

*Associational Minutes*

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The Introductory being preached by Eld. J. M. HAYMAN, from 2d Timothy, 2d c., 3d v.,—"Thou, therefore, endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," took a recess for one hour; after which the delegates came together, and the Association was formed by singing and prayer.

1st. Letters from the Churches were then called for and read; after which, petitionary letters being called for, the following were received, viz:—Newhope, Manatee county; Orange Grove, Orange county; Midway, Hillsborough county; Alafia, Hillsborough county; which, being found orthodox in their faith and practice, the right hand of fellowship was extended to their delegates. Also the Church at Lake Harris, Sumpter county, made application for a let-

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tion, and no doubt among that teeming immigration will be found some calling themselves "Baptist Preachers." Now, whilst we would rejoice at the reception of true and faithful ministering brethren among us, we are admonished by the history of the past to be cautious of "wolves in sheep's clothing," therefore, *Resolved*, That our Ministers and churches be admonished not to receive any as Baptist Ministers unless they produce their credentials and letters of regular dismission from their respective churches, or give satisfactory reasons for not doing so.

10th. *Resolved*, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he have Ten Dollars for his services.

11th. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren and friends in this vicinity for their kind hospitality during our stay amongst them.

Adjourned, to meet with Pine Pleasant church, Hillsborough county, near James Alderman's, on Saturday before 3d Sabbath in November, 1870.

S. WALDRON, *Moderator*.

E. J. HULL, *Clerk*.

A P P E N D I X .

REPORT A.

Your committee on queries beg leave to report on the query: "Is it right to hold members in a church who have married divorced persons, where there is no proof of the innocence of the divorced party": *Resolved*, That we recommend to the churches in our bounds to put away all persons violating the law of Christ in the matter of divorce.

Also, on the query: "What is the best manner in which to support our Ministry": *Resolved*, That we recommend to our Deacons to see that their Pastors are remunerated according to the ability of the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

R. N. PYLANT, *Chairman*.

B.

Your committee on examination of letters beg leave to report: We find a request from Lake Harris church for dismission from this Association. We

fer of dismissal, which, being granted, a letter was prepared and handed over to its delegates.

2d. On balloting for regular officers Eld. S. WALDRON was elected *Moderator* and E. J. HULL, *Clerk*.

3d. Invited Ministers of our faith and order to seats with us.

4th. Brethren T. W. WILDER, ALDERMAN CASEY and TURNER were appointed a committee to arrange preaching during this session; Brethren PYLANT, HARRELL and JONES a committee on finance; Elders W. B. MILLER, G. C. POWELL and JOHN FUTCH a committee to arrange business for this body; Elders J. W. HENDRY, PYLANT and JONES a committee on queries, also on examination of letters; Elders G. C. POWELL, A. WILSON and R. N. PYLANT committee on publication.

Your committee appointed to arrange preaching during the session beg leave to report: Brother SIMMONS to preach to-morrow (Sabbath) at 11 o'clock, followed by A. WILSON; G. C. POWELL at 2 o'clock, followed by S. Waldron.

Adjourned by prayer, to meet at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

MONDAY MORNING, 4th October.

The Association convened and was opened by singing and prayer.

5th. *Ordered*, That we again propose correspondence with the Alachua Association by a petitionary letter to be prepared by the Clerk and inserted in the Minutes, and any member of our Association who may be present is hereby authorized to act as our messenger.

6th. Appointed Union Meetings as follows: The first to be held with Orange Grove Church, Orange county, embracing the 5th Sabbath in this month; the second, Midway, Hillborough county; the third, Alafia, Hillsborough county; the fourth, Newhope, Manatee county.

7th. The reports of committees on queries and examination of letters, on publication, on nomination, and finance were received and adopted, and will be found marked respectively A. B. C. D. and E.

8th. *Resolved*, That this Association cannot recognize or tolerate the practice of some churches in restoring excommunicated members over the head of the church which excommunicated the member.—The church which excommunicated, as a general rule, is the only proper tribunal to restore to fellowship.

9th. *Whereas*, Our country is now rapidly filling up by immigra-

The attention of the churches is called to the manner of addressing this body by its proper name.

R. N. PYLANT, *Chairman.*

C.

Your committee on publication beg leave to report that, while we rejoice to see that there is a large amount of religious literature spreading over our country, we fear that the Bible is often over-looked, and would most respectfully recommend to our brethren the careful and prayerful reading of the Bible as the book of books, as the law of Christ, and the rule of our faith and practice.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. POWELL, *Chairman.*

D.

Your committee on nomination report: Elder S. WALDRON to preach the Introductory at the next Association, A. WILSON alternate; L. P. SIMMONS the Missionary sermon on Sabbath, J. M. HAYMAN alternate.

E.

Your committee on finance beg leave to report that they have received from the churches for Minutes \$34.15.

R. N. PYLANT, *Chairman.*

### Corresponding Letter.

STATE OF FLORIDA, )  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY. )

The SOUTH FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION to the ALACHUA ASSOCIATION send Christian salutation:

DEAR BRETHREN.—We respectfully solicit you to correspond with us at our next session with letter and delegates. BRETHREN, we are young as an Association, we therefore solicit your prayers in our behalf, and your counsel to aid us in our deliberations. Finally, Brethren, may God bless you and sanctify your energies to His glory and to the advancement of His kingdom on earth, is our prayer for Christ's sake. — AMEN.

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Ministers of the South Florida Baptist Association, with the Post Office address. (Those in *Italics* are Licentiates.):

Waldron, S., Moderator,	Cork	Florida.
Holt, E. J., Clerk,	Alafia	Florida,
Craft, Sam. G.	Tampa	Florida.
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Fitch, John,	Cork	Florida,
Hendry, J. W.	Alafia	Florida,
Harrell, G. B.	Manatee	Florida,
Miller, W. B.	Alafia	Florida,
Pylant, R. N.	Bartow	Florida,
Stanford, Daniel	Bartow	Florida,
Wilson, A.	Cork	Florida,
Humphries, J. T.	Tampa	Florida,
Powell, G. C.	Orlando	Florida,
Simmons, L. P.	Tampa	Florida,
Hayman, J. M.	Bartow	Florida.

