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MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

West Florida Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Friendship Baptist Church, Jackson County, Florida, October 13, 14 and 15, 1905.

OFFICERS:

W. WHITE, Moderator, Graceville, Fla. LOUDERMILK, Clerk, Nixon, Fla. DEKLE, Treasurer, Marianna, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

R. S. RODDENBERY, F. C. HAWK, M. L. DEKLE, W. C. LOCKEY, E. O. WOMBWELL.

next Session meets with Oakey Ridge Baptist Church, Washington County, Florida, ten miles South of Chipley, on Friday before the Third Sunday in October, A. D. 1906.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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

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MINUTES.

The West Florida Baptist Association met with the Friendship Baptist Church on Friday, October 13th, 1905. After singing and prayer by C. B. Barbee, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Courtney, from John 15, 14.

The Address of Welcome was very heartily delivered by the pastor, Rev. C. J. White, to which Rev. B. W. Collier

very pleasantly replied. Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON-2:00 P. M.

Song: How Firm a Foundation. Rev. C. L. Joyner read the 8th Psalm, and led in a fervent prayer. Song.

J. H. Crutchfield and Lawson Anderson collected the letters from the churches. B. W. Collier, J. W. White, 'V. C. Lockey and R. J. Foxworth read the letters and the messengers were enrolled as follows:

Bascom-C. A. Boone, W. A. Avery, Rupert Bevis, E.

B. Smith.

Bethlehem-R. J. Foxworth, Oscar Creamer, J. W. Rawls, W. W. Gay.

Campbellton-C. R. Jones, J. W. Carter, Miss Jessie Carter.

Chipley-J. R. McColskey, E. N. Dekle, J. E. Minchin, W. A. Bryan.

Cottondale-Robert Lambert, W. J. Williams, Mrs. V. J. Harper.

Dellwood-John Messer, J. P. Coonrod, J. H. Hatcher,

Mrs. H. S. Howard.

Ebenezer-J. H. Nelson, J. W. Bruner, O. L. Pippin. Econfina-Letter.

Friendship-J. M. Stevens, E. V. McDaniel, J. H. Ferguson, N. L. Hart, D. J. Willoughby.

Fountain-S. L. Loudermilk, Oscar Loudermilk. Graceville-E. O. Womble, Mrs. P. M. Womble.

Grand Ridge-W. W. Oliver, A. J. Eldridge, Daniel Mc-Cranie.

Grassy Point-Letter.

Greenwood-E. H. Anderson, J. E. Cook, B. S. Franklin. Hickory Level-J. W. Branning, W. T. Pumphrey. Holley Grove-W. F. Chatin, J. H. O'Conner.

Lovedale-Thada Lawrence, Ira Western, Hardie Green. Macedonia-Alex Gilbert, S. L. Daniel, Henry Sullivant.

Macedonia No. 2-J. H. Gable, Wm. Barfield, J. E. Yon, H. D. Musgrove.

Marianna, R. S. Roudenbery, M. L. Dekle, W. B. Folsom, Mrs. E. C. Lewis, G. C. Horne.

Millville-Oscar Scott, Sylvester Singletary.

Mt. Ida-Jesse Rogers, Willard Newsom.

New Orange-P. L. Horne.

New Salem-J. B. O'Conner, James Coley. Oakey Ridge-E. B. Slay, E. H. Brock.

Piney Grove-J. B. Shores, Z. G. Creamer, W. A. Bush, H. G. Shores.

Pleasant Hill-Robert Nixon.

Poplar Head-J. M. Smith, Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Poplar Spring-J. W. Deal, J. A. Nichols.

Pleasant Ridge-Letter. Sardis-J. M. Blount.

Sneads-J. N. Wilson, J. G. Stewart.

St. Andrews-Letter.

Vernon-W. C. Lockey, F. P. Bruce, Mrs. T. G. Lawrance.

White Pond--ames Land Jr., Curtis Kent, Burris Kent. Five Churches-Apalachicola, Bonifay, Cromaton, Wewahitchka and West Bay, were not represented. 50 in all.

Ten Churches-Damascus, Pilgrim's Rest, Ephesus, Bethel, Bethany, Pleasant Grove, Mt. Olive, Orange Hill, Unity and Union Hill asked for letters of dismission to organize a new Association.

Roll called and corrected.

On motion of Rev. C. L. Burns, Rev. J. W. White was elected Moderator, and Rev. S. L. Loundermilk Clerk, by acclamation.

After apppropriate remarks of acceptance by the Moderator and Clerk the Moderater appointed J. W. Rawls, J. W. Carter and the pastor and messengers of Friendship as the committee on Religious Services.

Petitionary letters were called for and five were presented, viz. Fountain, Holly Grove, Macedonia, Mt. Olive, and Noma. On motion, a special committee of C. L. Burnes, R. S. Roddenberry, J. E. Cook, B. W. Coilier and W. A. Bryan to examine and report on petitionary letters; reported as follows:

"We recommend that Macedonia, Holly Grove and Fountain be received, and that Mt. Olive be rejected, and that Noma connect herself with the proposed new Association."

Rev. S. B. Rogers was recognized as a visitor and representative of the State Baptist Convention Work.

Bro. Dan Williams was received as correspondent from Columbia Association of Alabama,

Committee on Divine Service reported that Rev. C. L. Joyner would preach in this house to night, (Friday.)

On motion this body shall meet at 8:30 a. m, adjourn at 12:00 m., meet at 2:00 p. m., adjourn at 4:00, meet at 7:30 and adjourn at will. Adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION.

After preaching by Rev. C. L. Joyner, from Isa. 54:2, the Moderator announced the various committees assigned to the different reports.

On motion the churches that asked for letters of dismission to organize a new Association, viz: Damascus, Pilgrim's Rest, Ephesus, Bethel, Bethany, Pleasant Grove, Mt. Olive, Orange Hill, Unity and Union Hill were granted letters of dismission. Adjourned.

SATURDAY.

Song: "Stand up for Jesus." Rev. B. W. Collier read the 24th Psalm and ted in prayer. Song: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

Minutes read and approved

Some changes were announced for the committees. The Moderator then extended the hand of fellowship to the messengers of the new churches received -Fountain, Holly Grove and Macedonia No. 2.

On motion, the clerk was instructed to write the letters of dismission for the ten churches dismissed. Adjourned until 2:00 p. m.

At 11:00 a. m. Rev. B. W. Collier preached an inspiring sermon from Eph. 4: 11-12.

AFTERNOON.

After singing, Bro. W. P. Jordan was recognized as correspondent from Columbia (Ala.) Association.

Correspondents were appointed as follows: Rockey Creek, R. S. Roddenberry and H. S. Howard; Columbia, J. M. Stevens, J. P. Coonred and J. W. Rawls; Geneva, J. W. White; Graves, Robert Harris.

The report on Temperance was tiercely read, and discussed by R. S. Roddenberry, S. L. Loudermilk, W. A. Bryan, C. L. Burns, H. S. Howard, W. W. Oliver and John McCranie, and was enthusiastically adopted.

On motion, Missions were set as the special order for Sunday 10:00 a. m.

The report on Baptist Ministers Assurance Association was read and discussed by Rev. John McCranie. Adopted.

Report on Deceased Ministers was read by Rev. J. M. Smith and, after a fervent prayer by Rev. W. A. Bryan, was adopted

The report on Orphan's Home was read by Rev. W. A. Bryan, and discussed by R. S. Rhoddenbery, and after a collection for the same of \$19.25, was adopted.

The report on Publications was read by Rev. H. S. Howard. Rev. F. C. Edwards, office editor of the Southern Witness, was introduced and discussed the report, and our denominational literature. B. W. Collier, C. L. Joyner, S. B. Rogers, C. L. Burns and W. W. Oliver also discussed the report. A brother authorized the statement that any name and address of widows unable to pay for the Witness, if handed to the clerk, the subscription would be paid for them. Adopted.

The report on Womens Work was read by Sister R. S. Roddenberry. Miss Jennie L. Spalding, Corresponding Secretary of the State Women's Missionary Union, was recognized and gave us an excellent address on Women's Work in the great sphere of missions. Report adopted.

Report on Aged Ministers was read by Rev. Robert Harris, and adopted.

The report on Documents was read by Rev. C. L. Barns and adopted

Announcements. Adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION.

Song. The following resolution was presented by Rev. B. W. Collier and after much discussion was adopted: Resolved that in future the reading of letters from the churches in the opening of the Association be dispensed with, and that the method of organizing be as follows: At the first assembling of the body, the secretary shall call the roll of churches and as each church is called some representative of the church shall give the names of its messengers present. These enrolled shall constitute the list of messengers to the association. The committee on Documents take the letters and extract items of special interest and present in their report.

On motion, Oakey Ridge was unanimously chosen as the place for the next meeting of the Association in 1906. Adjourned.

SUNDAY.

Song. Prayer by John McCranie.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of the Executive Committee, read by Hon. W. Co Lockey; after remarks by W. A. Bryan the report was adopted

Report on Nominations read by E. N. Dekle was adopted. • Report on Destitution read by Rev. C. L. Joyner and remarks by him and Rev. C. L. Burns, S. L. Loudermilk and J. M. Smith. Adopted.

Report on Sunday schools read by Hon. W. C. Lockey, after remarks by W. C. Lockey, B. W. Collier, C. L. Burns and C. L. Joyner, it was adopted. Hour for Special Order-Missions.

S L. Loudermilk read his report of mission work, also C. L. Joyner, on the bay, presented his report, also Rev. J. M. Smith, J. D. Courtney, W. H. McIntosh, and J. W. White all rendered their reports.

Rev. B. W. Collier read the report on

MISSIONS.

Rev. S. B. Rogers delivered a stirring address on the great work of Missions. The Missionaries also made earnest talks. A live talk by Bro. W. A. Bryan.

Recess ten minutes.

The report on Education was read by Rev. C. J. White and heartily adopted.

The following resolution was offered by S. L. Louder-

milk and unanimously adopted:

Whereas the work of Education has been almost wholly neglected by this Association for the past few years, and inasmuch as it is one of our most urgent needs, and since we are well able to engage in this great work also, and realizing that the progress of Missions is mainly dependent on a trained ministry, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Florida Baptist Association at Friendship assembled, 1905, take immediate steps toward the establishment of a school for the intermediate education of our youth and ministry, preparatory to our Universities.

To this end the Moderator shall appoint a Committee of five who shall take this matter under investigation and advisement, consider locations, solicit interest, cooperation, funds, gifts, donations, etc., and take such other steps as may seem advisable and necessary for the establishment of such school, and report with recommendations at next session of this body.

B. W. Collier conducted the opening exercises, and Rev.

S. B. Rogers preached the

MISSIONARY SERMON.

Theme: God's method of drawing men into His Kingdom and leading them afterward. Text: "I draw them by the chord of man, and by the bonds of love," Hosea 11:4. Soul inspiring. Collection for Missions, \$47.27. Pledges to the amount of \$2.338.00 were taken for the ensuing year.

Report on Finance read and adopted. Report of Treasurer read and adopted.

The committee on proposed school announced-Hon. W. C. Lockey, Rev. B. W. Collier, Rev. S. L. Loudermilk, Rev. C. L. Joyner and R. S. Roddenbery.

The body instructed that the Clerk have 1000 minutes printed, and receive \$25 for his service and postage.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved that this Association hereby express our thanks for the cordial welcome and hospitable entertainment of Friendship Church and the entire community.

Adopted.

The congregation sang "God be with you till we meet again," and took the parting hand and adjourned to meet with Oakey Ridge Church, on south side of Orange Hill, 10 miles south of Chipley, on Friday before the Third Sunday in October, 1906.

Thus closed the greatest session of this Association

ever held.

REV. J. W. WHITE, Moderator. REV, S. L. LOUDERMILK, Clerk.

MINUTES OF WOMANS MEETING.

The Second Annual Meeting of the Womans Missionary Union, of West Florida Association, was held Saturday, October 14th, 1905.

The meeting came to order by singing, "All Hail the

Power of Jesus Name."

Miss J. L. Spalding, Corresponding State Secretary of the Womans Missionary Union, was present and conducted the meeting. Passages of Scripture bearing on the authority for missions and womans work was read, after which the meeting joined in prayer.

Miss Spalding, who is always full of enthusiasm for the Masters work, added much to the interest of the meeting. Her strong personality and abundant information regarding the subject of missions, eminently fit her for the high

position she occupies in this work of the State.

It is a matter of supreme importance and one that should be especially emphasized in every society, that the success and glory of Womans Work is mainly dependant on PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL POWER AND NEARNESS TO GOD. This thought should control the minds and hearts of our women and the success of raising funds need never be feared.

The Lichenor Memorial Fund was presented to the meeting for thought and a collection of \$1.35 was taken for same.

Twenty subscriptions, each, for Our Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal were taken.

Much interest was manifested in Miss Spalding's address on Missions-with the use of a missionary map.

Reports and letters were read from the following societies, viz: Bascom, Chipley, Dellwood, Marianna and Vernon. These five societies have contributed to missions the splendid sum of \$208.01, aid work, \$47.87 and boxes sent to Orphanage valued at \$77.50, making a total of \$333.38.

Many inquries were made concerning womans work and an abundance of literature distributed, and it is hoped, as well as expected, that when another association meets the number of societies represented will be greatly increased.

MRS. R. S. RODDENBERY,

Associational Vice President.

APPENDIX.-REPORTS.

Missions. Every year brings added occasion for rejoicing and hopefulness, as we contemplate the steady progress of missionary activities in this generation.

Every year, too, brings fresh cause for earnest efforts and deeper consecration as we see the doors open wider and wider into the great needy and promising fields.

Every Foreign Mission field has its special need, its special element of opportunity, its special difficulty, and its special rendition of the Macedonian cry of the ages, "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

In our own land it matters not which way we look we see the whitened fields calling loudly for laborers. In oue

own state the needs are many and pressing.

Speaking for the Baptist people as a whole we may say that our contributions to missions are growing larger every year, but we are still far from doing our best.

We need to pray the Lord for more men, more money and greater blessings upon the labors of our missionaries

on the Home and Foreign fields.

We find with satisfaction and gratitude that many of our churches have advanced in their contributions to missionary objects. It is, however, noted with sorrow that many churches are still giving very little, and alas! some are giving nothing at all for the spread of the gospel. Some give liberally for one object and entirely neglect others just as needy.

We recommend and urge the churches of the Association to strive toward the following ends: (1) That every object fostered by the denomination in this State be remembered in its proper place. (2) That every church resolve to contribute at least a small amount to each one of these objects. (3) That every collection taken be for some definite object and specially so designated. (4) That we strive to enlist every member of our churches in this great workthe greatest ever committed to the hands of men.

B. W. COLLIER. W. W. OLIVER, W. F. CHAFIN,

J. M. BLOUNT,

Committee.

J. A. NICHOLS.

TEMPERANCE.

The cause of Temperance has been before this body for years. It is a question that will not down, and the battle will not end until it has brought to a finish the destruction of the drink habit and the saloon.

We recognize that this Association desires to reach results in temperance; to bring things to pass and not mere-

ly to maintain a theory.

Our ideal position is temperance in all things; total abstainance from intoxicating liquors; the destruction of the manufacture and sale of whiskey and all alcoholic drinks for social uses. We recognize that our ideal position can only be reached by a progressive approach; that we cannot occupy the heights at once, but we can hold the adjacent hills with a view to final and entire conquest.

Unfortunately the advocates of temperance are divided. Some insist on moral suasion only, others say, "Preach the gospel, convert the drinkers, and the traffic will fall;" still others lose sight of the drinker and fight the saloon. But these should cause no conflict. We should, yea we

must, combine all these forces.

Let us use all possible moral suasion; let us preach the gospel with zeal and power to those who drink; at the same time let it be a point in Christian conscience that we have a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whether municipal, county, state or national with no wrong relation to the liquor traffic.

But let us strive for the right solution of this question. Why is it thought strange that a Christian should vote as he prays and pray as he votes? Let us be afraid of carrying politics into religion, but never hesitate to carry our

personal religious convictions into politics.

The question of prohibition stands out before this Association, not as a political issue, but as a great moral question, affecting our alligence to God. This question must be answered in the life and conduct of every Godfearing man. The rights and duties of every church member are involved. There can be but one ground for Christians to occupy, and that is uncompromising opposition to the saloon.

R. S. RODDENBERRY,
J. E. COOK,
W. T. PUMPHREY,
F. P. BRUCE,
W. A. AVERY.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Our Association is now composed of 40 churches, of this

number 19 are maintaining Sunday Schools, with a total membership of only 962 children and 85 officers and teachers; six of these Sunday Schools report 40 baptisms during the year. In fact the churches reporting active Sunday Schools seem to be doing more substantial service for the Master than those who do not.

We are pleased to note that the Sunday Schools are not neglecting the Orphanage, but are taking regular collections for same, as well as the other interests of the kingdom of Christ.

It is earnestly urged and confidently expected that each pastor and member of this body will return to your homes and churches and work with greater energy and enthu-

siasm in this exceedingly important work.

We suggest that our Executive Committee be instructed to take under consideration the advisability of placing an active evangelist in the field, whose duty it shall be to do colportage work and organize Sunday Schools in all the churches and communities, and perform such other work as the Executive Committee may elect.

W. C. LOCKEY,
RUPERT BEVIS,
SYLVESTER SINGLETARY,
G. C. HORNE,
J. G. STUART,
OSCAR G. LOUDERMILK.

PUBLICATIONS.

We desire to impress upon the minds of our people the NEED of GOOD, SOUND literature in their homes for them-

selves and their children, realizing the fact that what one reads has much to do in shaping their lives and moulding

their characters.

There is so much impure literature in our homes that we earnestly appeal to our people to counteract and overcome this evil by placing in their homes such good reading matter as is published and endorsed by our Baptist publishing houses. We heartily recommend our own "Southern Witness, our State denominational paper, and the Foreign Mission Journal and "Our Home Field," for information on missions.

Submitted in leve,
H. S. HOWARD, Chm.
A. J. ETHRIDGE,
HARDY GREEN, Jr.,
H. G. SHORES.

DECEASED MINISTERS.

Dear Brethern: While we feel greatful to our Heavenly

Father for his kind providence, we feel sad to report the death of our beloved brother, R. C. B. Lawrence, who departed this life Dec. 12, 1904, after spending a long life in the Baptist ministry, having moved into West Florida in its early settlement and united with one of the first Baptist churches.

He was a pioneer preacher, identified with this Association from its infancy. He spent a long and useful life in the ministry—probably 50 or 60 years. Few, if any, did more to build up the Baptist cause. He died at a great age, being 88.

His work is done; he has laid aside the work for a crown of glory. We thank God for such a life of self-consecration and usefulness. May his life be an example to us who survive him. Resolved therefore, that we dispense with the regular order and engage in special prayer.

J. M. SMITH, Chm.
JOHN MESSER,
J. B. O'CONNER,
P. L. HORNE.

Committee.

ORPHANAGE.

Our home for Orphans, established by the Baptists of Florida, is located at Arcadia, where we have a plant worth \$10,000.00 invested in substantial buildings and valuable lands. This property is owned by our churches and controlled by a Board of Directors, appointed by our State Convention.

The Home is well furnished with all such things as are necessary for the comfort and well-being of the inmates. There are 35 children between the ages of 3 and 10. This large family is presided over lovingly, tenderly and wisely by Brother and Sister Bean, wholly dependent upon the friends of the institution, the friends of the helpless orphans, for the means of food, clothes, education and care for them.

We note with pleasure the regular help given by many Sunday Schools. We realize that our people are ready to respond to the needs of the Orphanage with their noted liberality.

W. A. BRYAN, Chm.
MRS. V. J. HARPER,
MRS. T. G. LAWRENCE,
J. W. DEAL,
J. D. COURTNEY,
DANIEL MCCRANIE.

AGED MINISTERS.

Upon looking over the bounds of the Association we find one aged minister, Bro. M. F. Burke, whom we deem

worthy of sympathy and support.

R. Harris, Chm.
J. B. Shores,
W. W. Gay,
OSCAR SCOTT.

WOMANS WORK.

As we review the year just closed, we are convinced that interest in the cause has increased, and that there is an earnest desire on the part of our women to do better work for the Master in the future. But do we feel satisfied with our year's work? Have we done what we could to advance Christ's kingdom?

We do not find the work among the children as progressive as it should be.

As suggested in our report last year an Associational Vice-President has been appointed—while the work done has not been what your vice-president hoped to do, yet upon a whole it was as good as could have been expected under the existing circumstances.

We find that our women need to be better informed along the lines of their work and in order to receive this information we suggest that they subscribe for the Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field and the Southern Witness. The amount of \$208.01 has been given to Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. R. S. RODDENBERY,
MRS. P. M. WOMBEL,
MRS. H. S. HOWARD.
MRS. J. M. BARNS,
MRS. E. C. LEWIS,
MRS. J. M. SMITH.

EDUCATION.

Education is a stepping stone to a sphere of usefulness. The mind is a source of power, as the mind aevelops the power increases.

We pray that the preachers especially, may, through the coming year, bend their energies to the development of their minds so that they may have more power in declaring the plan of salvation.

While we may never sit at the feet of Gamaliel, yet we can so study as to "prove ourselves a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, and worthy of our hire--rightly dividing the word of truth."

C. J. WHITE,
E. H. ANDERSON,
W. B. FOLSOM,
R. J. FOXWORTH,
E. B. SLAY,

NOMINATIONS.

We respectfully nominate Rev. C. J. White to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Rev. C. L. Joyner alternate.

Rev. B. W. Collier to preach the Missionary Sermon, unless there be some representative of the State Board

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: Rev. B. W.

Collier, with S. L. Loudermilk, alternative.

Delegates to State Convention: Revs. J. W. White, S. L. Loudermilk, C. J. White, C. L. Joyner, W. A. Bryan, C. L. Burns and B. W. Collier, also Bros. M. L. Dekle, J. R. McColskey, W. C. Lockey and J. C. Folsom.

We recommend as ExecutiveCommittee for ensuing year: W. C. Lockey, F. C. Hawk, M. L. Dekle, E. O. Wombwell

and R. S. Roddenberry.

Respectfully submitted,

E. N. Dekle, Chm.

J. E. MINCHIN. Committee.

E. O. WOMBWELL.

Z. G. CREAMER.

BAPTIST MINISTERS ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

The B. M. A. A. was organized in 1890. The first as sessment, \$43.00, has grown to \$225.00 at present.

We urge all ministers in this Association who are not members to join at once. We recommend that every church see to it that their pastor becomes a member and assist in paying his assessments.

JOHN McCranie, Chm.

E. B. SMITH.

Committee. J. P. COONROD.

C. R. Jones.

DOCUMENTS.

We find that three churches-Oakey Ridge, Sardis and Millville ask for the next session of the Association; that three churches-Holly Grove, Fountain and Macedonia petition for membership in this Association; and that ten churches-Ephesus, Orange Hill, Damascus, Unity, Union Hill, Mt. Olive, Pleasant Grove, Bethel, Pilgrim's Rest and Bethany ask for letters of dismission to organize a new association.

C. L. Burns, Chm.

C. A. BOONE.

T. P. LAWRENCE,

Committee.

W. A. Bush. OSCAR CREAMER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We met and organized immediately after adjournment of

last association, and as often thereafter as the circumstances warranted.

We secured the services of Bros. W. H. McIntosh, J. D. Courtney, J. M. Smith, C L. Joyner and S. L. Loudermilk to supply the destitution reported at your last session, also Bro. J. W. White for one fourth time at Graceville. We made requisition on the State Board for funds to pay for this work, and the same was honored.

Our Missionaries will render their reports to you. The 'Treasurer will also present you with a detailed report of

funds received and paid out, etc. W. C. LOCKEY, Chm.,

M. L. DEKLE,

E. H. ANDERSON,

Committee.

F. C. HAWK,

W. B. GAINER.

MISSIONARY REPORTS.

I began work the last of February to continue to this session. Have labored 31 weeks, at Fountain, Frink, Mack Spring and Compass Lake regularly and at Double Branches and Bear Creek irregularly. 6 points preached 52 sermons, delivered 2 addresses, attended 7 prayer meetings, made 28 religious visits to homes, etc. Received by letter 12; by baptism 1; and have 3 approved for baptism; miles traveled 950; house of worship begun 1; churches organized 1 (Fountain:) salary received from State Board \$25; local gifts \$5.50; total \$27.50; due me yet from State Board \$25; Collected for State Missions during year, \$10; brought to Association from Fountain, for State Missions, \$5,00; home, \$1, and Foreign \$1; total missions, \$17.00; organized 2 Sunday Schools, pupils, 30; teachers 4. Respectfully submitted, S. L. LOUDERMILK.

No. 2.

I took up the work March 1st; have three churches-St. Andrews, Millville and Vernon; weeks of labor 30; sermons 85; miles traveled, 885; visits, 563; baptised 15; letter 18; total 33; Sunday schools, 2; organized 1, teachers 11, pupils 120; raised on the field for State missions, \$56.-50; raised for church buildings \$200.00; salary from churches and State Board, \$256 94.

These are important fields and the outlook is very en-Respectfully submitted, C. L. JOYNER. couraging.

No. 3.

Some time after the last Association I agreed with the Executive Committee to continue my work as Missionary until this Association for \$50. My work is Pt. Washing-

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ton, Mt. Calvery and Ebro. Preached 118 sermons; received by letter 25; by baptism 34; salary received on field, \$200.00; from State Board \$25.00.

Respectfully submitted, J. D. COURTNEY.

No. 4.

Dear Brethern: As your Missionary since January, I' render this report. When appointed by your Executive Committee I had in charge Poplar Head and Shiloh, (which I had constituted at Duncan) and a station at Inwood. In addition the Committee gave me New Orange, at these places I have preached regularly. They are so widely separated that I could preach at no other places regularly. I hope soon to organize another church. Other new communities quite promising ask and need preaching.

Sermons preached 89; miles traveled, 1795; visits, 121; lectures, 13; prayer meetings, 11; churches constituted, 1; mission collections, \$23.00; baptised 3; by letter 18;

restored 3; total 24.

I am still employed on this field until January 1906, as per contract with State Board.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. SMITH. No. 5.

I began work for the Board Jan. 1st, 1905, and have given one-fourth time to the work. Preached 52 sermons; visits 53; miles traveled, 610; assisted in the constitution of Holly Grove Church; baptised 31; preached at Haw Ridge, Pitts, Tulip, Izadora and two private houses: Coilected for missions during year \$8.50; brought to Association \$17.20.

Respectfully submitted, W. H. McIntosh. No. 6

I, as pastor of Graceville church, for one-fourth time, was employed by the State Board for an additional onefourth time for the year 1905. I began work in January and continued until October 1st. I have now been called by the church for half time, therefore I will not accept any compensation from the board for the fourth quarter.

Statistical: Received by letter seventeen; by baptism four; received from the State Board \$30.00; balance due from State Board \$15.00. J. W. WHITE.

ON DESTITUTION.

Our destitute territory lies mainly between Vernon, Orange Hill and White Pond on the north, and Wewahitchka, St. Andrews, West Bay and Pt. Washington on the south. A wide strip of about 25x50 miles, extending from east to west across the entire Association.

With two new railroads being built through this strip and new towns and settlements springing up, it will require the special attention of the Association for the next few years. During the past year Bros. Loudermilk, Joyner, Courtney and McIntosh have preached in this territory. We suggest that your Executive Committee have this territory as thoroughly worked during the coming year as possible.

C. L. JOYNER, Chm., ROBERT NIXON,

J. H. CRUTCHFIELD, Committee.

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MEMORIAM.

"Some Are Fallen Asleep."

Sacred to the Memory of REV. R. C. B. LAWRENCE,

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AND

REV. J. S. SCOTT,

OF

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WEWAHITCHKA CHURCH, Died May 1905,

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DEACON J. W. GODWIN,

OF

GREENWOOD CHURCH, Died Dec. 13, 1904

AND

BRETHREN HENRY G. LAND, F. A. RICHARDSON, BRYAN TAYLOR,

AND

SISTERS BERTHA BEVIS, LIZZIE COOK, MARY E. LOTT, SALETA PIPPIN, CYNTHIA KNAPP, EULA WALLER, FLORIDA LOCKE, O. V. NICHOLS.

AND THREE OTHERS WHO HAVE

PASSED TO THEIR REWARD DURING THE ASSOCI-

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"They Rest From Their Labors."

CONSTITUTION.

Constitution and By-Laws of the West Florida Baptist Association, 1985, ARTICLE 1.

- SEC. 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 pastors and ministers in the Association and,
- Sgc. 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 brethern 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.

ATTICLE 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.

- 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.
- This body shall be governed by parlimentary 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, S. L. LOUDERMILK.

Committee.

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. 15:17, 18:19; 1 Tim. 1:2-5; Ex id. 20:11:3; John 1:1-4,5:23, 10:30.

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. ohn 15:16:17; Isa. 11.8-9. Eph. 1:4-5-11; Acts 13:48; 2 Thes. 2:13; 1 Pet. 1:2; Rom. 8:29--30, 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, santified 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 10:29-30, 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.

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, Thes. 1:7-10.

9. We believe that the church of Christ is a visible congregation of baptized believers who have gained Christian fellowship with each other, and that immersion is the only scriptural mode of baptism.-Rom. 6; Sol. 2-12.

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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 privelege of each individual, and that the descipline 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 baptised and who are in fellowship with the church have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

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