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W. F. Wood.....	Key West P. O., Monroe county.
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Letters from the churches composing this body were called for and read, and delegates' names enrolled.

Petitionary letters were then called for, when letters from the following named churches were presented by their respective delegates, to-wit: Bethany, Sandhill and Goodhope, in Hernando county, and Mount Olive and New Salem, in Polk county, and County Line, in Hillsborough county, and being found orthodox, were received as members of this Association, and the right hand of fellowship was given to their delegates by the Moderator.

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SABBATH EXERCISES.

At 9:30 A. M. a prayer meeting commenced and continued till nearly eleven o'clock, at which time Elder W. T. Gordon preached on the subject of missions, to a very large concourse of people for this country, with apparent good effect, at the close of which a collection was taken up for missions amounting to about fifty dollars.

At 3 o'clock P. M. a Sunday-school mass meeting was formed, the Moderator of the Association presiding, when stirring appeals were made in behalf of Sunday-schools, and Sunday-school literature, by Elders Sparkman, Gordon, Simmons and others. The exercises of the hour were then closed in order.

At night Elder E. J. Hull preached at the stand an edifying sermon to a large and attentive audience.

SECOND DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, October 16th, 1882, 9 o'clock.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment. After singing a hymn, prayer was offered by brother Taylor.

Called the roll. Read and approved the minutes of Saturday.

Called for correspondents, when Elders E. J. Hull and T. J. Sparkman, from the Manatee Association, presented themselves as corresponding messengers, and were received as such in usual form.

On motion, the Moderator appointed a Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, to-wit: S. L. Hancock, S. Walden and W. J. Taylor.

Preamble and Resolution in regard to Antioch Church, of this Association.

WHEREAS, Antioch church is known to be in disorder in not observing the advice of this Association in putting away from her membership John A. Gandy, therefore,

Resolved, That this Association withdraw fellowship from said Antioch church.

WHEREAS, one John A. Gandy, within the bounds of this Association, is representing himself as a minister of the Gospel, in good standing, and attempting to perform baptism and other ceremonies, as such, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we advise the churches of this Association to beware of and not recognize the said John A. Gandy as a minister of the Gospel in order, nor any of his acts as such.

A proposition was made to this Association from the Manatee Association, by their corresponding messenger, Elder E. J. Hull, to accept the services of Elder T. J. Sparkman for half his time, as Sunday-School Missionary of the American Baptist Publication Society, and pay to the said American Baptist Publication Society the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, which proposition was acceded to.

Resolved, That the churches represented in this Association be recommended to make quarterly collections for missions, and forward the several amounts to the Executive Committee of this Association, to be appropriated as may be designated by the churches making the contributions, or to the secretaries representing the different mission interests.

Resolved, That the churches be, and they are hereby, requested to make at least one contribution during the year to State Missions, and the Home Mission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

There is no interest connected with the progress of our work as a denomination, that is more important than the Sunday-school work. We therefore recommend the churches to cordially co-operate with the Sunday-School Missionary in his work of organizing and encouraging, and supporting Sunday-schools in the bounds of this Association; and that at least one collection be made during the year to the American Baptist Publication Society, and paid over to the Executive Board of this Association. Respectfully submitted.

W. T. GORDON, *Chairman.*

On motion, a Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons were appointed, to-wit: S. L. Hancock, S. Walden and W. J. Taylor.

Elder D. T. McLeod preached at the stand, 11 o'clock, A. M., text: Mat. 20th chap. 6th verse, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?"

On motion, it is ordered that the fund collected on yesterday at the close of the Missionary Sermon be applied as follows: One-fourth for Missions of this Association, one-fourth to Foreign Missions, one-fourth to the Home Mission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one-fourth to the American Baptist Publication Society.

A letter from Elder W. F. Wood, of Key West, addressed to J. M. Hayman, was read in the Association, which elicited remarks from several brethren, in regard to the condition of the Indians in Florida; and on motion, it was

Resolved, That Elder W. F. Wood be, and he is hereby, appointed a committee to visit the Seminole Indians in South Florida, that may be accessible to him and report their condition to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Committee on Letters and Documents.

We report that we have examined the letters sent to this Association by the churches, and find that peace and harmony abound, and some revival interests awakened. We notice that the Sand Hill church desires the ordination of brother J. I. Spivy to the ministerial office, we would advise that church to consult a Presbytery of ministers, in regard thereto. We notice two petitions for the next Association from Shiloh and Turkey Creek, and we recommend the petition from Shiloh be granted.

We would ask the churches to be as brief as possible in their letters to the Association. The churches ask the prayers of the Association for them. Respectfully submitted.

T. H. JAUDON, *Chairman.*

The business was then suspended, and the Association engaged in prayer for the churches.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to say that the history of the temperance movement, in the different sections of the country, develop the fact that total abstinence from spirituous and malt liquors as a beverage, is the only safe and successful position for every individual to occupy, in promoting good health, good morals, and prudent Christian activity among the people. This, coupled with universal legal prohibition of the manufacture and sale of these liquors, will, without doubt, secure to us larger and more lasting prosperity as citizens and Christians, in the several communities in the land.

In view of these incontrovertible statements, and the recent favorable results attending the earnest, constant efforts of the temperance

workers, both North and South, we recommend to our churches a firm adherence to the principles herein indicated, and an ever active contest in their favor until *victory*, sure and complete, shall be ours for all time. Respectfully submitted.

W. T. GORDON, *Chairman*.

Report of Committee on Ministers and Deacons.

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, would respectfully report, that since the last meeting of this Association, it has pleased God to visit us with a sore affliction, in that he has removed from us by death our beloved brethren Alderman Wilson and S. L. Cross, ministers of the Gospel. While we deeply mourn the loss of those dear brethren, yet, we feel it our duty to bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, who "doeth all things well."

We tender our heartfelt sympathies and condolence to the bereaved families and relatives of the deceased brethren. We thank God that all our Deacons have been spared so far as we can learn. We learn that a suitable obituary, and history of the life and labors of Elder A. Wilson,⁸ has been prepared by our much esteemed brother J. W. Hendry, of the Manatee Association, and we would respectfully recommend that a copy of the same be published in the Minutes of this session, in connection with this report, and that a page of our minutes be suitably inscribed and made sacred to the memory of our dear brethren. All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. L. HANCOCK, *Chairman*.

Report of Committee on Publications.

We, your Committee on Publications, would respectfully and urgently recommend to the membership composing this Association the prayerful study of the Holy Scriptures, and to secure and read THE CHRISTIAN INDEX, in which we have a department as an organ of communication. Also, *Ford's Christian Repository*, published in St. Louis, Mo., and *Kind Words*, for the children, published in Macon, Ga., also all the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, for which Society's publications, address Elder T. J. Sparkman, at Ogden, Manatee county, Florida. Respectfully submitted.

J. M. HAYMAN, *Chairman*.

Report of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee, report as follows: That we employed brother D. T. McLeod, as a missionary, on the 1st of May, 1882, who reports thus: Traveled 1,390 miles; preached 78 sermons; baptized 23 persons; assisted in the constitution of 5 churches, and that he received on the field \$57.95, and we have paid him \$85.70, making the sum of \$143.65 in full to date. Respectfully submitted.

R. N. PYLANT, *Chairman*.

Report of Finance Committee.

Your Finance Committee ask leave to report:
That the amount sent up from the churches for Minutes is.... \$ 60 15
For other Associational purposes..... 20 50

Total amount \$80 65
Respectfully submitted. J. M. EDDINS, *Chairman*.

⁸I waited for the obituary of brother Wilson to be sent to me by mail, till the 10th of November, after the Association, and not receiving it, started the manuscript to the press for publication. J. M. HAYMAN, *Clerk*.

Treasurer's Report.

Your Treasurer respectfully reports as follows:
To balance on hand..... \$ 49 16
To amt. received from Union Meetings and other sources..... 66 95
To amt. collected on Sunday, Oct. 15th..... 49 22
To amt. received from Finance Committee..... 80 65

Making the sum of..... \$ 245 98

Disbursed as follows:
Paid Clerk for his services and printing Minutes..... \$ 30 00
Paid Elder D. T. McLeod, the missionary..... 85 70

Amounts to the sum of..... \$115 70
Which \$115.70 from \$245.98 leaves balance in treasury of \$130.28.
T. W. WILDER, *Treasurer*.

Report of Committee on Preaching.

The Committee on Preaching report that Elder J. M. Hayman preach the Introductory Sermon at our next Association, and Elder D. T. McLeod alternate. Elder S. Walden to preach on missions, on Sunday, Elder T. H. Jaudon alternate.

S. L. HANCOCK, *Chairman*.

On motion the same Executive Committee is requested to act for this body another year, and if they can do so, to keep a missionary in the field as much as they can.

Also, brother T. W. Wilder, by acclamation, was requested to serve us as Treasurer for another year.

The Clerk is instructed to have six hundred copies of these Minutes printed, and to draw upon the treasury for a sufficient amount to pay the same, and that he have \$15 for his services.

Appointed as corresponding messengers to the Manatee Association Elders S. Walden, T. H. Jaudon, L. J. Simmons, D. T. McLeod, R. T. Caddin, and brethren J. R. McDonald and G. L. Newbern.

The thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the American Baptist Publication Society for kindnesses to this body.

At the request of the Association, the Moderator returned thanks to this, the Thenotasassa church, and to the citizens of the community, for their kind hospitality to us during this session.

After singing an appropriate hymn, and taking an affectionate farewell of each other, and engaging in prayer, commending ourselves, our churches, and all our work to Almighty God, who cares for us, adjourned to meet with the Shiloh church, in Hillsborough county, on Saturday preceding the third Sabbath in October, 1883.

J. M. HAYMAN, *Clerk*.

L. J. SIMMONS, *Moderator*.

SACRED

TO THE MEMORY OF

ELDER ALDERMAN WILSON.

Who died at his post, full of faith, and abounding in good works, and labors of love.

SACRED

TO THE MEMORY OF

ELDER SEABORN L. CROSS.

A much afflicted brother now rests from his labors.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Transferred.	Total.	Contributions.	Sabbath of Meeting.
Anclote	Hernando		No Letter or Delegate.						17	\$ 50.00	4th.
Bethel	Polk	I. M. Hayman	W. H. Hancock, A. A. Lewis	3	2				69	15 00 1st.	
Barrow	Polk		W. H. Hancock, E. B. Blount	2	2				29	16 00 1st.	
Bethany	Hernando		B. L. Ray						18	1 20	
Country Line	Hillsborough	R. T. Caddin	Berrien Godwin						1	24 5 00 1st and 3d.	
Clear Water	Hillsborough	C. S. Reynolds	W. R. Taylor						1	14 1 00	
Double Branch	Hernando		W. R. Smith	3	2				39	1 80 4th.	
Emmaus	Hernando	R. E. Bell	A. J. Hayman, L. Gaskins						7	3 25 3d.	
Fellowship	Hernando		Not represented	3	1				42	1 50	
Gapway	Polk	R. T. Caddin	J. E. Harrison, W. Cumbee						9	3 00	
Goodhope	Hernando	D. T. McLeod	R. M. Hill	4	1				55	4 00	Each Sabbath
Hopewell	Hillsborough	T. H. Jaudon	J. R. McDonald, S. W. Weeks	77	3				98	1 50 3d.	
Key West	Monroe	W. F. Wood	Represented by letter	1	1				12	1 25	
Keyville	Hillsborough	R. N. Pylant	R. Stewart						9	1 25	
Mount Olive	Polk	No Pastor	J. O. Harris, J. I. Roberts	3					9	1 25 4th.	
New Zion	Hillsborough	D. T. McLeod	J. O. Jackson	1	1				15	2 00	
New Salem	Polk	R. E. Bell	J. E. Godwin	1	1				50	3 00	
Oak Grove	Hernando		W. F. Pratt, J. Murphy	10	1				23	1 90 3d.	
Providence	Hernando	T. H. Jaudon	R. T. Caddin, D. T. McLeod						53	2 20 2d.	
Pleasant Hill	Hillsborough	T. H. Jaudon	R. T. Wilder, G. A. Bryant	1	3				54	3 00	
Shiloh	Polk	R. N. Pylant	R. N. Pylant	2	1				13	2 00	
Spring Hill	Hernando	T. H. Jaudon	H. D. Ryals, G. W. Beardog	1	1				13	2 00	
Six Mile Pond	Hillsborough	T. H. Jaudon	J. I. Spivey, J. B. Towell	1	1				11	5 00 2d.	
Sand Hill	Hillsborough	T. H. Jaudon	T. H. Jaudon, J. M. Duffie	3	1				66	3 60 4th.	
Theriotasassa	Hillsborough	T. H. Jaudon	S. Walden, G. L. Newbern	11					22	10 00	Each Sabbath.
Turkey Creek	Hillsborough	W. T. Gordon	W. T. Gordon, J. M. Eddins	105	40				13	78 65	
Tampa				7	85				13	78 65	

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