

MINUTES

OF THE

20th

— S. F. ASSOCIATION —

HELD WITH

Tampa Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., Oct. 16 to 18, 1886.

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Bro B These Minutes are
badly messed up & are
imperfect in some respects
& you will have to do some fine
guess work. The Lord bless you.

OFFICERS. *W. W. Bostick*

- W. W. BOSTICK, Moderator.
E. G. WILDER, Clerk.
C. L. WILDER, Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

- B. F. BLOUNT, Bartow, Fla.
O. J. FRIER, Lakeland, Fla.
J. R. McDONALD, Plant City, Fla.
W. S. KNIGHT, Plant City, Fla.
E. G. WILDER, Bryantville, Fla.

Order of business for the Twentieth Annual Session of the South
Florida Association.

1. Introductory.
2. Association called to order.
3. Reading of letters and enrolling names of messengers.
4. Election of officers, Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Inviting visiting brethren to seats.
7. Letters of correspondence.
8. Appointment of committees.
9. Report of committees.
10. Call for messengers to other Associations and State Conventions.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Adjournment.

Twentieth Annual Session of the South Florida Association.

HELD WITH TAMPA BAPTIST CHURCH. OCT. 16, 17 AND 18, 1886.

11 a. m., preaching by Eld. W. W. Bostick, then refreshments, after which the meeting was called to order by Eld. Bostick. Letters were then called for, when the following were handed in, to wit:

Bartow, J. H. Humphries, J. H. Tatum; Bethel, W. W. Bostick, E. G. Wilder; Clearwater, C. S. Reynolds, John S. Taylor; Gapway, J. E. Harrelson, Isaac Walker; Hopewell, J. R. McDonald, W. P. Head; Homeland, E. M. Hayman, W. T. Denham; Lakeland, O. J. Frier, J. G. McCaskey; Mango, W. R. Burk, J. F. Rogers; Providence, Nathan Tanner, W. F. Pratt; Plant City, T. W. Wilder, Hardy Collins, W. S. K.; Tampa, John Darling, A. S. Lawrence; Thonotosassa, T. H. Jaudon, Larry Walden; Turkey Creek, S. Walden, L. J. Simmons; Mount Olive, J. O. Harris, J. I. Roberts.

After the enrollment of the above names, the Association proceeded to permanent organization by electing W. W. Bostick Moderator, E. G. Wilder Secretary and C. L. Wilder Treasurer.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters, when Winter Haven and Seffner presented their letters to this body for reception, and being found sound in the Baptist faith they were received and the right hand of fellowship extended to their messengers.

Next, visiting brethren were invited to seats, when the following accepted:

W. F. Wood, J. J. Robertson and J. M. Armstrong from Manatee Association; Angel Godinas, Cuban missionary, W. C. McCrae and Bro. Albury, Key West.

Appointment of committees. On preaching, W. S. Knight with delegates from Tampa church. Preaching committee report that Bro. Crosier preach to-night at the Baptist church, and by request, Elders Bostick, Reynolds, Simmons, Jaudon, Harrelson, Hayman and others, preached at the several different churches in the city during the sojourn of this body with them. By motion, decided that this body engage in prayer for the inhabitants of Ybor City, that God will bless them and bring them to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ.

Committee on deceased ministers and deacons, J. G. McCaskey, E. M. Hayman. Committee on Finances, W. S. Knight, J. H. Tatum, O. J. Frier, J. O. Harris. Committee on Sabbath Schools, C. S. Reynolds, J. G. McCaskey, J. R. McDonald, T. Wilder. Committee on

Temperance, S. Walden, John Darling, J. H. Humphries, Isum Walker. Committee on Missions, A. A. Keith, L. J. Simmons, W. T. Denham, O. J. Frier, Jason Little. Committee on Letters and Documents, C. S. Reynolds, W. M. Simons.

Adjourned until Monday at 9 a. m.

7 p. m. Preaching by Bro. Crosier from Acts 8 : 30, 31 to a large attentive audience, and by this service we hope many will be led to build on the sure foundation, Christ. The sermons that were delivered at the other places of worship were spoken with great force, and we hope they will bring fruit to the honor and glory of God.

Sunday, 11 a. m. Preaching by Elder McCaskey with apparent good effect, after which a collection was taken up for associational missions. Amount received: \$25 00.

Sunday, 3 p. m. Mass meeting, conducted by Elders Bostick and Wood, during which a collection was taken for the purpose of building a house of worship in Ybor City for the benefit of the Cubans in and around said city and Tampa. Amount received in cash and pledges, \$232.80. May God bless this amount to the erection of a \$232.80 Baptist church house in Ybor City.

Monday morning, 9 a. m. Moderator in the chair. Prayer by Bro. Hayman. Moved and carried that Mrs. Linton, of Tampa, address this body on the subject of the Womens' Temperance Union which was to the point, and by a rising vote this body declared their appreciation of the same. May God everywhere and in every place strengthen and bless the temperance cause.

Moved and carried that Bro. Wood present his account to this body as to pledges made at its last session at Bartow, which was done in a very satisfactory manner to all concerned.

Moved and carried that a committee be appointed on each object of interest important to this Association, to report at its next session to wit :

On Missions, W. B. Dye, J. C. Blount, J. R. McDonald, W. W. Bostick. On Sabbath Schools, J. G. McCaskey, S. Walden, W. S. Knight. On Temperance, W. M. Simons, T. H. Jaudon, O. J. Frier. On Ministerial Education, A. A. Keith, Jason Little, J. F. Marsh. On Cuban Missions, W. M. Simons, P. G. Wall, Harry Taylor, A. A. Keith.

Call for volunteers to go to the State Convention, when W. R. Burk, L. J. Simmons, W. M. Simons, J. M. Hayman and J. G. McCaskey gave their names as such. To Manatee Association, L. J. Simmons. To Hernando Association, S. Walden.

Moved and carried that New Zion church be dropped from the roll, having joined the Hernando Association.

Moved and carried that Bros. O. J. Frier and B. F. Blount be

added to the old Executive Board, and that Bro. J. C. Blount be excused from further duties on the same.

Moved and carried that this Association hold its next annual session with the Plant City Baptist church, on Saturday before the second Sunday in Oct., 1887.

Moved and carried that we have four hundred copies of minutes printed for the benefit of the several churches composing this Association, and that the clerk correspond with the several presses most accessible and let the job to the lowest bidder, and that he draw on the treasurer for an amount to cover the same and also fifteen dollars for his services.

Resolution by Bro. S. Walden, that this Association, so far as the members can, reimburse the proprietor of the Florida Baptist Witness for the heavy loss which he has recently sustained by the fire at DeLand.

Resolved that this Association while in session tender the thanks of this body to this church and to the citizens of Tampa for their kind hospitality shown to us during our stay in their midst, also to the pastors and members of the several other churches for the kind offer of their houses of worship extended to us ; also to the South Florida R. R for reduced rates to messengers and visitors to this Association, and we humbly trust that God will repay all the above mentioned helps four-fold.

Clerk.



REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Report of Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

Your Committee find that not one deacon or minister in this Association has died during this associational year, and for this preservation we all should thank God. But alas! we are called upon as a denomination to mourn the loss of one of our best and most earnest workers, sister A. B. Bailey, Secretary of the Womens' Mission work in this State, and while we mourn the loss of one so fitted for the sphere in which she labored, and whose labors of love are so sadly missed, we humbly bow to the providences of God and say his will be done. Resolved: That this Association tender to our bereaved Bro. Bailey its heartfelt sympathy in his great bereavement.

Report of Executive Board.

Your Board secured the services of Elder A. A. Keith in the early part of the year, which labors ended on the fifth Sunday in June, 1886, for which we paid to him \$120.00, and we realize the fact that he did a good work. Bro. Keith entered the mission field after the fifth Sunday in August, 1886, and continued in the work until the meeting of this Association, for which service the Board has allowed him \$40.00 in addition to the \$120.00, making a total of \$160.00 as the result of his labors which we appreciate, and believe is mainly the cause of the two churches petitioning and being received by this Association, namely: Winter Haven and Seffner. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. Knight,
J. R. McDonald,
E. G. Wilder, } Executive Board.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

Your Committee don't think it necessary to touch the statistics of temperance, as the subject is now being fully discussed and we are fully informed on the subject by experience and the work of the Womens' Temperance Union societies. We think the prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors of every

kind is the matter next in importance to the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the good of mankind everywhere and especially within the bounds of this Association: therefore we recommend to our churches to support with all their influence and power this object in a lawful way, as no christian with good conscience toward God and man can uphold, directly or indirectly, anything injurious to the physical, moral, intellectual or spiritual good of his fellow man as the sale of intoxicating liquor is found to be; we recommend that all members of our churches who sign petitions for liquor saloons or encourage the liquor traffic in any way be dealt with, and if necessary that the right hand of fellowship be withdrawn from all such members; we also petition the Legislators of Florida to enact such laws as will prevent any voter from signing a liquor petition outside of the precinct where the saloon is to be kept, and that no man shall re petition for a whisky license within two years after the former petition has been denied; we can say that the progress prohibition has already made in all our country and the notice taken of it in the Congress of the United States greatly encourages us and gives us a reasonable hope of doing away with this great evil—whisky. S. Walden, Chairman Com.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

Your Committee report a marked and very encouraging improvement in the statistics of Sunday Schools established and sustained by the churches in the bounds of our Association. Several of our churches which have heretofore aided and patronized union schools, thereby making them auxiliaries to other denominations, now have organized and properly managed schools of their own, and the reports from such churches indicate the wisdom of such action. Your Committee realize the importance of this branch of service and lament the brevity of time allowed to them for investigation and making their report precluding the careful study which the subject demands in order to present suggestions worthy of the cause, and we would therefore suggest the appointment by this Association of a standing committee, authorized and instructed to correspond with the churches and Sunday schools within the limits of this organization, to ascertain all the facts in relation to the present status and management of said schools, and to prepare and present to the next meeting of this body such suggestions in relation to this promising branch of service as their study of the subject may enable them to impart. We are enabled to give only the following statistics for the present year:

Number of churches having Sunday schools,	8
“ officers and scholars,	52
“ scholars enrolled,	406

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Average attendance, 263
 Teachers baptized, 2
 Scholars baptized, 21
 Sunday School expenses, \$143.30.

Respectfully submitted,
 C. S. Reynolds, Chairman Com.

Report of Committee on Church Letters.

Your Committee report that they have examined the letters sent up to this Association and find no matters contained therein requiring special action, except in the letter from Homeland church, Polk Co. This church informs us that she has scripturally expelled, on three separate charges, a brother as unworthy of fellowship in any church, and that Turkey Creek church has taken said expelled member into her fellowship. Homeland church complains to this Association of the action taken by Turkey Creek church, feeling wronged thereby. That difficulty among brethren and churches may be avoided, and good will be restored if possible, we recommend that this Association appoint a committee of three from sister churches whose duty it shall be to visit the church aggrieved and the one which has occasioned such grief or offence and, if possible, secure such action as will result in reconciliation and peace between said churches; we also ask that said committee, in case of a failure to affect a reconciliation between said churches, report the same with all the evidence that each church may have in possession in relation to this case to the next session of our Association. Your Committee do not regard the Association as having any power over the churches, but do claim that she should labor for the peace and purity of them, and we pray and trust that your action therein may be guided by the spirit of God, and result in the peace and prosperity of the churches herein mentioned. Respectfully submitted,

C. S. Reynolds, W. M. Simons, Com.

Report of Committee on Missions.

Your Committee on Missions report that the mission work in the bounds of this Association has been lagging for the last year, as we have had the services of a missionary only part of the time. Brother Keith has done some good work; two churches have been organized as the result of missionary labors, and other churches have been strengthened and membership increased. There are several new towns and villages along the South Florida R R and Florida Southern R. R. that need attention, also the northeast and southeast portions of Polk county, and also Chicora and Keystone. Furthermore, God has seen

fit in his providence to place among us many Cubans who are sitting in Papal darkness and superstitious, and from the fact that one of the proprietors of Ybor City has agreed to give a lot for the building of a mission chapel to any denomination who would build one and occupy it, and on yesterday we had such a liberal response from the brethren, sisters and friends of this Association in behalf of those people, raising nearly \$240.00 to commence work among the Cubans of Ybor City, your Committee feel impressed that these indications are the voice of God telling us to go up and possess the land for him; we would further suggest that a committee of five be appointed to earnestly labor for the upbuilding of a chapel in Ybor City, also that this committee be mostly members of the Tampa Baptist church, and the work to be mainly under their supervision. Respectfully submitted,

A. A. Keith, Chairman Com.

Financial Report.

	SO. FLA. ASSOCIATION.						CASH SENT TO ASSOCIATION.		CASH RECEIVED BY STATE BOARD DURING YEAR.					
	Minutes.	General Purposes.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Total.	State Missions.	Church Edifice Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Total.	
Tampa.....	3 00		7 00				10 00	39 52	15 00		8 50	6 00	69 02	
Bartow.....	2 50						2 50	42 94			25 99	8 00	76 93	
Bethel.....	2 90		50 1 90			2 80	8 10	8 27	50		13 07		21 84	
Shiloh.....	2 00		1 00				3 00	17 50			5 81	7 50	30 81	
Turkey Creek.....	1 90						1 90						5 00 5 00	
Lakeland.....	1 50						1 50	2 00				1 75	3 75	
Hopewell.....	2 00		1 27			1 50	4 77							
Homeland.....	1 55						1 55							
Clearwater.....	1 00		2 65				3 65							
Mango.....	1 00						1 00							
Providence.....	85						85							
Thonotosassa.....	2 00			1 00	1 00		4 00							
Mt. Olive.....	60		1 00				1 60							
Gapway.....	1 00						1 00							
Seffner.....	50				3 00		3 50							
Ladies' Aid Soc.										1 50	1 50		3 00	
Totals.....	24 30		38 32	2 90	4 00	4 80	110 23	15 50	1 50	54 81	23 25	207 25		

Total amount of Church property, as stated in the letters, \$4,560.00.

62.62



110.23
 29.20
 113.10
 55.10
 25.10
 22.62
 268.61

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 15.50
 284.11

Treasurer's Report.

Amount on hand up to date.....	\$32 70
October 16, 1886, received for Minutes	24 30
" " " " Associational Missions.....	38 32
" " " " State Missions.....	6 90
" " " " Home Missions.....	5 80
" " " " Foreign Missions.....	2 00
Total.....	<u>\$110 02</u>
Credited by amount paid to A. A. Keith, by order	
Executive Board,.....	\$40 00
Total amount now in treasury	\$70 02

Ministers of S. F. Association and their Post Offices.

W. W. Bostick,	Plant City	J. G. McCaskey,	Lakeland
C. S. Reynolds,	Clearwater	A. A. Keith,	"
W. B. Dye,	Bartow	L. J. Simmons,	Plant City
J. M. Hayman,	"	S. Walden,	"
W. M. Simons,	Tampa	T. H. Jaudon,	Sidney
A. F. Randall,	"	W. F. Neigles,	Dunedin
P. S. Crosier,	Winter Haven		

Churches and Officers.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.
4 Bartow	W. B. Dye	B. F. Blunt	Bartow
Bethel	W. W. Bostick	A. A. Lewis	Lakeland
Clearwater	C. S. Reynolds	Wm J. Taylor	Clearwater
Gapway	A. A. Keith	J. L. McClelland	Lakeland
Hopewell	T. H. Jaudon	J. R. McDonald	Plant City
Mt. Olive	A. A. Keith	Jno. Harris	Blanch
Homeland	J. M. Hayman	W. T. Denham	Homeland
Lakeland	J. G. McCaskey	O. J. Frier	Lakeland
Mango	T. H. Jaudon	J. F. Rodgers	Mango
Seffner	A. A. Keith	Mrs. H. Harvey	Seffner
Winter Haven	P. S. Crosier	W. J. Robinson	Winter Haven
4 Tampa	W. M. Simons	D. Isaac Craft	Tampa
Thonotosassa	T. H. Jaudon	J. C. Rodgers	Thonotosassa
Turkey Creek	"	P. P. Simmons	Sparkman
Providence	"	W. F. Pratt	Peru
Shiloh	W. W. Bostick	W. S. Knight	Plant City

Church Clerks' Report.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERS.	Exp'd	Rec'd. by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'm'd by Let'r	Dead.	Expelled.	Lo's.	Gain.	Total.	Clear Ge'n.	Sabbath Schools.	
Bethel.....	W. W. Bostick, E. G. Wilder	2											
Clearwater.....	C. S. Reynolds, J. S. Taylor	1	6	1	1	2	1	8	3	68	5	1	
Gapway.....	J. E. Harrelson, Isham Walker	2	3	1	3	1	1	5	6	48	1	1	
Hopewell.....	W. P. Head, J. R. McDonald	1	1				1	1	2	57			
Mt. Olive.....	J. O. Harris, J. I. Roberts	8	5						13	94	13	1	
Shiloh.....	T. W. Wilder, Hardy Collins	3	4			4	1	1	6	81	1	1	
Turkey Creek.....	L. J. Simmons, S. Walden	1	5	6	1	2	3	10	6	55			
Tampa.....	John Darling, P. G. Wall	3	6				1	1	4	9	5	1	
Lakeland.....	L. M. Ballard, O. J. Frier	10	22				1	3	32	57	29	1	
Mango.....	W. R. Burk, J. F. Rodgers					5	1	6		14			
Thonotosassa.....	T. H. Jaudon, L. Walden	5	2	1	2		2	4	8	42	4		
Seffner.....	Jason Little, W. O. Eden	2	11							13			
Providence.....	N. Tanner, W. F. Pratt						1	1		21			
Winter Haven.....	P. S. Crosier									7		1	
Homeland.....	E. M. Hayman, W. T. Denham	1				1		1	1	1		1	
Bartow.....	Joe Humphries, J. H. Tatum	22	17					1	1	59	81	38	1
		61	87	3	28	12	11			444	547	10	

P. S.—Will the churches please state the several amounts paid out by them to pastors and otherwise, so the clerk may be enabled thereby to give correctly the grand total of all expenditures made during the Associational year? Please take due notice of this, and govern yourselves accordingly. Respectfully,
E. G. W.



