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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

ADOPTED FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE S. F.
ASSOCIATION.

1. Introductory.
2. Association called to order.
3. Reading church letters and enrolling names of messengers.
4. Election of officers—Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Call for correspondents.
7. Inviting visiting members to seats.
8. Appointment of committees.
9. Report of committees.
10. Appoint correspondents to other Associations.
11. Elect messengers to State conventions.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Adjournment.

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MINISTERS OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

W. W. Bostick,	Kathleen.
P. L. Crosier,	Winter Haven.
W. B. Dye,	Kissimmee.
J. M. Hayman,	Bartow.
J. G. McCaskey,	Lakeland.
T. H. Jaudon,	Sparkman.
A. A. Keith,	Lakeland.
C. S. Reynolds,	Clearwater.
E. Turner,	Lakeland.
W. M. Simmons,	Tampa.
Geo. Roby,	Tampa.
A. F. Randall,	Tampa.
Bro. Wimberly,	Fort Meade.
L. J. Simmons,	Plant City.
S. Walden,	Plant City.
W. F. Neigles,	Duneden.
W. M. McDonald,	Alafia.
R. H. Whitehead,	Plant City.

EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

(AS CONTINUED BY THIS BODY WHILE IN SESSION.)

B. F. Blount,	Bartow.
W. S. Knight,	Plant City.
J. R. McDonald,	Plant City.
O. J. Frier,	Lakeland.
E. G. Wilder,	Kathleen.

MODERATOR, CLERK AND TREASURER OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

W. W. Bostick, Moderator,	Kathleen.
E. G. Wilder, Clerk,	Kathleen.
W. S. Knight, Treasurer,	Plant City.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Twenty-Second Annual Session of the South Florida Association.

The sermon was preached by Elder A. D. Cohen, of Sanford, from the text, "Be Ye Followers of God as Dear Children," after which the Association adjourned to 2 p. m.

2 P. M.

Moderator in the chair, and the body called from refreshments to labor, and after singing, prayers were led by Bro. T. H. Jaudon.

Letters were then called for, when the following were handed in to-wit:

Messengers.

- Clearwater—By letter.
- Peace Creek—By letter.
- Willow Oak—R. W. Trapnell, Elias Grimes.
- Keysville—B. F. Carpenter, J. W. Tanner.
- Gapway—Not heard from.
- Seffners—Not heard from.
- Mays Chapel—Not heard from.
- Winter Haven—Not heard from.
- Mango—Not heard from.
- Fort Meade—Not heard from.
- Homeland—E. M. Hayman, B. F. Shupe.
- Thonotosassa—T. H. Jaudon, B. E. Freer.
- Turkey Creek—S. Walden, R. Walden.
- Providence—S. N. Boyett, Henry Hurse.
- Hopewell—W. M. and J. R. McDonald.
- Shiloh—W. S. Knight, R. H. Whitehead.
- Bartow—B. F. Jackson.
- Antioch—J. W. Costine, E. Sloan.
- Mt. Olive—J. O. Harris, W. N. Milton.
- Lakeland—J. G. McCaskey, O. J. Frier.
- Tampa—By letter.

After all the messengers' names were enrolled on permanent organization W. W. Bostick was elected Moderator, E. G. Wilder, Clerk, and W. S. Knight, Treasurer.

The Moderator then called for petitionary letters, when the following were handed in, to-wit: Peace Creek, Willow Oak and Keysville, and being orthodox, on motion, were received and right-hand of fellowship extended to the several messengers that were present.

Next visiting brethren and sisters invited to seats with us, when the following presented themselves, and were received Elder A. D. Cohen, of Wekiva Association, Elder R. Telford, of Wekiva Association, Elder H. H. Sturges, Alachua Association, S. L. Hancock, of Manatee Association.

Call for letters of correspondence, when no association on this wise was heard from.

Appointment of Committees.

On Sabbath-Schools—R. H. Whitehead, A. A. Lewis, O. J. Frier, I. O. Harris.

On Temperance—J. G. McCaskey, S. Walden.

On Letters, etc.—R. H. Whitehead, W. B. Dye, J. O. McCaskey, S. Walden, T. H. Jaudon.

On Missions—W. B. Dye, J. M. Hayman.

On Ministerial Education—A. D. Cohen, R. Telford.

On Preaching—W. S. Knight, J. W. Costine, with messengers of Bethel Church.

On Finance—W. M. McDonald, P. F. Shupe, I. O. Harris.

Preaching commissioners report that Bro. Walter McDonald preach to-night, and Bro. R. Telford to-morrow at 11.

Adjourned until Saturday, 13th, 9 a. m.

Friday night sermon by Elder McDonald to a large, attentive audience. Subject, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Moderator in the chair, and Bro. R. Walden lead our prayers.

Next unfinished business called up, and having had the prescribed time as allowed by the Constitution, to-wit: (12 m.) twelve months, this association has by a majority vote, changed article 2 to read as follows:

The association shall be composed of male members, chosen by the respective churches in its union, not to exceed two members from each church, who shall be duly authorized, by letter, to represent the churches sending them.

Resolved, also, that article 2 be so amended as will allow two messengers from each church of fifty members, or less, and one additional messenger for every fractional twenty-five above fifty, which was accepted, and the whole adopted. The unfinished business that was presented to this body for adjustment, between Homeland and Turkey Creek Churches, was settled by the adoption by this body of the Commissioners, report on letters and documents. We find in letter from Homeland Church, an earnest request that the difficulty between her and Turkey Creek be adjusted. With no provisions for proving grievances, and leaving the whole matter these two years for others than themselves, we your committee would recommend that this body entertain no further, or longer, any charges which are not earnestly supported by the parties making same.

We also recommend that this body, as per the request of many churches, express its pleasure as to the proposed change of art. 2 of the Constitution. Adopted.

There appearing no letter of invitation for the association to convene with any church, we in view of this would suggest that the executive committee be empowered to appoint place, and to change time and place if necessary. The executive committee will give due notice of place for the next session of this body, and, if necessary to change the stated time, will notify the several churches in this association.

R. H. WHITEHEAD,
W. B. DYE,
J. G. MCCASKEY,
S. WALDEN,
T. H. JAUDON.

Committee on Temperance.

Your committee deem it unnecessary to enter into a recital of the dark deeds of crime, and the sad heart-suffering that has been caused by the manufacturing, sale and use of intoxicating liquors. Those awful crimes and heart sick sufferings of the innocent have greeted our ears so often that we are familiar with them; that the use of intoxicating liquors is one of the worst evils in the land no sane man will deny; and that the sale and use of intoxicating liquors should be done away with, we believe every lover of God will agree; therefore, knowing the sad results of intemperance, and desiring the good of our fellow-creatures, it surely is our duty to use every means to bring about this result. There have been grand strides made in the temperance work, for which we are grateful to God; but if we would be entirely rid of this evil there is much work yet to be done; we should release no hold and cease no effort on our part as Christians in this good work, but

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be more vigilant in the present and future than we have been in the past, that we may hold what we have and gain even more. We therefore recommend that our churches bring to bear strict discipline in freeing themselves from this evil, and if we would have good laws, and them properly executed, in order to stop the ravages of intemperance, we should strive to get good men to make our laws, and good men to execute the same; and last, we should continue more earnestly in prayer to our Heavenly Father to help us remove this great evil from our beloved nation.

Resolution of Brother Dye.

WHEREAS, This Association has not time to finish the work coming before it within the time intervening between time of convening and Sunday, and the messengers desiring to return home Sunday, therefore be it

Resolved, That the association convene on Thursday instead of Friday.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to this church and community for their generous entertainment of this Association during our stay with them.

Missions.

Go teach all nations is the mandate of our Lord and Master which should be studied with much care, for in this we have God's method of disseminating light into all regions of darkness upon the earth; this obeyed, and soon the glorious light of the kingdom of God, and his Christ, will encircle the entire earth, and that which is the power of God unto Salvation to every believer, will be brought to the doors of every creature, and, flashing from America, the rays of Heavenly light will fly through Europe, Asia and Africa, embracing and giving holy enthusiasm to the scattered Indian, Brazillian and Mexican tribes, until the shouts of joy, that fly off the American coasts are caught up and move on, increasing in volume until the whole earth be filled with the praise of His glory; thus, *on-flowing*, and the tidal waves of the water of life are turning back, cleansing the lives in classic Italy, and raising upon the crumbled thrones of the Cæsars, the glorious ensign *religious liberty*. In this grand work, Florida must figure largely and permanently, sitting as we do in the gate to many important fields of earth. How earnest and zealous we should be, then, to support our State Board in her grand work. Let our State be first in love, in faith, in zeal, in contributions. As a factor in this grand commonwealth, situated as to do so much for the world, and ourselves, we, as an association, have laid on us an encouragement, increased responsibilities in the world's evangelization: then let us raise here a light in South Florida whose rays shall reach the remotest corners of our bounds, shining on through our State Board to the dark places

of the deep recesses in our most distant corners, and across the waters, until Cuba and Spain, with Mexico, shall be ablaze with our kindled light, fed by the various associations and States in the Union; then soon will we be made the happy recipients of those to whom it will be gladly said, enter *thou* into the joy of thy Lord.
W. B. DYE, Chairman.

Committee on Sabbath-Schools.

Your committee beg leave to report that we find most of our churches fostering the Sabbath-School interest, but are sorry that there are yet a few who have not awakened to this great and important duty of teaching the sacred truths of God's Word in this capacity unto their children diligently, and we would urge upon our pastors and churches in the various parts of our association the importance of enlisting in this great and good work, and at the next session of this body, may it be said that every church in this Association is fostering a Sabbath-School; let the churches realize that this interest is truly church work, to be superintended by a member of the church, elected by the church, the teachers also to be members of the church, and let each member feel that he is personally responsible to the extent of his or her ability for the success of the work, and let sound Baptist literature be used and the churches will be built up, and many young and tender minds will be saved through the light of God's work, bearing in mind that a church may exist without a Sunday-School; but a successful Sunday-School cannot exist without a church, as it is a creature of the Same.

R. H. WHITEHEAD, Chairman.

Report of Finance Committee.

Received for Associational Missions,	\$ 26 42
Received for printing minutes,	28 75
Received for State, Home and Foreign Missions,	2 35
Total	\$ 57 52

This is not a correct statement, as regard our State, Home and Foreign work, as very nearly all our means in this respect have been sent by our churches and individuals directly to our State Board; therefore, our church letters do not show what has been done. These amounts ought to appear in the minutes of the Baptist State Convention.

Committee on Education.

Education, in the general acceptation of the term, is one of the most important subjects that demands the fostering care of State and Church. This is true whether we apply the word to ordinary literary attainments or to ministerial qualifications.

If we had space and time, we might insist upon the proof of this proposition from the following considerations, viz:

First. It is important to the individual, and because it elevates the standard of public morals. It furnishes information as to scientific, philosophical and hygienic subjects. It is a benefit to all classes of society. It gives us good lawyers.

Second. It gives us good physicians.

Third. It gives us good merchants, farmers and mechanics.

Fourth. It gives us good theologians and preachers.

Fifth. It gives us good educators. From these considerations it becomes necessary to favor and foster all efforts to advance education. States recognize and appreciate these arguments, and institutes and maintain by law State universities, colleges and establish a general system of public schools, so that all classes may share in the advantages thus presented. Literary education, when accompanied with moral and religious training, is a boon to the world. In this connection we would say, that as a denomination, we have presented an opportunity to reap the same benefits as Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, etc.; have garnered from Georgetown, Richmond College, Wake Forest, Mercer, Furman, Baylor, etc. We present to your fostering care DeLand University. Florida, we trust, is ready to take her stand by her sister States in the important matter of educating her own sons and daughters, and affording an opportunity to others who are in feeble health and unable to pursue their studies in other States, a kind of sanitarium, where they may continue their pursuit after knowledge and preparation for their future life work, while they recuperate their physical strength and health in the salubrious climate of the seat of the university at DeLand; we would therefore recommend that this association raise her quota of \$6,000 to secure one university. We feel ourselves solemnly pledged by our representatives to the State convention to respond to this call at once.

A. D. COHEN,

R. TELFORD, Committee.

Committee on Religious Periodicals.

The necessity of religious information is apparent to nearly all our churches, without which we are as dead in efficiency and real force, knowing of no medium by which the needed knowledge may be obtained as more efficient than a wisely edited journal of religious principles, whose basal is the Word of God, whose only purpose and glory the maintaining and defending the doctrines of the Church. We therefore urge that this body give a hearty support to our State paper, *The Baptist Witness*, and demand that it thus fill the requirement of the times. We

also suggest that our Sunday-Schools be supplied with our own periodicals, as issued by the Southern Baptist Convention under title of "Kind Word Series." Respectfully,

W. B. DYE, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

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Amount on hand at last association, at close of session		\$ 128 64
Received from Clearwater church since adjournment		5 25
Received from Bethel Union, Oct. 5th, 1887		10 35
Received from S. Walden on book fund.		21 00
Total		\$ 165 24

Amount paid to E. G. Wilder, for Clerk fees, Jan. 9th, 1888	\$ 15 00
Paid for printing minutes, March 1888	24 80
Paid by order of Executive Committee, to J. M. Hayman, May, 1888	15 00
Paid by order of Executive Committee, to P. S. Crosier, May, 1888	5 00
Paid by order of Executive Committee, to B. F. Freer, May, 1888	10 00
Paid by order of Executive Committee, to A. A. Keith, May, 1888	10 00
Paid by order of Executive Committee, to J. G. McCaskey, May, 1888	5 00
Paid by order of Executive Committee, to W. W. Bostick, May, 1888	10 00
Paid by order of Executive Committee, to W. M. McDonald, Oct. 13th, 1888	35 00
Paid by order of Executive Committee, to J. M. Hayman, Oct. 13th, 1888	20 00
Paid by order of Executive Committee, to S. Walden, Oct. 13th, 1888	5 00
Total	\$ 154 80

Report of Executive Committees.

We have had employed for a part of their time to labor in our destitution the following named ministers, to-wit:

J. M. Hayman, W. W. Bostick, J. G. McCaskey, B. F. Freer, A. A. Keith, W. M. McDonald, S. Walden and P. S. Crosier, all of whom we believe have done effectual work in our Association, the proof of which is clear by reason of three new churches having united with our Association at this session, to-wit: Peace Creek, Keysville and Willow Oak. We find, also,

that by those labors of love many have accepted Christ, the only living way, twenty-six having acknowledged by baptism their death to sin, their burial with Christ, and their resurrection to newness of life. Contributions received on Mission field, \$8.15. We believe now that many of the points that have formerly been partly supplied by your board are now self-sustaining, and we especially urge upon our ministers to educate the people everywhere in the matter of giving, and to realize that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We should cultivate the spirit of giving until indeed, and in truth, we may glorify God in this matter, then giving will bring joy and gladness to our hearts. We have paid to the several ministers above named for services rendered this Associational year, as follows:

To J. M. Hayman	\$ 35 00
W. W. Bostick	10 00
A. A. Keith	10 00
W. M. McDonald	35 00
J. G. McCaskey	5 00
P. S. Crosier	5 00
S. Walden	5 00
B. F. Freer	10 00
Total	\$115 00

Discussion of Missions continued until 7 P. M., Saturday, after which a collection was taken up for Associational Missions.

Amount received in cash and pledges for said work . \$ 139 50

Also the claims of the State Board were presented by W. W. Bostick, a member of said board. Amount received in cash, after sermon by Elder Dye, Sunday, 11 A. M. 33 73

Elder Cohen, also Bostick, Dye, Telford, Walden, etc., presented the claims of DeLand University, and after discussion there was an amount raised in cash, and notes, for DeLand, about 150 00

Total \$ 303 23

Moved and carried, that we have 500 copies of our minutes printed, and to allow the Clerk \$15 for his services.

Moved and carried, that the Executive Board be allowed to buy tracts and furnish Missionary with same.

Call for messengers to Hernando Association, W. B. Dye, S. Walden, E. G. Wilder, W. W. Bostick, J. G. McCaskey.

Call for messengers to Manatee Association, P. F. Shupe, W. W. Bostick, W. B. Dye.

Call for messengers to Wekiva Association, S. Walden, R. Y. Walden, W. B. Dye.

Call for messengers to State Convention, W. B. Dye, R. H. Whitehead, S. Walden, W. T. Knight, W. W. Bostick, O. J. Frier, J. G. McCaskey, I. R. McDonald.

Adjourned to meet on Thursday before the second Sunday in October 1889.

Elder R. Telford preached to us on the subject of Foreign Missions, which was very instructive, also discussed the Chinese customs to us and to our children, after which we found ourselves more interested for the cause of Christ in heathen lands than we ever were before.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

AND LIST OF CHURCH PROPERTY BELONGING TO S. F. ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Schools.		Value of Church Property.	Money Paid for Sunday School Work.
	Officers, Etc.	Pupils.		
Lakeland.....	1 6	72	\$ 900 00	\$ 23 88
Bartow.....	1 11	80	4,500 00	28 35
Mt. Olive.....	1 9	36	390 00	5 58
Antioch.....	1 2	20	400 00	.....
Hopewell.....	1 5	68	.....	.....
Providence.....	.....	.....	500 00	7 40
Thonotassassa.....	1 3	16	.....	3 60
Clearwater.....	.....	.....	300 00	.....
Turkey Creek.....	1 4	15	1,200 00	8 00
Homeland.....	1 4	45	1,000 00	6 00
Shiloh.....	1 8	45	1,200 00	21 00
Bethel.....	1 7	50	.....	.....
Tampa.....	1 5	30	.....	.....
Ybor Mission School as reported by Tampa Church	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	11 64	472	\$10,390 00	\$108 81

FOR PRINTING MINUTES, ETC., AND HOME CHURCH EXPENSES, ETC.

Bartow.....	For printing minutes, \$ 1.26.	Home Church Expenses, \$ 287.65
Bethel.....	" " 2.00.	" " " "
Clearwater.....	" " .50.	" " " "
Homeland.....	" " 1.00.	" " " "
Hopewell.....	" " 1.00.	" " " "
Mt. Olive.....	" " 1.50.	" " " "
Lakeland.....	" " 1.70.	" " " "
Tampa.....	" " 2.02.	" " " "
Turkey Creek.....	" " 2.79.	" " " "
Thnotasassa.....	" " 5.00.	" " " "
Shiloh.....	" " 3.00.	" " " "
Keysville.....	" " 2.85.	" " " "
Willow Oak.....	" " 2.00.	" " " "
Peace Creek.....	" " 1.80.	" " " "
Antioch.....	" " 1.00.	" " " "
Providence.....	" " 1.00.	" " " "
Total.....	\$30.43.	\$1,257.21

CHURCHES AND OFFICERS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.
Antioch.....		J. W. Costine.....	Blanche.....
Bartow.....		T. C. McKenzie.....	Bartow.....
Bethel.....	W. W. Bostwick.....	A. A. Lewis.....	Kathleen.....
Clearwater.....	C. S. Reynolds.....	Jas. S. Taylor.....	Clearwater.....
Gapway.....			
Hopewell.....	T. H. Jaudon.....	J. R. McDonald.....	Plant City.....
Mt. Olive.....	A. A. Keith.....	John Harris.....	Bianche.....
Homeland.....		W. T. Denham.....	Homeland.....
Lakeland.....	W. B. Dye.....	O. J. Frier.....	Lakeland.....
Mango.....			Mango.....
Seffner.....	A. A. Keeth.....	Mrs. H. Hary.....	Seffner.....
Mango Chapel.....	A. A. Keith.....	Lena Mathews.....	Seffner or Bloomingdale.....
Providence.....	T. H. Jaudon.....	S. N. Boyett.....	Peru.....
Shiloh.....	R. H. Whitehead.....	W. T. Knight.....	Plant City.....
Turkey Creek.....	T. H. Jaudon.....	J. W. Hull.....	Cork.....
Thnotasassa.....	T. H. Jaudon.....	T. J. Anderson.....	Seffner.....
Tampa.....	W. M. Simons.....	Lucius Finly.....	Tampa.....
Keysville.....	W. M. McDonald.....	J. R. Stewart.....	Keysville.....
Willow Oak.....	W. M. McDonald.....	R. W. Trapwell.....	Lakeland.....
Peace Creek.....	J. M. Hayman.....	D. C. Dukes.....	Bartow or Eagle Lake.....
Winter Haven.....	P. S. Crosier.....		Winter Haven.....

The following named Churches that have not been represented by messengers, letters or otherwise in this Association at this session, cannot correctly appear in our statistical table, therefore, Winter Haven, Seffner, May's Chapel, Mango and Gapway will not appear in this table; also I find many letters that say nothing as to pastor's salary or home church expenses, which all of our churches do pay more or less, and without this information your Clerk can never make a correct statement as to the expenditures of our Association, which is far more than the present figures give us credit for. Please make a fuller statement next year.

Respectfully, CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Rec. by Ex- per- ience & Baptism	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dead.	Expelled.	TOTAL.
Antioch.....	J. W. Costine, Elbert Sloan.....	9	2				7
Bartow.....	B. F. Jackson.....	14				1	117
Bethel.....	W. H. Hancock, T. A. Rodgers.....	3					83
Clearwater.....	By Letter and Contribution.....	1					28
Hopewell.....	J. R. and W. M. McDonald.....	15		2		1	61
Mt. Olive.....	I. O. Harris, W. N. Milton.....	6	1				36
Homeland.....	P. F. Shupe.....						29
Lakeland.....	O. J. Frier, J. G. McCaskey.....	7				1	42
Tampa.....	By Letter and Contribution.....	10	1	4			68
Thnotasassa.....	T. H. Jaudon, B. F. Frier.....	10	8	3			74
Turkey Creek.....	S. Walden, R. Y. Walden.....	1	5	1			70
Providence.....	Henry Hurs.....	5	3	6			14
Shiloh.....	R. H. Whitehead, W. T. Knight.....	21	4	1	1	4	106
Keysville.....	J. W. Tanner, B. F. Carpenter.....	8	7				42
Peace Creek.....	By Letter and Contribution.....	12	7	2	1		17
Willow Oak.....	R. W. Trapwell, Elias Grimes.....						33
		92	70	16	9	14	868

To the Associations with whom we Correspond, Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN—The last session of the South Florida Association, embracing October 12th-14th, was of marked peace and harmony, with happy evidences of denominational development and prosperity. We were pleased to greet and have the counsel of Elders Telford and Cohen, of Wekiva Association, and A. Sturges, of Alachua; also Brethren S. L. Hancock, from the Manatee Association, and Bro. J. R. Sumner, of Hernando Association. We were much encouraged by their counsels as well as their presence. We have appointed messengers to visit each of you, and trust that they will be of service to you in your associational work. We hope, dear brethren, to meet many of you at our next session, and now for those friendly greetings of brotherly love and esteem let us give thanks to Almighty God.

W. W. BOSTICK, Moderator.
E. G. WILDER, Clerk.

