

MINUTES

OF THE TENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

South Florida Baptist Association

HELD WITH

TENOTASASSA CHURCH,

October 14th, 1876.

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MINUTES.

The Association convened with Tenotasassa Church, on Saturday, October 14th, 1876.

At the request of Elder L. J. Simmons, (previously appointed,) the Introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. F. Norris, from John, 6th chapter, 68th verse: "Thou hast the words of eternal life."

After a recess of one hour, the delegates assembled in the house, and was call to order by the former Moderator, S. Walden.

Letters from the Churches were called for and read, and delegates' names enrolled.

Petitionary letters being called for, one from the First Baptist Church at Key West, was received, and the delegate, Elder C. S. Reynolds, enrolled.

One of the delegates from New Zion Church being absent, the delegates presented brother D. W. Hull, who was ordered to be enrolled.

Also, one from Hopewell beng absent, brother Sam. Weeks, was presented by the delegate present, and ordered to be enrolled.

Benevolencè, also, presented brother Thomas Duffal to fill up a vacancy, which was accepted.

Enon having a vacancy, brother J. F. Tatum was received at the request of its delegate.

On balloting for officers, Elder S. Walden was re-elected Moderator, and N. T. Jones was re-elected Clerk.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to draft an order of business for this session:

C. S. Reynolds, L. J. Simmons, J. W. Hendry, W. F. Norris and R. N. Pylant were appointed.

Resolved, That the committee on letters be constituted "A Committee on Letters and Documents."

Appointed brethren R. N. Pylant, J. R. McDonald and J. M. Duffie.

On Finance.—W. C. Hayman, T. H. Jaudon and D. W. Hull.

On Publications.—L. J. Simmons, J. W. Hendry, W. F. Norris and S. Walden.

On Temperance.—C. S. Reynolds, J. W. Hendry and Jordan Tatum.

On Sabbath Schools.—W. F. Norris, J. J. Robinson and R. N. Pylant.

Invited ministering brethren of our faith and order to seats with us: Rev. E. J. Hull accepted the invitation.

At 3 o'clock, Rev. A. Wilson preached from the stand, from John, 6th chapter, 68th verse: "Lord to whom shall we go."

At night Rev. E. J. Hull preached from 18th chapter of Kings, 21st verse: "Whom will you serve, if God be God, serve him, if Baal, serve him."

Adjourned till 9 o'clock Monday morning.

SUNDAY, Oct. 15th, 1876.

At 9 o'clock, administered the ordination of Baptism.

At 10 o'clock, a presbytery was called to set apart to the work of the ministry, brother T. H. Jaudon.

At 11 o'clock, Elder J. W. Hendry preached the annual sermon from Luke, 3d chapter, 4th to 8th verses: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, etc." The congregation was large, orderly and attentive, and much feeling was manifested at the close.

At 3 o'clock, Elder C. S. Reynolds preached from Matthew, 9th chapter, 29th verse: "According to your faith, be it unto you." At night, brother R. N. Pylant preached from John, 5th chapter, 39th verse.

MONDAY, OCT. 16th, 1876.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Called the roll; marked the absentees, and proceeded to business.

The rules of Decorum were called for and read. Brother F. M. Bryant, delegate from Alafia Church, presented himself, and stated that he had not arrived in time on Saturday to get into the Association; he was received and his name placed upon the roll.

Received the report of the Committee on the Order of Business, which is appended.

Received the report of the Committee on Publications, which is appended.

Received the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools; also appended.

The Committee on Temperance also reported, which is appended.

In compliance with the many requests sent by the Churches for prayer in their behalf, the Body knelt in prayer, the Moderator leading.

The Committee on Preaching also reported, which is appended.

Received the report of the Committee on Finance, which is appended.

Received the report of the Committee on Letters and Documents, which is also appended.

Resolved, That the letters asked for by the Churches, viz: New Zion, Mount Moriah, Mount Pleasant, Friendship, Alafia and Benevolence, be granted, the Clerk being instructed to give them to their delegates.

Resolved, That the book funds be divided *pro rata* between the South Florida Association and those Churches withdrawing.

Received the report of the Executive Committee, which is appended.

Received the report of the Treasurer, which is appended.

Resolved, That this Association appoint the first Union Meeting, and let that body say where the next shall be held, and so on; the first to be held with Oak Grove Church, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in January next.

Resolved, That the committee appointed at last session to examine the manuscript of the debate between Elder L. J. Simons, of this Association, and E. H. Giles, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, be instructed to proceed at once with the publication of the same, and that they draw on the book funds to defray the expenses.

The Moderator presented an account of brother J. M. Hayman against this body for services as missionary.

Resolved, That we request the presence of brother J. M. Hayman at the next session of this body in order to adjust said claims.

Resolved, That we continue the present Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to select a suitable place for holding the next session of this body.

Appointed L. J. Simmons, T. H. Jaudon, T. W. Wilder, J. T. Tate and J. R. McDonald. They reported that they had selected the vicinity near Shiloh Church.

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he receive fifteen dollars for his services, and draw on the Treasurer for the same; also, for funds to pay for printing the Minutes, and postage on the same.

Resolved, That this body tender their thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends in this vicinity for their kind hospitality to us during our stay in their midst.

Adjourned to meet in the vicinity of Shiloh Church, on Saturday before the third Lord's day in October, 1877.

S. WALDEN, *Moderator*.

N. T. JONES, *Clerk*.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

We beg leave to report that we find nothing specially to report, except six Churches favor the division of this Association, three of them asking for letters of dismission; we find, also, one letter marked, but no reasons assigned. No other documents before us. All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. N. PYLANT, *Chairman*.

ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that they have received from the Churches the sum of \$51 38 for associational purposes, and \$15 05 for missionary purposes.

Respectfully, W. C. HAYMAN, *Chairman*.

ON PREACHING.

Your committee, to whom was referred the arrangement for preaching, beg leave to make the following report:

The stand shall be filled, on Saturday evening at candle-light by Rev. E. J. Hull. At eleven o'clock, A. M., Sunday, Rev. J.

W. Hendry will occupy the stand, according to previous appointment. At three o'clock, P. M., preaching by Rev. C. S. Reynolds. At candle-light same evening, Rev. R. N. Pylant. At eleven o'clock, A. M., on Monday, L. J. Simmons. At three o'clock, P. M., Rev. J. J. Robinson.

Your committee beg leave to report further, that they have appointed Rev. J. M. Hayman to preach the Introductory at the next Association, and Rev. W. F. Neigels to fill the stand at eleven o'clock, A. M., Sunday. Respectfully submitted.

B. F. BLOUNT, *Chairman*.

ON PUBLICATIONS.

The Committee on Publications beg leave to report: We recommend the Bible, the book of books, to be read carefully, prayerfully, and in preference to all other books. We also recommend Graves' and Ditchler's Debate; The "Baptist," published at Memphis, Tennessee; The "Index," published at Atlanta, Georgia; and Ford's Christian Repository.

Respectfully submitted. L. J. SIMMONS, *Chairman*.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Committee on Order of Business would respectfully report as follows:

- 1st. Calling of Roll of Churches, to be answered by presentation of letters.
- 2d. Call for Petitionary Letters.
- 3d. Election of Officers.
- 4th. Call for Correspondence.
- 5th. Invitation to visiting brethren to seats with us.
- 6th. Appointment of Committee: On Preaching; on Letters and Documents; on Finance; on Publications; on Sabbath Schools; on Temperance; Receiving Reports of Committees; New Business; Appointment of Union Meetings; Appointment of place of meeting of the next Session.

C. S. REYNOLDS, *Chairman*.

ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance respectfully report, that we have carefully, and we trust prayerfully, considered the subject of temperance, in relation to the spread and prosperity of

the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, upon earth ; and we do heartily approve of the efforts being made by various organizations to prevent drunkenness in the land.

We are also pleased to state that some, if not all, the Churches constituting this body, have incorporated a clause in their Church covenants, wherein each member is pledged to avoid the use, as a beverage, of all spirituous and intoxicating liquors. We recommend a strict watch-care in this respect, and a careful compliance with this clause in our Church covenants.

Respectfully submitted. C. S. REYNOLDS, *Chairman.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, the Executive Committee, beg leave to report, that
 we find cash on hand of book funds.....\$188 26
 In books on hand at marked price..... 35 15
 By mistake in calculation..... 2 01
 \$225 42

We find other books in hand of J. M. Hayman not reported. We further beg leave to report, that the difference in the Minutes and the Treasurer's report is in a failure of the Minutes showing a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to pay J. M. Hayman \$60 30.

Respectfully submitted.

S. WALDEN, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. W. Wilder, Treasurer, in account with South Florida Association : Dr.
 Oct. 18, 1875. To cash rec'd from Finance Com.,...\$56 60
 " " " Individuals..... 3 70—\$60 30

Contra.

Oct. 18, 1875. To cash paid for printing minutes...\$25 00
 " " " postage on " ... 1 00
 " " " Clerk's services... 15 00
 " " " J. M. Hayman 19 30—\$60 30

Respectfully submitted. T. W. WILDER, *Treasurer.*

Received of N. T. Jones \$26 50 for printing and postage on these Minutes.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report :

We are glad to hear that some of our Churches are engaged in Sabbath School work, and we would earnestly recommend the cause to all our Churches ; also recommend the use of Baptist literature in the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. NORRIS, *Chairman.*

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

SYLVESTON WALDEN,.....	Cork, Fla.
L. J. SIMMONS,.....	" "
T. H. JAUDON,.....	" "
JAMES MILTON,.....	" "
J. W. HENDRY,.....	Pine Level, Fla.
A. WILSON,.....	" " "
W. F. NORRIS,.....	" " "
E. J. HULL,.....	" " "
J. M. HENDRY,.....	" " "
EDMUND CHAUNCEY,.....	" " "
W. B. MILLER,.....	Alafia, "
J. J. ROBINSON,.....	Manatee, "
J. M. HAYMAN,.....	Bartow, "
RYAN FRIER,.....	Cork, "
W. F. NEIGELS,.....	Clear Water, "
C. S. REYNOLDS,.....	Key West, "

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STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Expelled.	Dead.	Amount for Missions.	Dismissed by Letter.	Aggregate.	Contributions for Minutes.	Lord's Day Preaching.
Alafia,	Manatee,	S. Walden,	F. M. Bryant, J. G. Benton,	1	3		4			20	\$ 20	\$ 1 00	
Antioch,	Folk,	T. H. Jaudon,	A. J. Grimes, James Miley,	5	4		6			11	15	1 25 2d.	
Beulah,	Hillsboro,	J. J. Robinson,	J. R. Stewart, B. F. Carpenter,	3	3		1			7	16	1 00 4th.	
Benevolence,	Manatee,	S. Walden,	L. J. Simmons, Thomas Duffie,	3	3		1			2	40	2d.	
Bethel,	Folk,	J. M. Hayman,	J. M. Hayman, Ryan Frier,	2	1		1				63	4 25 3d.	
Concord,	Polk,	James Milton,	J. W. Futch, B. F. Blount,	2	1		1				14	4 45 2d.	
Enon,	Manatee,	E. J. Hull,	M. T. Howell,	8	2						13	1 15 1st.	
Friendship,	Polk,	S. Walden,	R. N. Pylant,	3	1						45	3 00	
Fort Mead,	Hillsboro,	J. W. Hendry,	J. R. McDonald, S. W. Weeks,	2	2					2	34	75	
Hopewell,	Hillsboro,	J. W. Hendry,	J. J. Holly, W. J. Taylor,	5	2		1			3	26	5 63 1st.	
Midway,	Manatee,	E. J. Hull,	D. W. Carlton, Simeon Whidden,	5	2					4	74	5 00 1st.	
Mount Moriah,	Manatee,	S. Walden,	No representation,								17		
Mount Pisgah,	Manatee,	E. J. Hull,	J. H. Tucker, W. C. Hayman,	5	1		1				16		
New Hope,	Manatee,	S. Walden,	A. Wilson, J. T. Tate,	3	4		1				50	3 00 3d.	
Mount Pleasant,	Hernando,	S. Walden,	S. Walden, T. W. Wilder,	2	1		1				70	2 50 4th.	
Oak Grove,	Hillsboro,	J. W. Hendry,	{ J. W. Hendry, W. F. Norris,	2	13		2				42	2 00 3d.	
Shiloh,	Manatee,	S. Walden,	{ N. T. Jones, D. W. Hull,	6	18		1				101	5 00 4th.	
New Zion,	Manatee,	J. W. Hendry,	{ J. R. Tatum, T. H. Jaudon,				4				89	5 80 2d.	
Tenotassas,	Hillsboro,	S. Walden,	Not represented,								17		
Tampa,	Hillsboro,	C. S. Reynolds,	C. S. Reynolds,								46	2 60 1-2-3-4.	
First Baptist Church,	Key West,	C. S. Reynolds,							13 00				