

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

South Florida Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT CLEAR WATER,
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLA., OCT. 19 AND 21, 1878.

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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, October 19th, 1878.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder S. Walden, from 1 Cor. 15th ch., 58th vs. with apparent good effect.

After refreshment, the delegates convened in the church house, and after singing and prayer, the Association was called to order by brother R. N. Pylant, the former Moderator, and J. M. Hayman, appointed Clerk *pro tem*. Letters from the churches were called for and read; after which, Petitionary letters were called for, when letters from the following churches were received to-wit:

Turkey Creek, Hillsborough county—Spring Hill, Polk county—Five-Mile Prairie, and Anclote, Hernando county—and after the letters were read, and the churches being found orthodox, on motion, they were received as members of this body, and the right hand of fellowship was given to their delegates by the Moderator.

The Association then proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the election of Elder Sylvester Walden, Moderator, and Elder J. M. Hayman, Clerk. The Moderator then invited visiting brethren to seats with us—when Elder L. J. Simmons, and Elder J. J. Robertson and brother J. N. Andress, were present, and excepted.

Correspondence from sister Associations was called for, when Elder Alderman Wilson from the Manatee Association, presented himself and was received as such.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees to-wit: T. W. Wilder and J. R. McDonald, with the delegates from this church. On Letters—C. T. Simmons, W. F. Nigels and T. H. Jaudon. On Publications—W. F. Nigels, J. M. Duffy and J. W. Futch. On Finance—T. H. Jaudon, W. K. Franklin and M. Wiggins. On Sabbath-schools—J. M. Hayman, R. N. Pylant and J. R. McDonald. On Temperance—T. H. Jaudon, J. M. Hayman and W. F. Nigels. It was brought to the notice of the Association that the name of this church is changed—from the name of Midway to that of Clear Water.

On motion, adjourned till nine o'clock A.M. Monday morning.

The pulpit was occupied Saturday night by Elder T. H. Jaudon. At nine o'clock Sunday morning, prayer meeting was begun, and continued till half past ten; and at eleven o'clock, Elder L. J. Simmons preached, and at three o'clock, P.M., the stand was filled by Elder J. M. Hayman, and at night by R. N. Pylant.

SECOND DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 21st, 1878.

The Association met at nine o'clock, and was opened by singing and prayer, after which, the roll was called; and the Minutes of Saturday were read and approved. The report of the Committee on Publications was read and adopted as follows, to-wit:

Committee on Publications.

The Committee on Publications beg leave to report: That we recommend the Holy Bible, the book of books, to be read carefully, prayer-

fully, and in preference to all other books. We, also recommend *The Baptist*, published at Memphis, Tenn.; *THE INDEX*, published at Atlanta, Georgia; and *Ford's Christian Repository*, published at St. Louis, Mo.

The committee further recommend that all light literature, such as novels, romances, plays, etc., be banished from the houses of the brethren of this Association, as pernicious to the morals and spiritual welfare of themselves and their children.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. NIGELS, Chairman."

On Sabbath-Schools.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath-Schools, read and received as follows: "We, the committee on Sabbath-Schools, ask leave to report: That we are sorry to learn that there is so little interest taken in Sabbath-Schools, and would earnestly recommend to the churches of this Association, to organize and maintain Sabbath-Schools, wherever it can be done. We have no other means at our command so potent for good to the youth of this generation, as the Sabbath-School, and Sabbath-School literature.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. HAYMAN, Chairman.

On Letters and Documents.

The committee on Letters and Documents reports as follows, to-wit: That we have examined the letters from the churches to this Association, and find that the good Lord has blessed all the churches of this Association, during the past year, with peace and harmony, for which we give thanks.

We also find a request from all the churches for the earnest prayers of this body for their spiritual growth and prosperity. Also, the special prayers of this body in behalf of aged and beloved brother, Elder Ryan Frier, of Shilo church, by that church. We further wish to bring to the notice and earnest consideration of this body the systematic benevolence as instituted and practiced by Concord church, as being eminently scriptural, and worthy of imitation. And lastly, we call attention to the warm invitation of Turkey-Creek church to this Association to meet with them at our next annual Association.

Respectfully submitted.

C. T. SIMMONS, Ch'n.

On Finance.

We, the committee on Finance, beg leave to report that we have received from the churches, sent up to this Association, for Associational purposes, the sum of twenty-nine dollars and eighty cents (29.80).

Respectfully submitted.

T. H. JAUDON, Ch'n.

On Temperance.

The committee on Temperance respectfully report: That, while it is the duty of every child of God to be temperate in all things, it is especially a duty of paramount importance to him to abstain both at home and abroad from the use of intoxicating liquors in every form; for when we consider the sad evil resulting from the use of such beverages, as being destructive of the Christian's and the world's best and highest interests, it must suggest itself to every candid mind, that the condemnation of this ever-increasing evil is the least that we can do.

We recommend that the earnest prayers to God by this body be made for the effectual pulling down of this stronghold of Satan.

Respectfully submitted.

T. H. JAUDON, Ch'n.

On Preaching.

The committee on Preaching reports that Elder C. S. Reynolds is to

preach the Introductory Sermon at our next Association, and Elder W. F. Nigels to preach on Missions, at eleven o'clock, on Sunday, at our next Association.

Executive Committee.

The report of the Executive Committee was called for, when Elder S. Waldon, chairman thereof, stated that a quorum of that committee not being present, could not make report, and asked till the next meeting of this Association to make report, which was granted.

Elder A. Wilson preached at 11 o'clock this morning.

On Manuscript.

The committee on Elder L. J. Simmons' manuscript, made the following report: "We have published one thousand copies of the pamphlet, which cost the sum of..... \$85 00
The freight charges to Tampa,..... 4 55
" " " " Bartow,..... 90

Making the sum total,.....\$90 45

Some of them distributed as follows, to-wit: To L. J. Simmons, 50 copies; S. Waldon 100 copies; James Milton 50 copies; J. W. Hendry 100 copies; E. J. Hull 100 copies; W. F. Nigels 10 copies.

Respectfully, J. M. HAYMAN, Ch'n.

On motion, the Query in the Minutes of our last Association is referred to the next Ministerial convention to be discussed.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches of this Association to have no pulpit affiliation with Pedo-Baptist, or Union Sabbath schools.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association be, and he is hereby requested to publish in connection with this Minute, the proceeds of the late Ministers' convention, held at the Oak-Grove church, in Hernando county, Fla., and that the ministers now present decide on the place of the next meeting of said convention.

In accordance with the above resolution, the next Ministers' convention will be held with the Tenotassassee church, fifteen miles north-east from Tampa, Fla., to commence on Friday before the last (5th) Sunday, preceding the first day of October, 1879.

Whereas, It is impossible for this Association, with the limited means placed at its disposal, to sustain a Missionary within the bounds of the Association; and in consideration of the fact that ministering laborers are few, and, generally, poorly supplied with books for the needed study to prepare them for the great work before them. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That such funds as now be in the hands of the Treasurer of this Association, not otherwise required for Associational purposes, be applied to purchasing suitable books for the instruction of our Ministers on subjects pertaining to their holy calling, and that such books be placed in the hands of a suitable brother in Tampa, who shall be requested to act as Librarian for us; and that those books be loaned to the ministering brethren, in the bounds of this Association on such conditions as other libraries generally impose. We also ask for donations of books from private brethren and ministers to such library. The portion of the book-fund belonging to this Association be applied to the purpose above named.

The Treasurer reported as follows, to-wit:

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" " J. M. Hayman as Missionary..... 24 43

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