hurst	W. Daniel	Bethlehem	918	98 00
35	1881	"	W. M. Farior	Dellwood	982	182 00
36	1882	"	"	Bethlehem	1065	205 00
37	1883	"	"	Rocky Grove	1018	231 15
38	1884	W. J. Daniel	"	Greenwood	1006	263 80
39	1885	T. E. Langley	"	Magnolia	1120	213 00
40	1886	"	"	Chipley	1377	206 00
41	1887	"	"	Damascus	1052	257 00
42	1888	"	"	Ephesus	1141	263 15
43	1889	"	"	Hickory Level	1159	680 90
44	1890	D. H. Horne	"	Piney Grove	950	147 40
45	1891	D. H. Horne	"	Wewahitehka	1117	200 00
46	1892	W. A. Bryan	"	Ebenezer	1204	401 10
47	1893	W. A. Bryan	"	Campbellton	1306	108 08
48	1894	J. P. Smith	John M. Stephens	Friendship	1408	267 62
49	1895	J. P. Smith	"	Chipley	1648	244 21
50	1896	W. A. Bryan	"	Vernon	1612	306 05
51	1897	W. A. Bryan	W. M. Farior	Cottondale	1700	347 92
52	1898	"	"	Bascom	1793	536 05
53	1899	"	"	Bethel	1784	"
54	1900	"	"	Bethlehem	1906	824 11
55	1901	S. B. Rogers	S. L. Loudermilk	Bonifay	2512	1182 00
56	1902	S. B. Rogers	"	Damascus	2721	2020 09
57	1903	"	"	"	"	"
58	1904	W. A. Bryan	"	"	"	"

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	Pastors	Clerks	Clerk's Post Offices	Increase					Total Year	This Year	
				Baptized	Restoration	Dis-missed	Excluded	Dead			
Apalachicola	T. O. Reese	T. E. Jordan	Apalachicola, Fla	1	4	5			67	70	
Bascom	C. H. Yearby	E. B. Smith	Bascom	6	3	2	5	1	81	85	
Bethany	J. B. Deshazo	W. Y. Tyler	Wrights	3	2	1	2	3	34	35	
Bethel	S. W. Locke	J. W. Richardson	Graceville	3	4	5	8	1	61	64	
Bethlehem	"	L. R. Barnes	Kynessville	29	21	16	3		62	122	
Bonifay	"	Eddie Coleman	Bonifay	6	1	1			64	64	
Campbellton	J. W. White	R. A. Renfroe	Campbellton	6			5		4	50	
Chipley	B. W. Collier	V. E. Coleman	Chipley	16	9		6		130	149	
Cottondale	J. W. White	W. T. Graves	Cottondale	4	5				22	31	
Cromaton	"	"	"							3	
Damascus	J. W. White	H. H. White	Graceville	10	6	3	3	2	124	136	
Dellwood	H. S. Howard	J. P. Conrod	Dellwood	2			4	3	1	198	105
Ebenezer	J. D. Courtney	J. M. Simmons	Vernon	2			1		1	53	53
Econfla	"	W. R. Garner	Econfla	2						46	48
Ephesus	J. H. Crutchfield	J. O. Christmas	Campbellton	4			3	2	1	56	57
Friendship	Clarence White	J. M. Stevens	Greenwood	6	4	1	3	6	1	83	85
Graceville	J. W. White	N. Barefoot	Graceville	13	6	1	6		1	70	83
Grand Ridge	C. H. Yearby	Lewis Oliver	Grand Ridge	1	9		9		2	48	47
Grassey Point	"	J. H. Anderson	Anderson							36	36
Greenwood	E. L. Wells	T. J. Boone	Greenwood		2		2			49	49
Hickory Level	"	W. W. White	Marianna	8	1	1	1	5	4	97	97
Lovedale	C. L. Burns	W. H. Pyke	Farramore	4	5		2	1		66	72
Macedonia	W. H. McIntosh	S. L. Daniel	Kynessville	6	3			2		31	38
Marianna	B. W. Collier	J. C. Davis	Marianna		3		17	1	2	84	67
Millville	"	J. H. Gray	Millville				1		1	64	62
Mt. Ida	J. S. Carter	S. W. Robinson	Wausau			1				17	17
Mt. Olive	A. E. Womble	C. C. Locke	Bonifay					14		42	28
New Orange	"	D. H. Horn	Orange Hill							20	20
New Salem	J. H. Crutchfield	J. B. O'Connor	Marianna	3	2			1		51	51
Oakey Ridge	Robert Harris	W. H. Slay	Orange Hill							46	46
Orange Hill	J. B. O'Connor	T. L. Daniel	Wausau	2				2	1	78	83
Pilgrim's Rest	J. B. McIntosh	H. L. Sapp	Chipley	4	3	1				43	76
Piney Grove	J. T. B. Adams	J. B. Shores	Cottondale	26	2	6	2		2	84	84
Pleasant Grove	W. H. McIntosh	W. A. Grubbs	"	4	5	5				50	50
Pleasant Hill	"	C. G. Davis	Nixon							29	29
Poplar Head	J. M. Smith	W. R. Nichols	Bailey	1	3			1		22	25
Poplar Springs	J. W. Aldridge	A. L. Richter	Chipley	5	3		5			16	16
Pt. Washington	J. D. Courtney	D. Casey	Pt. Washington	4						81	81
Sardis	"	W. L. Strickland	Comfort							100	98
Sneads	E. L. Wells	C. W. Lanier	Sneads		1		3			57	57
St. Andrew	"	J. R. Thompson	St. Andrew							51	54
Unity	"	I. M. Hightower	Miller's Ferry	2	1					17	17
Union Hill	W. R. Dees	E. O. Mitchell	Potolo	2		1				39	39
Vernon	"	C. R. Melvin	Vernon	15	4					34	53
Wewahitehka	T. O. Reese	I. R. Hollinger	Wewahitehka							18	18
West Bay	Robert Harris	Dan Sowell	West Bay	8	2	1	5			41	45
White Pond	J. H. Crutchfield	Burris Kent	Chipley							25	25
				202	115	51	101	46	25	2512	721

