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After a recess of one hour, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator in the house by singing and prayer.

Letters from the Churches were then called for and read, after which petitionary letters were called for and the following were received, viz:—Fellowship, Hernando county; Mill Branch, Orange county, which being found orthodox in their faith, the right hand of fellowship was extended to their delegates.

On balloting for regular officers Eld. L. J. SIMMONS was elected Moderator, and N. T. JONES, Clerk.

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15. All questions of order on appeal—all questions as to priority of business—a motion to adjourn—a motion to read a paper—a motion to consider, and all motions relating to the order of business should be promptly put by the Moderator, allowing no debate—subject, however, to an appeal by the body.

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17. Any member voting in the majority, may move a reconsideration of the subject at any time during the then present session.

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19. These rules may be changed at any regular and full meeting of the Association.

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N. T. JONES, *Clerk.*

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APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

On Preaching.

Your Committee on preaching beg leave to report: Eld. S. L. Cross to preach at the stand at 2 o'clock to-day (Saturday), followed by Eld. W. B. Miller; on tonight Eld. L. J. Simmons to preach at James Alderman's, followed by Eld. J. M. Hayman; Eld. S. L. Cross at A. Lastinger's, followed by Eld. A. Wilson; Eld. S. Waldron at N. Boyets, followed by Eld. J. W. Hendry. On Sunday, L. J. Simmons will occupy his hour at the stand at 11 o'clock. At 2 o'clock Eld. G. C. Howell will preach at the stand, followed by Eld. J. W. Hendry. On Monday, Eld. S. Waldron will occupy the stand at 11 o'clock, followed by Eld. A. Wilson; At 2 o'clock Eld. G. C. Powell followed by Eld. J. W. Hendry. Eld. O. C. Powell to preach the next Introductory, Eld. S. Waldron, alternate; Eld. L. J. Simmons on Literature. Eld. A. Wilson, alternate.

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R. N. PYLANT, *Chairman.*

On Letters.

The Committee on Letters beg leave to report as follows:

1st. We call the attention of Mt. Olive Church to the proper manner of addressing this body.

2d. We recommend the Alafia Church to place her name at the head of her Letter.

3d. We find three petitions for the next Association. We recommend that the next meeting of this body be held with New Hope Church, Manatee county

J. W. HENDRY, *Chairman.*

On Queries.

The Committee on Queries beg leave to report: We recommend the discussion of query 1st, from Alafia Church, to-wit: "What shall be done with a Church that will not discipline its members?" Also, that the request of Benevolence Church be considered, to-wit: Asking for permission for a Deacon to administer the ordinances. Also, the queries coming from the Second Union Meeting, to-wit; 1st. "Is it Scriptural to receive members into our Churches upon their Baptism only." 2d. "What course shall be pursued in regard to the membership of colored individuals. Query 4th. "What shall be done with a member after attaching himself to the Church, and being ordained a Minister, acknowledging himself to be a fornicator.

A. WILSON, *Chairman.*

On Publications.

The Committee on Publications beg leave to report:

1st. We recommend the reading of the Bible as the Book of Books, and the only law of the Church.

2d. Orchard's Church History, the works of Alexander Carson, the Baptist, published by J. R. Graves, in Memphis, Tennessee, the Christian Index, published by Boyken & Co., Atlanta, Georgia, Home & Foreign Journal, Kind Words the Child's Delight, a valuable paper for children, published at Memphis, Tenn., by the Sunday School Board Southern Baptist Convention, Terms of Communion, by L. H. Gove, also the discipline of the Primitive Church, published in Philadelphia, by the American Publication Society, Daggs works on Theology and Church Order and a host of other works too tedious to mention.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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On Order of Business.

1st. Introductory Sermon. 2d. Association called to order by Moderator. 3d. Letters from Churches called for, read and delegates' names enrolled. 4th. Petitionary letters called for. 5th. Election of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. 6th. Invite Ministering Brethren to seats with body. 7th. Letters of correspondence called for. 8th. Appointment of Committees. 9th. Circular Letter called for. 10th. Reports of standing and other Committees. 11th. Queries called up and considered. 12th. Miscellaneous business. 13. Say where the next Association be held. 14. Adjourn. Respectfully submitted.
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Powell, G. C.	Orlando	Florida.
Hayman, J. M.	Bartow	Florida.
Hayman, J. H.	Ft. Mason	Florida.
X Hancock, S. L.	Ft. Dade	Florida.
Chancey, E.	Alafia	Florida.
X Hendry, J. M.	Alafia	Florida.
Robinson, J. J.	Manatee	Florida.
X Cole, T. K.	Orlando	Florida.

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Churches and Statistics :

CHURCHES.	COUNTY,	PASTOR.	DELEGATES.	Sub Meetings	Amount for Minutes	Total	Dead.	Ex-Comed	Dis gy Let.	Restored	Rec by let	Baptized
Alktha,	Hillsborough,	J. W. Hendry,	J. W. Riggs, J. D. E. Riggs	2	1.00	7	0	0	0	0	1	0
Beech,	Polk,	S. Waldron,	J. E. Stewart, E. J. Hull,	1	5.00	36	0	1	0	0	6	10
Benevolence,	Manatee,	G. B. Harrell,	† J. N. Anders, J. J. Robinson	2	2.00	26	1	1	0	0	8	4
Bethel,	Polk,	S. Waldron,	H. M. Frier, J. Simmons,	4	3.00	56	1	3	0	0	2	11
Fellowship,	Hernando,	A. Wilson,	A. Wilson, W. Mobley,	2	2.50	47	1	3	0	0	0	0
Mill Branch,	Orange,	J. H. Hayman,	† J. H. Hayman, L. M. Ballard	4	2.00	37	15	0	0	0	0	0
Midway,	Hernando,	Hernando,	No Representative.	3	2.00	28	18	0	0	0	4	9
Mt Olive,	Polk,	J. Futch,	† J. E. Harrelson, T. W. Costine	3	2.00	62	62	0	0	0	3	28
Mt Pleasant,	Manatee,	J. W. Hendry,	† E. Hagan, J. H. Tucker,	2	3.00	18	18	0	0	0	0	0
Midway,	Hillsborough,	J. W. Hendry,	No Representative.	2	2.00	42	2	0	0	0	7	8
Maple Branch,	Manatee,	S. L. Gross,	J. W. Hendry, M. Alderman,	3	2.00	43	0	5	0	0	3	11
New Hope,	Manatee,	G. C. Powell,	D. J. Boney, D. Crews,	3	1.00	18	0	0	0	0	1	4
Orange Grove,	Orange,	J. W. Hendry,	G. C. Powell,	1	1.75	22	1	1	0	0	1	4
Pine Pleasant,	Hillsborough,	J. W. Hendry,	N. T. Jones, C. Lastinger,	3	2.00	31	0	0	0	0	5	0
Peace Creek,	Polk,	J. Futch,	R. N. Pyrant,	3	2.00	40	8	1	0	0	0	0
Salem,	Polk,	Ir. J. Simmons,	† J. W. Tanner, W. Combe,	3	5.10	46	11	0	0	0	0	1
Shiloh,	Hillsborough,	S. Waldron,	† S. Waldron, J. R. McDonald,	3	4.00	39	0	1	0	0	3	9
Tenotunassa,	Hillsborough,	S. Waldron,	† J. Simmons, J. Casey,	3	4.00	39	0	1	0	0	0	0
Tampa,	"	"	J. D. Haygood,	3	6.00	131	131	0	0	0	0	0

An asterisk affixed to a name denotes non-attendance. † In churches not represented the total number stands as it did last year.

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